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#### As confidentially submitted with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 17, 2017

**Registration No. 333-**

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT SUMBISSION NO. 2 AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

#### National Vision Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

3851 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 46-4841717 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement is declared effective.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box: o

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

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

Large accelerated filer	0	Accelerated filer	0
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		Emerging growth company	0

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. o

#### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

	Proposed Maximum	Amount of
Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Registration Fee <sup>(3)</sup>
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$	\$

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(2) Includes the aggregate offering price of shares of common stock that the underwriters have the option to purchase. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)."

(3) To be paid in connection with the initial filing of the registration statement.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated July 17, 2017.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS



#### National Vision Holdings, Inc.

#### **Common Stock**

This is an initial public offering of shares of common stock of National Vision Holdings, Inc. We are offering shares of our common stock.

Prior to this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. We currently expect that the initial public offering price of our common stock will be between \$ and \$ per share. We intend to apply to list our common stock on under the symbol "EYE."

After the completion of this offering, affiliates of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., or KKR, and private equity funds managed by Berkshire Partners LLC, or Berkshire, will continue to own a majority of the voting power of our common stock. As a result, we will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange. See "Principal Stockholders."

Investing in our common stock involves risk. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page <u>18</u> to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per Share	Total
Initial public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to $us^{(1)}$	\$	\$

(1) We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for certain expenses in connection with the offering. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)."

To the extent that the underwriters sell more than shares of our common stock, the underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional shares from us at the initial public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, within 30 days of the date of this prospectus.

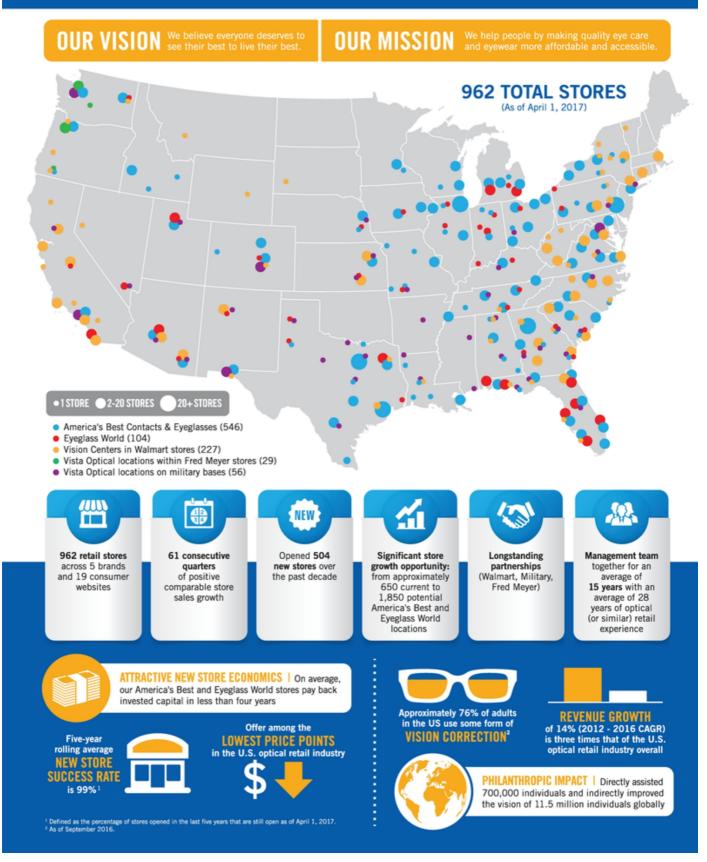
The underwriters expect to deliver the shares against payment in New York, New York on or about , 2017.

#### KKR

Prospectus dated , 2017.

# NATIONAL VISION by the NUMBERS





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We have an attractive opening price point in our America's Best stores. \$69.95 for two pairs of eyeglasses and a free exam. That's one of those promotions that would enable anyone at any working class to afford eyewear, to see better and to live better.

Hosea Hopson, Area Manager
 Alabama







*I* is amazing how much we can help people here. We give them an option of seeing at an affordable price and everybody deserves to have that right.

 Carmen Cotto, O.D. Georgia



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*They make me feel powerful and confident. I love the ability to have multiple frames to match my moods. These glasses make my life more interesting.* 

– Jason Sirotin, Customer



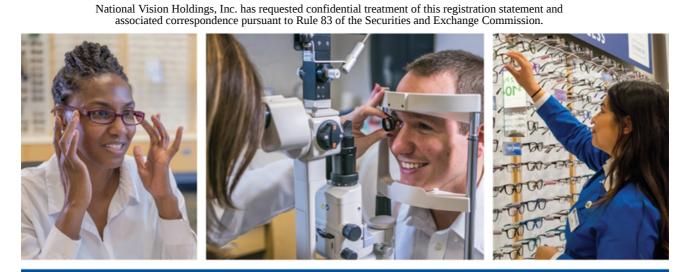


#### "IT'S NOT JUST A BETTER DEAL. IT'S AMERICA'S BEST."®









We believe everyone deserves to see their best to live their best.





EYEOLASS WORLD\* Vision Center





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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus that we authorize to be delivered to you. We and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectuses we have prepared. We and the underwriters take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may provide you. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, these securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of the securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

For investors outside the United States: We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. Neither we nor the underwriters have done anything that would permit this offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the shares of common stock and the distribution of this prospectus outside the United States.

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#### MARKET, RANKING, AND OTHER INDUSTRY DATA

The data included in this prospectus regarding markets, ranking and other industry information are based on reports of government agencies or published industry sources, and our own internal estimates are based on our management's knowledge and experience in the markets in which we operate. Data regarding the industry in which we compete and our market position and market share within this industry are inherently imprecise and are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties beyond our control, but we believe they generally indicate size, position and market share within this industry. Our own estimates are based on information obtained from our customers, suppliers, trade and business organizations and other contacts in the markets we operate. We are responsible for all of the disclosure in this prospectus, and we believe these estimates to be accurate as of the date of this prospectus or such other date stated in this prospectus. However, this information may prove to be inaccurate because of the method by which we obtained some of the data for the estimates or because this information cannot always be verified with complete certainty due to the limits on the availability and reliability of raw data, the voluntary nature of the data gathering process and other limitations and uncertainties. While we believe that each of the publications used throughout this prospectus are prepared by reputable sources, neither we nor the underwriters have independently verified market and industry data from third-party sources. While we believe our internal company research and estimates are reliable, such research and estimates have not been verified by any independent source. In addition, assumptions and estimates of our and our industry's future performance are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in "Risk Factors." These and other factors could cause our future performance to differ materially from our assumptions and estimates. See "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements." As a result, you should be aware that market, ranking, and other similar industry data included in this prospectus, and estimates and beliefs based on that data may not be reliable. Neither we nor the underwriters can guarantee the accuracy or completeness of any such information contained in this prospectus.

#### TRADEMARKS, SERVICE MARKS AND TRADENAMES

We own a number of registered and common law trademarks and pending applications for trademark registrations in the United States, primarily through our subsidiaries, including: America's Best, America's Best & Design, America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses & Design, America's Best Vision Plan, America's Best owl mascot image, "It's not just a better deal. It's America's Best.," Eyeglass World, Eyeglass World logos, "See yourself smile. See yourself save.," AC Lens, FirstSight, Vista Optical, Eyecare Club, Sofmed, Digimax, Neverglare, Neverglare Advantage and Neverglare Advantage & Design. Solely for convenience, the trademarks, service marks and tradenames referred to in this prospectus are presented without the <sup>®</sup>, <sup>SM</sup> and <sup>™</sup> symbols, but such references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensors to these trademarks, service marks and tradenames. All trademarks, service marks and tradenames appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.

#### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, financial data in this prospectus reflects the business and operations of National Vision Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references herein to "National Vision Holdings, Inc.," "National Vision," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us" refer to National Vision Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. National Vision Holdings, Inc. conducts substantially all of its activities through its direct, wholly-owned subsidiary, National Vision, Inc., which we refer to herein as "NVI," and NVI's subsidiaries.

We operate on a retail fiscal calendar pursuant to which our fiscal year consists of 52 or 53 weeks, ending on the Saturday closest to December 31. Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, all references to years and quarters relate to fiscal periods rather than calendar periods.

For the purpose of discussing our financial results, we refer to ourselves as the "Successor" in the periods following the KKR Acquisition (defined below) and the "Predecessor" during the periods preceding the KKR Acquisition. References herein to the Successor period ended January 3, 2015, or the 2014 Successor period, relate to the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015. References herein to the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014, or the 2014 Predecessor period, relate to the period from December 29, 2013 to

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March 12, 2014. References herein to the full year 2014 relate to the combined Successor and Predecessor periods from December 29, 2013 to January 3, 2015, which included 53 weeks.

References to "fiscal year 2012," "fiscal year 2013," "fiscal year 2015" and "fiscal year 2016" relate to our fiscal year ended December 29, 2012, our fiscal year ended December 28, 2013, our fiscal year ended January 2, 2016 and our fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, respectively.

Amounts in this prospectus and the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus are presented in U.S. dollars rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise noted. Certain amounts presented in tables are subject to rounding adjustments and, as a result, the totals in such tables may not sum. The accounting policies set out in the audited consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this prospectus have been consistently applied to all periods presented.

#### GLOSSARY

The following are definitions of certain terms as used in this prospectus, unless otherwise noted or indicated by context.

- "AC Lens" means Arlington Contact Lens Service, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary.
- "Centralized laboratory network" or "laboratory network" mean our three owned, full-service optical laboratories in the United States and two outsourced, third-party owned optical laboratories in Mexico and China.
- "Comparable store base" means our stores that have been open for longer than 12 months. Closed stores are excluded from the comparable store base.
- "Comparable store sales" or "comparable store sales growth" mean the increase or decrease in sales recorded by the comparable store base in any reporting period, compared to sales recorded by the comparable store base in the prior reporting period, which we calculate as follows: (i) sales are recorded on a cash basis (i.e. when the order is placed and paid for, compared to when the order is delivered); (ii) sales from partial months of operation are ignored when stores do not open or close on the first day of the month; and (iii) when applicable, we adjust for the effect of the 53rd week. There may be variations in the way in which some of our comparable store sales may not be comparable to similar data made available by other retailers.
- "E-commerce platform" means the technology that we use to conduct the online sale of optical goods and accessories, and includes our construction, management and operation of our proprietary websites and websites for third parties, such as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., or Walmart, Sam's Club and Giant Eagle, which we refer to herein as our "e-commerce business."
- "E-commerce sales" means sales from our store, proprietary and partner websites, excluding AC Lens' fulfilment orders for the Walmart and Sam's Club websites and ship-to-home orders from our store websites fulfilled by AC Lens.
- "Eye care practitioners" means optometrists and ophthalmologists.
- "FirstSight" means FirstSight Vision Services, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary.
- "Host brands" means the Vista Optical brands we operate in Fred Meyer stores and on U.S. Army and Air Force military bases.
- "Host partners" means Fred Meyer, Inc., or Fred Meyer, and the U.S. Army and Air Force Exchange Service.
- "KKR Acquisition" means the acquisition of the Company by affiliates of KKR in March 2014.
- "Legacy brand" means the Vision Center brand we operate in Walmart stores.
- "Legacy partner" means Walmart.
- "Managed care" or "managed vision care" mean vision care programs and associated benefits (i) sponsored by employers
  or other groups, (ii) provided by insurers and managed care entities, such as health maintenance organizations, or HMOs,
  to individuals, and (iii) delivered, typically on a fee-for-service or capitated basis, by health care providers, such as
  ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians.

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- "Mature stores" means stores that have been in operation for longer than five years.
- "Omni-channel platform" means the technology supporting many of our physical and online retail functionalities and services, including online frame browsing and virtual frame try-on, scheduling of appointments, ship to customer programs, geolocation of our retail locations and online ordering of optical goods. As of April 1, 2017, our omni-channel platform serves our America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses, or America's Best, stores, Eyeglass World stores and Vista Optical operations on U.S. Army and Air Force military bases.
- "Owned brands" or "owned stores" mean our America's Best and Eyeglass World brands or stores, as applicable.
- "Partner brands" means our host and legacy brands, collectively.
- "Sponsors" means affiliates of KKR and private equity funds managed by Berkshire.
- "Value segment" or "value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry" consist of the Company, Walmart, Costco Wholesale and Eyemart Express, Ltd.
- "Vision care professionals" means optometrists (including optometrists employed by us or by professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners with which we have arrangements) and opticians.

#### NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

This prospectus contains "non-GAAP financial measures" that are financial measures that either exclude or include amounts that are not excluded or included in the most directly comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or GAAP. Specifically, we make use of the non-GAAP financial measures "Adjusted EBITDA" and "Adjusted Net Income." In order to facilitate a discussion of certain results of operations across periods, we have presented the results for the full year 2014 on a combined basis, which is comprised of the results for the 2014 Predecessor period and the 2014 Successor period. This combination is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income have been presented in this prospectus as supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with GAAP, because we believe they assist investors and analysts in comparing our operating performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. Management believes Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income are useful to investors in highlighting trends in our operating performance, while other measures can differ significantly depending on long-term strategic decisions regarding capital structure, the tax jurisdictions in which we operate and capital investments. Management uses Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income to supplement GAAP measures of performance in the evaluation of the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, to establish discretionary annual incentive compensation and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. Management supplements GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income are not recognized terms under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or income (loss) from operations as a measure of financial performance or cash flows provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these measures are not intended to be a measure of free cash flow available for management's discretionary use as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as interest payments, tax payments and debt service requirements. The presentations of these measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, the presentations of these measures may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies and can differ significantly from company to company. For a discussion of the use of these measures and a reconciliation of the most directly comparable GAAP measures, see "Prospectus Summary—Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data."

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#### LETTER FROM OUR CEO

#### **Dear Potential Shareholders**:

Since our founding 27 years ago, National Vision has been helping make eye exams, eyeglasses and contact lenses more affordable and therefore more accessible to low-income and cost-conscious consumers. Having started out operating Vision Centers inside Walmart, today National Vision is one of the largest and fastest growing optical retailers in the United States and a leader in the attractive value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry, serving customers through a diverse portfolio of 962 retail stores across five brand banners and 19 consumer websites.

Eye exams and eyeglasses are illogically and needlessly expensive. While not an issue for wealthier people, this is an issue for blue-collar and lower-income Americans — an issue with broad implications.

As people age, their eyesight diminishes. This tendency is exacerbated by such factors as diabetes, increased screen usage, poor diet and generally less healthy lifestyles. Eye exams, beyond providing a prescription for eyeglasses and contact lenses, can detect hundreds of potential health concerns, ranging from eye diseases, to general health, to life threatening conditions such as brain tumors and aneurysms. This is why regular eye exams are so important. But for many people, especially the lower-income and the uninsured, eye exams are an expensive, unfamiliar and intimidating experience.

Eyeglasses themselves provide a life-changing benefit — allowing people to work, to learn, to drive safely and to appreciate the world around them. For the approximately 76% of adult Americans who require some form of vision correction, their eyeglasses or contacts are vital to their day-to-day existence. Most people simply cannot function without them.

Eyeglasses are a 730-year-old technology involving two small pieces of cut plastic that are held in front of the eyes by three small pieces of plastic or metal. They can no longer be regarded as "new technology." That is why their tremendous expense today — often \$300 to \$1,000 or more for a single pair (and increasing annually) — is completely illogical.

That's where National Vision comes in.

#### We exist to make eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible.

We strive to provide the best value for eye exams, eyeglasses and contact lenses. We believe that budget-conscious consumers with perfect knowledge of the category will pick National Vision for their basic vision needs. Our various offerings make us the best value and one of the lowest cost providers of this non-discretionary and ongoing medical necessity.

The size and scale of our portfolio of brands provide us high proximity to customers and allow us to engage them across a variety of sales channels. Collectively, these brands constitute a portfolio that combines attractive economics with significant growth potential. While we continue to proudly operate several hundred Walmart Vision Centers along with various supply chain and e-commerce offerings for both Walmart and Sam's Club, our growth in recent years has been driven by the expansion of our two leading owned brands, America's Best Contacts & Eyeglasses (America's Best) and Eyeglass World. As a result of our partnership with a third party, we believe that these brands can grow to at least 1,000 America's Best stores and more than 850 Eyeglass World stores.

America's Best operates 546 stores located in high-traffic strip centers next to other well-known, off-price retailers, such as TJ Maxx and Marshalls. For the past 20 years, America's Best has led with a signature offer of an eye exam and two pairs of eyeglasses for \$69.95. We believe there is no better value in the marketplace. This affordability and convenience has driven ongoing traffic growth and high customer loyalty along with increased market share.

Eyeglass World operates 104 stores — all with in-store lens-grinding laboratories. Eyeglass Worlds are bigger stores with a wider selection of brands and price points. Eyeglasses from Eyeglass World start at two pairs for \$78.00. Because this brand has an on-site laboratory, customers can get their eyes examined and walk out with glasses in the same day.

Over the last five years, National Vision has been one of the fastest growing U.S. optical retail chains with sales having a compounded annual growth rate of 14%, three times the industry average growth rate.

We are a company that is all about consistency — consistency of management, consistency of host, legacy and supplier partnerships, and consistency of growth and business results. For the past 15 years, National Vision has been led by essentially the same collection of 20± year-career optical retailing professionals. Together we have:

Delivered <u>61 consecutive quarters</u> of positive comparable store sales (with a simple long-term average of approximately 5% growth per quarter and with most of this growth coming from an increase in the number of customers as opposed to average ticket amount), which we believe is a category record. The team leading National Vision today has never experienced a negative comp quarter.

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- Steadily grown sales from \$245 million (in 2002 when the current team formed) to \$1.2 billion (in 2016).
- Opened 504 stores an average of 50 per year over the past ten years and accelerated new store openings to approximately 75 per annum.
- Maintained strong and consistent partnerships with Walmart (27+ years), the U.S. military (18+ years) and Fred Meyer (18+ years).
- Successfully acquired, integrated and expanded three optical platforms.
- Created over 5,000 new jobs.
- Made several early stage venture investments in eye exam, virtual try-on and 3D eyeglass printing start-ups.

National Vision's strategy has been in place for over a decade and is founded on a commitment to a relatively simple business model. It is to do the following:

- · Provide exceptional price and convenience to customers, enabled by our low-cost operating platform.
- Provide Americans what they want and need access to America's Best and Eyeglass World stores by growing our footprint throughout the United States.
- Continually improve our in-store shopping experience and enhance our solutions-based service approach to increase the volume of customer traffic to our stores.
- Maintain strong, long-term partnerships with Walmart, Fred Meyer and the U.S. military by providing affordable and easily accessible optical services to their respective customers.
- Cultivate strong, long-term mutually beneficial relationships throughout the optical industry our intent is to be the friendly, nimble folks that industry players most want to work with.
- · Energize our offerings with meaningful omni-channel and technology offerings.
- Strive to be the most rewarding and fulfilling place for optometrists and optical associates to spend their careers.
- Be the best at helping the world to see by getting eyeglasses to those who would not have them otherwise via a powerful
  innovative social mission and an eco-system of like-minded partners operating in the United States and in various lowincome countries around the world.

We believe that — in the way we approach it — optical retail is a noble profession.

- We believe that the optometrists practicing in our various settings play a primary entry point and gate-keeping role in America's health care system by making eye exams more affordable and accessible and thereby increasing the frequency of eye exams and disease detection for lower-income Americans.
- We believe our growth provides fulfilling careers for both optometrists and optical associates.
- We believe we improve lives by saving millions of Americans a significant amount of money on a product that they need to both function and enjoy their life.

We think of ourselves as a fast-growing business engine that, in turn, also fuels a fast-growing philanthropic mission. We play a role in dramatically improving the quality of life for millions of lower-income people in America and abroad both through our business offerings and through our various philanthropic outreach efforts.

We invite you to join us on this most fulfilling and important journey of service, enablement and growth.

Yours truly,

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Reade Fahs Chief Executive Officer

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#### **PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

This summary highlights certain significant aspects of our business and this offering. This is a summary of information contained elsewhere in this prospectus, is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before making your investment decision. You should carefully read the entire prospectus, including the information presented under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, before making an investment decision. This summary contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties.

#### **Our Company**

We are one of the largest and fastest growing optical retailers in the United States and a leader in the attractive value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry. We believe that vision is central to quality of life and that people deserve to see their best to live their best, no matter what their budget. Our mission is to make quality eye care and eyewear affordable and accessible to all Americans. We achieve this by providing eye exams, eyeglasses and contact lenses to cost-conscious and low-income consumers. We deliver exceptional value and convenience to our customers, with an opening price point that strives to be among the lowest in the industry, enabled by our low-cost operating platform. We believe our focus on the value segment, breadth of product assortment, committed employees and consultative selling approach generate customer goodwill for our brands. Our long-serving and motivated management team of optical retail experts has delivered a highly-consistent track record of strong results.

We are well positioned to serve our new and existing customers through a diverse portfolio of 962 retail stores across five brands and 19 consumer websites as of April 1, 2017. We have two reportable segments: our owned & host segment and our legacy segment. Our owned & host segment includes our two owned brands, America's Best and Eyeglass World, and our Vista Optical locations in Fred Meyer stores. Within this segment, we also provide low-cost vision care products and services to American military service members by operating Vista Optical locations on military bases across the country. Our legacy segment consists of our 27-year strategic relationship with Walmart to operate Vision Centers in select Walmart stores. In addition, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, FirstSight, we arrange for the provision of optometric services at almost all of the optometric offices next to Walmart and Sam's Club stores in California. We support our owned brands and our Vista Optical military operations through our ever-evolving omni-channel offerings and we also have an established standalone e-commerce business. Our e-commerce platform serves our proprietary e-commerce websites and the e-commerce websites of third parties, including Walmart, Sam's Club and Giant Eagle. The following table provides an overview of our portfolio of brands:

	Owned & Host Brands								
AMERICA'S BEST CONTACTS & EYEGLASSES	EYE <mark>8</mark> LASS WORLD	vista	vista	Vision Cente					
Lowest Price	Eyewear Value Superstore	Shop-Within-A-Shop	Commissary Store	Shop-Within-A-Shop					
2 Pairs 56995 + free eye exam	Two Pairs	*Great Deals Everywhere You Look*	*Fantastic Military Pricing*	"Everyday Low Price"					
Employed ODs	Mostly Independent ODs	Mostly Independent ODs	Mostly Independent ODs	Mostly Independent ODs					
546 Stores	104 Stores	29 Stores	56 Stores	227 Stores					
~3,500 sq. ft.	~4,500 sq. ft.	~800 sq. ft.	~1,000 sq. ft.	~1,800 sq. ft.					
~1,250 SKUs	~2,250 SKUs	~700 SKUs	~850 SKUs	~800 SKUs					
Centralized Lab	Lab In Store / Centralized Lab	Centralized Lab	Centralized Lab	Centralized Lab					
	OMNI-CHA	NNEL & E-COMMERCE (49	% of Sales)						
Sister Sites	(4)	Proprietary Sites (7)		Partner Sites (8)					
AMERICA'S BEST		ns) DISCOUNT Consecutiveque discount	inses Malmart 20 Sa	ms Club Contacts CVS					

**Overview of Our Brands and Omni-channel & E-commerce Platform** 

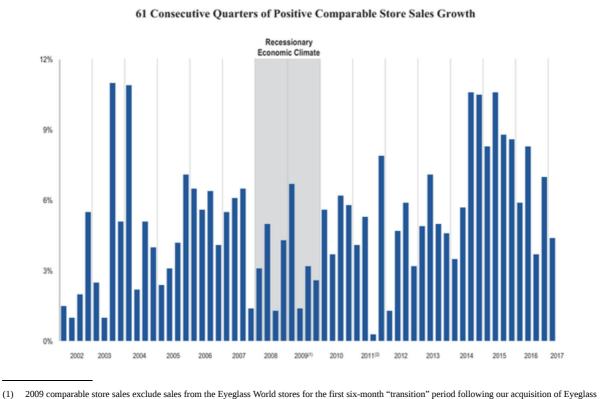
(1) Vista Optical in Fred Meyers stores does not offer omni-channel services.

Our financial success has helped fuel our ever-growing philanthropic engine. Through multiple charitable partnerships, we have directly assisted approximately 700,000 individuals to see and have indirectly helped improve the vision of approximately 11.5 million individuals globally. Our philanthropic culture instills a sense of purpose and engagement in our employees, from instore staff to senior management. Our employees feel pride in the positive work they are doing, which allows us to attract and retain both store associates and vision care professionals, thus improving the customer experience in our stores.

Our disciplined approach to new store openings, combined with our attractive store economics, has led to strong returns on investment and a sustainable business model. We believe these elements are the foundation for continued profitable growth from our existing store base, as well as a significant opportunity to deliver growth through new store openings. The fundamentals of our model are:

- **Differentiated and Defensible Value Proposition.** We believe our success is driven by our low prices, convenient locations, broad assortment of branded and private label merchandise and the high levels of in-store service provided by our well-trained and passionate store associates and vision care professionals.
- *Recurring Revenue Characteristics.* Eye care purchases are predominantly a medical necessity and are therefore considered non-discretionary in nature. We estimate that optical consumers typically replace their eyeglasses every two to three years, while contact lens customers typically order new lenses every six to twelve months, reflecting the predictability of these recurring purchase behaviors. This is further demonstrated by the customer mix of our mature stores, with existing customers representing 68% of total customers in 2016 and new customers representing the remaining 32% of total customers in 2016.
- Attractive Store Economics and Embedded Earnings Growth. Our store economics are based on low capital investment, steady ramping of sales in new locations, low operating costs and consistent sales volume and earnings growth in mature stores, which result in attractive returns on capital. On average, our owned stores achieve profitability shortly after their first-year opening anniversary and pay back invested capital in less than four years. By consistently replicating the key characteristics of our store model, we execute a formula-based approach to opening new stores and managing existing stores, which has delivered predictable store performance across vintages, diverse geographies and new and existing markets. We believe this leads to a high degree of visibility into the embedded earnings potential of our newly opened stores. For indicative purposes, assuming that each of our open but not mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores as of December 31, 2016 were able to attain the average fifth-year financial performance of our existing mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores, we would have generated an additional approximately \$67 million of revenues and approximately \$45 million of EBITDA for our owned & host segment in fiscal year 2016.

By targeting the high-growth value segment, we have grown revenue at three times the rate of the U.S. optical retail industry over the past five years, gained significant market share and generated a record 61 consecutive quarters of positive comparable store sales growth.



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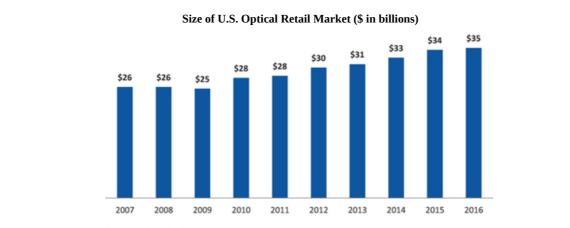
(2) Comparable store sales growth in the third quarter of fiscal year 2011 was impacted by the near U.S. federal government shutdown and subsequent adverse impact on the consumer environment.

For fiscal years 2012 and 2013, full year 2014, fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2016, we generated total net revenue of \$717 million, \$840 million, \$933 million, \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively, representing a compound annual growth rate, or CAGR, of approximately 14% from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2016. Our net income (loss) for these same periods was \$0.7 million, \$14 million, \$(24) million, \$4 million and \$15 million, respectively. Our Adjusted EBITDA for these same periods was \$80 million, \$89 million, \$82 million, \$113 million and \$138 million, respectively, representing a CAGR of approximately 15% from fiscal year 2016. Our Adjusted Net Income for these same periods was \$9 million, \$19 million, \$19 million, \$26 million and \$33 million, respectively, representing a CAGR of approximately 10% from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2016. For definitions of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income and a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income to net income (loss), see "—Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data."

#### **Our Industry**

The U.S. optical retail industry, defined by Vision Monday to include optical retailers' revenues from the sales of products (including managed vision care benefit revenues and omni-channel and e-commerce sales) and eye care services provided by vision care professionals, including eye exams, is a \$35 billion industry that has exhibited consistent, stable growth across economic cycles. Over the period from 2007 to 2016, the industry grew from \$26 billion to \$35 billion in annual sales, representing a CAGR of 3.4%. The industry experienced only a modest decline of 3.8% during the 2008 to 2009 recession and rebounded with robust post-recession sales growth of 4.6% CAGR from 2009 to 2016. The steady growth of the industry and its resilience to economic cycles is due in large part to the medical, non-discretionary and recurring nature of eye care purchases. In short, eyesight continues to decline with age, regardless of economic conditions.

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Source: Vision Monday

We anticipate that there are four key secular growth trends that will continue to contribute to the stability and growth of the U.S. optical retail industry:

- Aging Population. Approximately 76% of adults in the United States used some form of vision correction as of September 2016. At age 45, the need for vision correction begins to increase significantly, with approximately 86% of adults in the United States between the ages of 45 and 54 and approximately 92% of adults in the United States aged 55 and older using vision correction. As the U.S. population ages and life expectancy increases, the pool of potential customers and opportunities for repeat purchases in the optical retail industry are anticipated to rise. In 2014, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that approximately 42% of the U.S. population would be 45 years old or older by 2020 (the 0.9% increase from 2015 population projections implies an additional 8.4 million adults will enter this 45-plus demographic by 2020). Given that eyesight deteriorates progressively with age, aging of the U.S. population should result in incremental sales of eyewear and related accessories.
- *Frequent Replacement Cycle.* The repetitive and predictable nature of customer behavior results in a significant volume of recurring revenue for the optical retail industry. The purchasing cycle of vision correction devices is closely tied to the frequency with which consumers obtain eye exams. Most optometrists recommend annual eye exams as a preventive measure against serious eye conditions and to help patients identify changes in their vision correction needs. An estimated 189 million people in the United States using vision correction devices in 2015 received nearly 114 million eye exams that year, implying an average interval between exams of 20 months. The interval between exams contributes to the industry's stability and shortening this interval represents an opportunity to increase the frequency of customer purchases.
- Increased Usage of Computer and Mobile Screens. Due to the proliferation of smartphones, laptops and tablets, the U.S. population has experienced a dramatic increase in the amount of time spent viewing electronic screens. This is anticipated to result in a larger percentage of the population suffering from screen-related vision problems, driving incremental sales of vision correction devices, such as traditional eyeglasses and contact lenses, as well as higher margin products designed specifically to counteract the effect of looking at screens for prolonged stretches of time.
- *Growing Focus on Health and Wellness.* The optical retail industry is poised to benefit from expansive trends underlying an increasing societal focus on health and wellness. Consumers want personalized solutions that allow them to make informed decisions about their health. Additionally, rising healthcare costs are driving a growing emphasis on preventative healthcare. Eye exams can detect a host of physical ailments, such as hypertension or diabetes, and are one of the most inexpensive and effective forms of detection for many of these issues. As consumers continue to develop greater awareness of health and wellness issues, there is an opportunity for retailers that are able to offer personalized, inexpensive, health-oriented products and services that can increase quality

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of life and reduce an individual's overall level of healthcare expenditures. Furthermore, this increased focus on health means that people are living longer, which increases the overall demand for vision care and the frequency with which people visit their eye care practitioners for vision care products and services.

#### **Optical Retail Market Participants**

Providing consumers with quality vision care and products involves multiple steps and several parties. In the process of purchasing vision care products a consumer will interact directly with eye care practitioners who prescribe (and may also dispense) products. Consumers may likewise interact with optical retail outlets who retail and dispense products, and may offer on-site optometry services to increase customers' convenience. Retailers also assist consumers in selecting and fitting vision care products, and directly or through third parties, manufacture and finish vision care products and their components. As part of the purchase, the consumer and retailer may interact with an insurance company or managed vision care provider. Further, vision care and optical retail require compliance with numerous regulations, which often vary by state. The industry experience and knowledge to initiate and maintain relationships across all of these parties is crucial to the success of optical retailers.

Several key factors drive the changing dynamics across the optical retail market:

- **Optical Retail Chains Gaining Market Share.** As a result of customers' desire for the convenience of a one-stop shop with a broad product selection, strong customer service and competitive prices, larger optical retailers have gained market share from independent practitioners over the past approximately 20 years, with total market share of the 10 largest optical retailers in the United States increasing from 18% in 1992 to 32% in 2016. Despite this growth, the top ten optical retailers still have a relatively small share of the overall market, and the largest optical retailers are well-positioned to continue increasing their share.
- Attractive Value Segment. From 2007 to 2016, the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry grew at a CAGR of 6.6%, nearly twice the rate of the broader optical retail industry. Increased consumer cost consciousness has shifted market share toward value optical retail chains and mass merchants that serve the value segment. To the extent this trend continues, the value segment is expected to continue to outpace overall industry growth.
- *E-commerce*. The optical retail industry is currently underpenetrated in the e-commerce channel relative to other categories of retail. This is due to inherent penetration barriers that make optical retail better suited for omni-channel offerings rather than pure e-commerce. Although contact lenses lend themselves more to online purchases than do eyeglasses, users still generally need to visit an eye care practitioner or a store to update their prescription. Such visits are an opportunity to sell an annual supply of contact lenses to the customer.

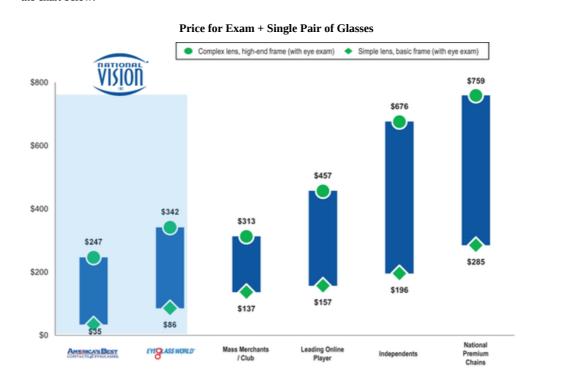
#### **Our Competitive Advantages**

Our history of profitable growth is founded on a commitment to a relatively simple business model: providing exceptional value and convenience to customers, enabled by our low-cost operating platform. This business model has multiple areas of competitive advantage:

Highly-differentiated and Defensible Value Proposition. Our value price positioning extends across our entire portfolio of brands. We offer among the lowest price points in the optical retail industry and this highly-compelling customer value positioning has been a critical driver of our outsized market share gains and revenue growth. Through its arrangements with individual optometrists or professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners, America's Best is able to offer customers two distinctive bundled eyewear pricing offers: (i) the two-pairs of eyeglasses offer for \$69.95, including an eye exam, and (ii) the Eyecare Club program, which offers several years of eye exams plus a discount on products for a low price. In addition, Eyeglass World's opening price point offer of two pairs of eyeglasses for \$78.00 is among the lowest in our industry. Based on a recent study of leading optical retailers and based on these bundled offers, we believe that America's Best and Eyeglass World's opening price

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points for eyeglasses and an eye exam are currently 74% and 37% lower on a per-pair basis than the next lowest retailer surveyed and 82% and 56% lower than the average of independent retailers surveyed, respectively, each as indicated in the chart below:



Note: One-pair price for "two-pair shops" calculated by dividing "two-pair price" by two and adding back exam price. For retailers who do not provide eye exams, the average exam price of the other retailers shown has been used. Source: Haynes and Company Research Study (2016); KKR Capstone analysis.

We are also committed to providing our customers with high levels of in-store customer service and a convenient and compelling shopping experience. On-site optometrists are fundamental to attracting customers and enable a convenient one-stop shop for the clinically-assisted sale of eye exams and eyewear. We believe that the comprehensive proposition of our value pricing, the breadth and quality of our product mix and high levels of customer service drive repeat visits and customer loyalty, engagement and ambassadorship.

Our optical retail offerings are also more defensible to potential e-commerce pressure relative to other categories of retail. This is due to inherent penetration barriers that make optical retail better suited for omni-channel offerings rather than pure e-commerce. Eye exams typically require in-person visits to eye care practitioners or stores and customers generally want to try eyeglasses on before purchasing as slight changes in style, size and color can make a meaningful difference to the functionality and visual appeal of the eyeglass frame. Lastly, the service and sales consultations provided by our on-site vision care professionals and in-store associates are a key part of the vision correction product purchase process, which cannot be replicated online.

• *Leading Low-cost Operating Model.* Our low-cost structure allows us to provide low prices to our customers while generating attractive margins. This low-cost structure is a result of our highly-efficient laboratory network and manufacturing capabilities. Orders are routed via a centralized proprietary system to the appropriate processing laboratory, minimizing cost and delivery time. Through a

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combination of volume increases, continuous operating efficiency improvements and implementation of technological enhancements across our laboratory network, we have increased the number of orders processed through our laboratory network by more than 100% and reduced the cost per job by 13% from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2016.

Our scale and business model allow us to benefit from procurement and real estate cost structure advantages as well as efficiencies in advertising spend and corporate management. As a result of these factors, we are able to drive attractive profitable growth, while maintaining industry-low prices for our customers.

- Best-in-class Management Team. Our company is led by a highly-accomplished and proven management team with deep expertise. The current team is one of the longest-tenured in the optical retail industry, averaging 28 years of optical or similar retail experience. Our management team has also been a cohesive unit, with an average of 15 years at National Vision and low senior management turnover. Collectively, this team has a wide range of experience across optical merchandising, store openings, customer engagement, operations, omni-channel platform and technology. Combining this operational expertise with a finely-tuned formulaic playbook, management has achieved an impressive long-term track record of significant industry outperformance and generated positive comparable store sales growth in every quarter since 2002, when today's management team took over, including during periods of economic contraction. Going forward, our management team is poised to continue growing the Company and capitalizing on the expected favorable growth trends.
- Diverse Portfolio of Attractive Brands. We have a differentiated collection of five complementary brands, four of
  which are supported by either our omni-channel or e-commerce platform, that all target the fast-growing value segment
  within the U.S. optical retail industry. America's Best and Eyeglass World are our leading owned brands and have been
  the primary source of our store growth. Our partner brands (Vision Centers in Walmart and Vista Optical in Fred Meyer
  stores and on military bases) are based in well-known, high-traffic environments, exhibit low capital intensity and
  generate reliable cash flow. Our omni-channel and e-commerce platforms allow us to capture digital sales and serve as
  an educational resource for our customers. In the aggregate, this diverse combination of brands exhibits a strong
  economic profile that combines robust growth potential with significant free cash flow generation.
- **Proven Real Estate Site Selection Process.** We locate our owned stores in highly-desirable retail developments surrounded by dense concentrations of our target customers, resulting in strong performance across our store base. We have rarely closed or relocated a store due to underperformance, and our five-year rolling average new store success rate—defined as the percentage of stores opened in the last five years that are still open—was 99% as of April 1, 2017. We have long-standing relationships with many leading commercial real estate firms and believe that we are a preferred tenant given our brands and the high volume of customers that visit our stores. As a result, we believe we will continue to have access to desirable retail sites.
- Strong Partnerships. We have developed extensive and long-term strategic relationships with our frame and lens suppliers, our host and legacy partners and managed vision care companies. Our strong vendor relationships and scale allow us to maintain broad, on-trend assortments, competitive pricing and favorable payment terms. We have maintained and broadened relationships with our host and legacy partners over several decades. For example, in 2012, we expanded our relationship with Walmart to manage walmartcontacts.com and samsclubcontacts.com and to undertake the back-end logistics and fulfilment services for Walmart's "ship-to-home" contact lens sales and for virtually all of Sam's Club contact lens orders. We have also developed strong relationships with managed vision care companies through our network of stores, efficient billing and focus on value. We continually seek to partner with additional managed vision care payors and to increase participation in our partners' networks. We believe that our above-market growth is also an attractive growth driver for our business partners and positions us as a preferred retailer for key vendors and industry partners.

• **Deep Experience with the Regulatory Complexity of the Optical Industry.** There are extensive and diverse sets of laws and regulations governing the provision of vision care. As a result, regulatory compliance for optical retailers in the United States is complicated and time-consuming, involving many regulatory bodies and licensing agencies at both the federal and state levels. We believe that our deep knowledge of the optical regulatory framework and our significant compliance experience provide us with an important competitive advantage. We also believe that these compliance and licensure requirements, and related costs, serve as a significant hurdle for potential new entrants into the optical retail industry.

#### **Our Growth Strategies**

We believe that we have the right strategy and execution capabilities to capitalize on the substantial growth opportunities afforded by our business model. We intend to further drive growth from five distinct sources:

- *Grow Our Store Base.* We believe that our expansion opportunities in the United States are significant. We have adopted a disciplined expansion strategy designed to leverage the strengths of our compelling and distinct value proposition and recognized America's Best and Eyeglass World brand names to develop new stores successfully in an array of markets that are primed for growth, including new, existing, small and large markets. In the aggregate, we have opened 504 stores over the last decade and, following the KKR Acquisition in 2014, we have increased our new store growth to 75 new stores per annum. We have an established partnership with a third party to evaluate potential new America's Best and Eyeglass World stores and our analysis suggests that we can grow America's Best to at least 1,000 stores and Eyeglass World to at least 850 stores. These two brands can grow from 650 stores at present to a total of at least 1,850 stores, with similar economics to the existing store base. In the near term, our primary focus will be to open new America's Best stores, most notably in California, with a longer-term focus on expanding our Eyeglass World store footprint. We believe that our consistent track record of successfully opening stores across vintages, geographies and markets demonstrates our ability to further increase our store count and, as a result, we believe that our current level of new store growth of 75 stores per annum is sustainable for the foreseeable future.
- Drive Comparable Store Sales Growth. We expect that our value proposition will generate profitable comparable store
  sales growth. The typical eyewear replacement cycle of two to three years creates substantial opportunity for us to
  increase sales from our existing customer base. We continually improve our in-store shopping experience and enhance
  our solutions-based service approach to increase the volume of customer traffic to our stores. We also expect to increase
  customer traffic by improving marketing programs and omni-channel offerings, and by expanding our participation in
  managed vision care programs. We are currently underpenetrated in the managed vision care market relative to the
  broader optical retail industry. We expect that these collective initiatives will help us to attract new customers to our
  stores and increase the frequency of purchases by our existing customers.
- *Improve Operating Productivity.* We believe that our continued growth will provide further opportunities to improve operating margin over time. Growth, both in revenue and stores, will enable us to leverage corporate overhead, our centralized laboratory network and our advertising spend. In conjunction with America's Best's 2016 entry into the California market, we expect to benefit from launching a national network television advertising campaign, which we believe is more cost effective than our current local market campaigns. We expect that this national campaign will raise our brand awareness in both existing and new markets, allowing us to save advertising spend when entering new markets. We also believe that continued efficiencies in store operations and technological advancements in our centralized laboratory network will further enhance margins.

Following the KKR Acquisition, we have accelerated store openings of America's Best and Eyeglass World to 75 stores per annum. Based on the consistency and predictability of the maturation process for our existing store base, we believe that there are significant embedded earnings in these maturing stores. For indicative purposes, assuming that each of our open but not mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores as of December 31, 2016 were able to attain the average fifth-year financial performance of our existing mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores, we would have

generated an additional approximately \$67 million of revenues and approximately \$45 million of EBITDA for our owned & host segment in fiscal year 2016.

- Leverage Technology to Optimize and Expand the Business. Our experienced management team has consistently leveraged innovative strategies to grow our business and remain at the forefront of technological development in the optical retail industry. We have invested significantly in technological improvements to position us for future growth. We plan to continue investing in software solutions that further develop our omni-channel platform and enhance our customer engagement capabilities. Going forward, we will also continue to invest in tools to improve the quality of the in-store eye exam experience. Since eye exams are a critical service element of our business, we believe that investing in technology to improve this experience will aid in retention of both customers and optometric talent. We are regularly presented with opportunities to invest in technological innovators across the optical retail industry and we have invested \$7.1 million in venture-backed emerging companies since June 2014. We believe that these investments provide direct access to optical technology innovators, giving us a deeper understanding of emerging trends and developments. We are thus in a better position to evolve our products and services to meet the needs of our customers.
- *Explore Strategic Opportunities.* We will selectively evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities from time to time as part of our growth strategy.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business and this Offering**

Investing in our common stock involves substantial risk, and our ability to successfully operate our business is subject to numerous risks, including those that are generally associated with operating in the optical retail industry. Below is a summary of some of the principal risks we face:

- our ability to open and operate new stores in a timely and cost-effective manner, and to successfully enter new markets;
- our ability to maintain sufficient levels of cash flow from our operations to grow;
- our ability to recruit and retain vision care professionals for our stores;
- our ability to adhere to extensive state, local and federal vision care and healthcare laws and regulations;
- our ability to develop and maintain relationships with managed vision care companies, vision insurance providers and other third-party payors;
- our ability to maintain our current operating relationships with our host and legacy partners;
- the loss of, or disruption in the operations of, one or more of our distribution centers and/or optical laboratories;
- risks associated with vendors from whom our products are sourced;
- our ability to successfully compete in the highly competitive optical retail industry; and
- our dependence on a limited number of suppliers.

Any of the factors set forth under "Risk Factors" may limit our ability to successfully execute our business strategy. You should carefully consider all of the information set forth in this prospectus and, in particular, should evaluate the specific factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in deciding whether to invest in our common stock.

#### **Corporate History and Information**

Through its predecessors, NVI commenced operations in 1990. In 2005, private equity funds managed by Berkshire acquired both NVI and Consolidated Vision Group, Inc., which operated America's Best stores, and merged these entities, with NVI surviving. In 2009, NVI acquired the Eyeglass World store chain. In 2011, after a multi-year partnership, NVI acquired AC Lens to bolster its e-commerce platform.

In March 2014, NVI was acquired by affiliates of KKR. National Vision Holdings, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware on February 14, 2014 under the name "Nautilus Parent, Inc." and NVI became our wholly-owned subsidiary in connection with the KKR Acquisition. We recently changed our name to "National Vision Holdings, Inc."

Our principal executive offices are located at 2435 Commerce Avenue, Bldg. 2200, Duluth, Georgia 30096. The telephone number of our principal executive offices is (770) 822-3600. We maintain a website at *www.nationalvision.com*. The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our corporate website or other company websites referenced elsewhere in this prospectus neither constitutes part of this prospectus nor is incorporated by reference herein.

#### About KKR

Founded in 1976 and led by Henry Kravis and George Roberts, KKR is a leading investment firm with approximately \$137.6 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2017. With offices around the world, KKR manages assets through a variety of investment funds and accounts covering multiple asset classes. KKR seeks to create value by bringing operational expertise to its portfolio companies and through active oversight and monitoring of its investments. KKR complements its investment expertise and strengthens interactions with investors through its client relationships and capital markets platforms. KKR & Co. L.P. is publicly traded on The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: KKR).

#### **About Berkshire**

Berkshire, a Boston-based investment firm, has raised nine private equity funds with more than \$16 billion in aggregate capital and has made over 120 investments in primarily middle market companies since its founding in 1986. Berkshire has developed specific industry experience in several areas including consumer and retail, communications, business services, industrials and healthcare. Berkshire has a strong history of partnering with management teams to grow companies in which it invests.

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Common stock offered by us	shares.
Underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of common stock	We have granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock at the initial public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions.
Common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering	shares (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares).
Use of proceeds	We estimate that the net proceeds to us from this offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, will be approximately \$ million (or approximately \$ million, if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares), based on the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus. For a sensitivity analysis as to the offering price and other information, see "Use of Proceeds." We intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering for the repayment of certain indebtedness, as will be determined prior to this
	offering, and for general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds."
Risk factors	See "Risk Factors" beginning on page <u>18</u> and other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our common stock.
Dividend policy	We do not currently anticipate paying any dividends on our common stock immediately following this offering and currently expect to retain all future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business. Following this offering and upon repayment of certain outstanding indebtedness, we may reevaluate our dividend policy. Any decision to declare and pay dividends in the future will be made at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on various factors. See "Dividend Policy."

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Conflicts of interest	Affiliates of KKR beneficially own (through investment in KKR Vision Aggregator L.P.) in excess of 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock. Because KKR Capital Markets LLC, an affiliate of KKR, is an underwriter in this offering and its affiliates own in excess of 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock, KKR Capital Markets LLC is deemed to have a "conflict of interest" under Rule 5121 of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA. Accordingly, this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of Rule 5121. Pursuant to that rule, the appointment of a "qualified independent underwriter" is not required in connection with this offering as the member primarily responsible for managing the public offering does not have a conflict of interest, is not an affiliate of any member that has a conflict of interest and meets the requirements of paragraph (f)(12)(E) of Rule 5121. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)."
Controlled company	After the completion of this offering, the Sponsors will continue to own a majority of the voting power of our common stock. We currently intend to avail ourselves of the controlled company exemption under the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange.
Proposed ticker symbol	"EYE"
Unless we indicate otherwise or the context otherwise	se requires, all information in this prospectus:
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at a weighted average exercise price of s shares of common stock available for iss Incentive Plan, which we intend to adopt in con	ock issuable upon the exercise of options outstanding as of , per share, of which were then vested and exercisable, and (2) suance under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and our new 2017 Omnibus nection with this offering. See "Management—Executive Compensation and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards—Equity Incentive Plans—2017

#### Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data

Set forth below is our summary historical consolidated financial and other data as of the dates and for the periods indicated. For the purpose of discussing our financial results, we refer to ourselves as the "Successor" in the periods following the KKR Acquisition and the "Predecessor" during the periods preceding the KKR Acquisition. The summary historical financial data as of January 2, 2016 (Successor) and December 31, 2016 (Successor) and for the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor) and for the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor) and for the years ended January 2, 2016 (Successor) and December 31, 2016 (Successor) has been derived from our audited historical consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, and the summary historical financial data as of January 3, 2015 has been derived from our historical consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The results of operations for any period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future period. The summary historical financial data as of April 1, 2017 (Successor) and for each of the three months ended April 1, 2017 (Successor) and April 2, 2016 (Successor) has been derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the financial information. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.

The summary unaudited pro forma consolidated financial data presented below has been derived from our unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The summary unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations data for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 gives effect to (i) the borrowing of an additional \$175.0 million of incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement on February 3, 2017 and (ii) the payment on February 3, 2017 of a dividend (and dividend equivalent payments) of \$171.0 million to our stockholders and holders of vested options out of the proceeds from the incremental term loans (transactions described in clauses (i) and (ii) collectively, the "February 2017 Recapitalization"), as if all such transactions had occurred on January 3, 2016. The unaudited pro forma financial information includes various estimates which are subject to material change and may not be indicative of what our operations or financial position would have been had such transactions taken place on the dates indicated, or that may be expected to occur in the future. See "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information" for a complete description of the adjustments and assumptions underlying the summary unaudited pro forma consolidated financial data. The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial data is included for information purposes only.

The summary historical consolidated financial and other data should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes and our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto, each included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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		redecessor Successor															
(In thousands, except per share amounts)		December 29, 2013 to Jarch 12, 2014		March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015		Year Ended muary 2, 2016		Year Ended ember 3 2016		Pro F Year F	orma Ended ber 31,	M E Aj	Three Ionths Ended pril 2, 2016	M Ei Aj	Three onths nded pril 1, 2017	I	ro Forma Three Months Ended April 1, 2017
Statement of Operations Data:																	
Net revenue	\$	197,017	\$	735,680	\$ 1	1,062,528	\$	1,196,1	.95 \$	5 1,1	196,195	\$3	326,809	\$3	69,859	\$	369,859
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)		93,194		366,476		491,100		544,7	81	Ę	544,781	1	142,537	1	65,808		165,808
Operating expenses		93,873		382,146		526,751		585,0			585,030		144,587		.64,329		164,329
Income (loss) from operations		9,950		(12,942)		44,677		66,3			66,384	-	39,685	_	39,722		39,722
Interest expense, net		4,757		26,823		36,741		39,0			47,137		9,896		11,492		12,219
Debt issuance costs						2,551			_						2,702		
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	_	5,193		(39,765)		5,385		27,2	92		19,247	_	29,789	_	25,528		27,503
Income tax provision (benefit)		2,061		(12,715)		1,768		12,5			9,364		11,935		8,458		9,236
Net income (loss)	\$	3,132	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,617	\$	14,7		5	9,883		17,854	\$	17,070	\$	18,267
Earnings (loss) per share:	-		÷		<u> </u>		<u>.</u>		<u> </u>			-		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Basic	\$	24.06	\$	(0.25)	\$	0.03	\$	0	.13 \$	2	0.09	\$	0.16	\$	0.15	\$	0.17
Diluted	э \$	24.00	\$			0.03	\$		.13 \$		0.09	چ \$	0.10	\$	0.15	\$	0.17
Weighted average shares	Ψ	23.70	φ	(0.23)	Ψ	0.05	Ψ	0.	1.5 ψ		0.05	Ψ	0.10	Ψ	0.15	Ψ	0.10
outstanding:		l															
Basic		130		109,732		110,036		110,4	74	1	110,474	1	110,321	1	10,623		110,623
Diluted		132		109,732		110,036		112,0	80	1	112,080	1	110,498	1	14,067		114,067
Statement of Cash Flow Data:																	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	31,008	\$	17,996	\$	83,131	\$	97,5	99		N/A	\$	57,416	\$	46,505		N/A
Net cash used for investing activities	\$	(11,958)		, i	\$	(80,051)		(91,6			N/A		(24,404)		(21,163)		N/A
Net cash (used for) provided by									ĺ								
financing activities	\$	(28)	\$	7,130	\$	(4,317)	\$	(6,5	74)		N/A	\$	(868)		(375)		N/A
													Success		1		
									Ja	nuary 3,	Ja	nuar 2,	y	Decer 31			April 1,
(\$ in thousands)									;	2015		2016		201			2017
Balance Sheet Data (at period end)	:																
Cash and cash equivalents									\$	6,83	32 \$	5,5	595 \$		4,945	\$	29,912
Total assets									1,	444,91	.3 1,	475,5	595	1,5	531,117	1	,568,859
Total debt										601,45	52	747,8	325	7	745,625		920,020
Total stockholders' equity										523,59	)4	386,2	230	4	401,887		249,965
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(\$ in thousands)				Mar 20	rch 1 014		3, 2015		uary 2, 016		31, 2016		En April 2	ded 2, 201	6 /		nded 1, 2017
Other Financial Data (unaudited):				_	0				020					<u>-y</u>		<u>.</u>	
Number of stores open at period end					7	756	792		858		9	43		80	82		962
Comparable store sales growth						2.9%	8.9		9.0			43 5.1%			5.9%		4.4%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>				\$	26.4								\$	55.42			
- )				\$ \$	- /		5,653		12,585		137,7			,			58,906
Adjusted Net Income <sup>(1)</sup>				2	8,0	670 \$	499	\$ 2	26,184	- \$	33,18	33	\$	21,52	28 \$		23,264

(1) We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss), plus interest expense, income tax provision (benefit) and depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted to exclude stock compensation expense, costs associated with debt refinancing, asset impairment, purchase accounting inventory adjustment, acquisition-related expenses, management fees, new store pre-opening expenses, non-cash rent and other expenses. We describe these adjustments reconciling net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA in the table below. We define Adjusted Net Income as net income (loss), plus stock compensation expense, costs associated with debt refinancing, asset

impairment, purchase accounting inventory adjustment, acquisition-related expenses, management fees, new store pre-opening expenses, non-cash rent, amortization of acquisition intangibles and other expenses, less the tax effect of these adjustments. We describe these adjustments reconciling net income (loss) to Adjusted Net Income in the table below.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income have been presented in this prospectus as supplemental measures of financial performance that are not required by, or presented in accordance with GAAP, because we believe they assist investors and analysts in comparing our operating performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. Management believes Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income are useful to investors in highlighting trends in our operating performance, while other measures can differ significantly depending on long-term strategic decisions regarding capital structure, the tax jurisdictions in which we operate and capital investments. We also use Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income to supplement GAAP measures of performance in the evaluation of the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, to establish discretionary annual incentive compensation and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. Management supplements GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone.

Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income are not recognized terms under GAAP and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or income (loss) from operations as a measure of financial performance or cash flows provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity, or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, these measures are not intended to be a measure of free cash flow available for management's discretionary use as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as interest payments, tax payments and debt service requirements. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income should not be construed to imply that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items. In evaluating Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in this presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income should not and adjusted Net Income should not be construed to imply that our future results will be unaffected by any such adjustments. Management compensates for these limitations by primarily relying on our GAAP results in addition to using Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income supplementally.

The presentations of these measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- they do not reflect costs or cash outlays for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- they do not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debt;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect period to period changes in taxes, income tax expense or the cash necessary to pay income taxes;
- they do not reflect the impact of earnings or charges resulting from matters we consider not to be indicative of our ongoing operations;
- although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect cash requirements for such replacements; and

• other companies in our industry may calculate these measures differently than we do, limiting their usefulness as comparative measures. Because of these limitations, Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income should not be considered as measures of discretionary cash available to invest in business growth or to reduce indebtedness.

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The following table provides a reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income for the periods presented:

	Predecessor					Successor							
(\$ in thousands)	Year Ended December 29, 2012	Year Endec December 28, 2013	From Deceml 29, 2013 t March 2014	ber to 12,	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015	Year Ended January 2, 2016		ear Ended Jecember 31, 2016	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017			
Net income (loss)	\$ 738	\$ 14,11	2 \$ 3	,132	\$ (27,050)	\$ 3,617	\$	14,758	\$ 17,854	\$ 17,070			
Plus:													
Interest expense	29,142	23,25	4 4	,757	26,823	36,741		39,092	9,896	11,492			
Income tax provision (benefit)	109	9,16	5 2	,061	(12,715)	1,768		12,534	11,935	8,458			
Depreciation and amortization	37,196	33,94	0 7	,267	31,566	44,069		51,993	12,540	14,423			
EBITDA	67,185	80,47	1 17	,217	18,624	86,195		118,377	52,225	51,443			
Stock compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>	1,716	1,04	5	220	7,132	6,635		4,293	1,371	1,104			
Debt issuance costs <sup>(b)</sup>	1,742	-	-	_	_	2,551		_	_	2,702			
Asset impairment <sup>(c)</sup>	4,731	3,67	5		4,672	7,716		7,132	52	_			
Purchase accounting inventory adjustment <sup>(d)</sup>	_	_	-	_	6,216	_		_	_	_			
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(e)</sup>	_	63	1 7	,537	13,742	_		_	_	_			
Management fees <sup>(f)</sup>	250	50	)	85	1,883	1,649		1,126	263	284			
New store pre-opening expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	1,240	1,10	Э	424	1,942	1,962		1,983	621	618			
Non-cash rent <sup>(h)</sup>	101	33	4	103	(389)	1,233		1,343	527	358			
Other <sup>(i)</sup>	3,299	1,20	)	861	1,831	4,644		3,520	417	2,397			
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 80,264	\$ 88,96	7 \$ 26	,447	\$ 55,653	\$ 112,585	\$	137,774	\$ 55,476	\$ 58,906			
Plus:													
Amortization of acquisition intangibles and deferred financing costs <sup>(j)</sup>	_	_	-	_	8,886	11,221		11,311	2,873	2,859			
Less:													
Tax effect of total adjustments <sup>(k)</sup>	5,231	3,39	3 3	,692	18,366	15,044		12,283	2,450	4,128			
Interest expense	29,142	23,25	4 4	,757	26,823	36,741		39,092	9,896	11,492			
Income tax provision (benefit)	109	9,16	5 2	,061	(12,715)	1,768		12,534	11,935	8,458			
Depreciation and amortization	37,196	33,94	0 7	,267	31,566	44,069		51,993	12,540	14,423			
Adjusted Net Income	<u>\$ 8,586</u>	\$ 19,21	<u> </u>	,670	\$ 499	\$ 26,184	\$	33,183	\$ 21,528	\$ 23,264			

(a) Non-cash charges related to stock-based compensation programs, which vary from period to period depending on the timing of awards.

(b) Fees associated with the borrowing of \$150.0 million in additional principal under our first lien credit agreement during the second fiscal quarter of 2015 and the borrowing of \$175.0 million in additional principal under our first lien credit agreement during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

(c) Non-cash charges related to impairment of long-lived assets, primarily goodwill in our Vista Optical in Fred Meyer brand and our AC Lens business.

(d) Reflects an inventory step-up resulting from the application of purchase accounting to the Successor, which is recorded in costs applicable to revenue in the statement of operations.

(e) Reflects expenses associated with the KKR Acquisition.

(f) Reflects management fees paid to our Sponsors in accordance with our monitoring agreements with them.

(g) Non-capital expenditures associated with opening new stores, including marketing and advertising, labor and cash occupancy expenses. We adjust for these costs to facilitate comparisons of store operating performance from period to period. We anticipate that we will continue to incur pre-opening cash expenses as we open new stores in the future.

(h) Consists of the non-cash portion of rent expense, which reflects the extent to which our straight-line rent expense recognized under GAAP exceeds or is less than our cash rent payments. The adjustment can vary depending on the average age of our lease portfolio, which has been impacted by our significant growth in recent years. For newer leases, our rent expense recognized typically exceeds our cash rent payments, while for more mature leases, rent expense recognized under GAAP is typically less than our cash rent payments.

(i) Other adjustments include amounts that management believes are not representative of our operating performance (amounts in brackets represent reductions in Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted Net Income), including our share of losses on equity method investments of \$0.3 million, \$0.9 million, \$1.4 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million for the 2014 Successor period and fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; the amortization impact of the KKR Acquisition-related adjustments (e.g., fair value of leasehold interests) of \$(1.1) million, \$(1.3) million, \$(0.7) million, \$(0.3) million and \$(0.1) million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively, and \$(0.6) million and \$(0.5) million for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, respectively, related to

prior acquisitions; expenses related to preparation for being an SEC registrant that were not directly attributable to this offering and therefore not charged to equity of \$0.1 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 1, 2017, respectively; differences between the timing of expense versus cash payments related to contributions to charitable organizations during fiscal year 2015 of \$3.0 million, \$(1.0) million, \$(0.3) million and \$(0.3) million for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; costs of severance and relocation of \$0.8 million, \$0.2 million, \$0.7 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.3 million for fiscal years 2013, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016, respectively; non-cash write-down of property and equipment of \$1.0 million, \$0.5 million, \$1.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million for fiscal year 2013, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016, respectively; non-cash write-down of property and equipment of \$1.0 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million for fiscal year 2013, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 51.0 million, \$0.1 million, \$0.9 million, \$0.8 million, \$0.6 million, \$0.1 million and \$2.1 million for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the 51.0 million, \$0.9 million, \$0.8 mill

- (j) Amortization of acquisition intangibles related to the additional expense incurred due to the increase in the carrying values of amortizing intangible assets as a result of the KKR Acquisition of \$6.0 million, \$7.4 million, \$1.9 million and \$1.9 million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the three months ended April 2, 2016 and the three months ended April 1, 2017, respectively. Amortization of deferred financing costs is primarily associated with the March 2014 term loan borrowings in connection with the KKR Acquisition and, to a lesser extent, amortization of deferred loan discount costs associated with the May 2015 and February 2017 incremental first lien term loans of \$2.8 million, \$3.8 million, \$3.9 million \$1.0 million and \$1.0 million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016, the three months ended April 2, 2016 and the three months ended April 1, 2017, respectively.
- (k) Represents the tax effect of the total adjustments at our estimated effective tax rate.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves risk. You should carefully consider the following risks as well as the other information included in this prospectus, including "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, before investing in our common stock. Any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations. The selected risks described below, however, are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or those we currently view to be immaterial may also materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, or results of operations. In such a case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business**

### If we fail to open and operate new stores in a timely and cost-effective manner or fail to successfully enter new markets, our financial performance could be materially and adversely affected.

Our growth strategy depends, in large part, on growing our store base and expanding our operations, both in existing and new geographic regions, and operating our new stores successfully. We cannot assure you that our contemplated expansion, including our further expansion in the California market, will be successful.

Our ability to successfully open and operate new stores depends on many factors, including, among others, our ability to:

- recruit and retain qualified vision care professionals (who may be licensed or unlicensed, depending on state regulations) for any new store;
- address regulatory, competitive, merchandising, marketing, distribution and other challenges encountered in connection with expansion into new markets;
- hire, train and retain an expanded workforce of store managers and other personnel;
- maintain adequate laboratory, distribution facility, information system and other operational system capabilities;
- successfully integrate new stores into our existing management structure and operations, including information system integration;
- negotiate acceptable lease terms at suitable retail locations;
- source sufficient levels of inventory at acceptable costs;
- obtain necessary permits and licenses;
- construct and open our stores on a timely basis;
- generate sufficient levels of cash or obtain financing on acceptable terms to support our expansion;
- · achieve and maintain brand awareness in new and existing markets; and
- identify and satisfy the merchandise and other preferences of our customers.

Our failure to effectively address challenges such as these could adversely affect our ability to successfully open and operate new stores in a timely and cost-effective manner.

In addition, there can be no assurance that newly-opened stores will achieve net sales or profitability levels comparable to those of our existing stores in the time periods estimated by us, or at all. If our stores fail to achieve, or are unable to sustain, acceptable total net sales and profitability levels, our business may be materially harmed and we may incur significant costs associated with closing those stores. Our plans to accelerate the growth of our store base may increase this risk.

Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will achieve our planned growth or, even if we are able to grow our store base as planned, that our new stores will perform as expected. Our failure to implement our growth strategy and to successfully open and operate new stores in the time frames and at the costs estimated by us could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## We will require significant capital to fund our expanding business. If we are unable to maintain sufficient levels of cash flow from our operations, we may not be able to execute or sustain our growth strategy or we may require additional financing, which may not be available to us on satisfactory terms or at all.

To support our expanding business and execute our growth strategy, we will need significant amounts of capital, including funds to pay our lease obligations, build out new store spaces, laboratories and distribution centers, purchase inventory, pay personnel and further invest in our infrastructure and facilities. Further, our plans to grow our store base may create cash flow pressure if new locations do not perform as projected. In the past, we have primarily depended on cash flow from operations to fund our business and growth plans. Upon the closing of this offering, we expect that we will continue to primarily depend on cash flow from operations, we may need to obtain additional equity or debt financing. Tightening in the credit markets, low liquidity and volatility in the capital markets could result in diminished availability of credit, higher cost of borrowing and lack of confidence in the equity market, making it more difficult to obtain additional financing on terms that are favorable to us. If such financing is not available to us, or is not available on satisfactory terms, our ability to operate and expand our business could be curtailed and we may need to delay, limit or eliminate planned store openings or operations or other elements of our growth strategy.

### Failure to recruit and retain vision care professionals for our stores could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our ability to hire and/or contract with vision care professionals for our stores is critical to our operations as well as our growth strategy. Our operations, like those of many of our competitors, depend on our ability to offer both eyewear and eye exams. In particular, our America's Best brand promotes bundled offers of eyewear and eye exams, which require the availability of optometrists in or near our stores. Furthermore, many states require that opticians be licensed to dispense and fit eyeglasses and contact lenses. In addition, failure to have vision care professionals available in or near our stores could adversely affect our ability to win managed vision care contracts.

Our ability to attract and retain vision care professionals depends on several factors. We compete with other optical retail companies, health systems and group practices for vision care professionals. We, as well as the professional corporations that employ optometrists in our retail locations, could face difficulties attracting and retaining qualified professionals if we or such corporations fail to offer competitive compensation and benefits. Increased compensation for vision care professionals could raise our costs and put pressure on our margins. We believe that the demand for optometrists in particular is likely to exceed supply in the near future and that the costs to employ or retain optometrists are likely to increase, potentially materially, from current levels.

Additionally, our ability to recruit, hire and/or contract with vision care professionals is closely regulated. For example, there is a risk that state authorities in some jurisdictions may find that our contractual relationships with our optometrists or professional corporations that employ optometrists violate laws prohibiting the corporate practice of medicine/optometry, in which case we may be required to restructure these arrangements, which may make it more difficult for us to attract and retain their services. See "Business—Regulatory Overview."

A material change in our relationship with vision care professionals, whether resulting from a dispute with an eye care practitioner or a group of eye care practitioners controlling multiple practice locations, a government or regulatory authority challenging our operating structure or our relationship with vision care professionals or other changes to applicable laws or regulations (or interpretations of the same), or the loss of these relationships, could impair our ability to provide services to our customers, cause our customers to go elsewhere for their optical needs, or result in legal sanctions against us. In addition, some optometrists provide, through their professional corporations, the vision care services at a number of our retail locations, exposing us to some concentration risk. A material change to any of the foregoing relationships could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Any difficulties or delays in securing the services of these professionals could also adversely affect our relationships with our host and legacy partners.

### We are subject to extensive state, local and federal vision care and healthcare laws and regulations and failure to adhere to such laws and regulations would adversely affect our business.

We are subject to extensive state, local and federal vision care and healthcare laws and regulations. See "Business—Regulatory Overview."

Many states regulate relationships between optical retailers and eye care practitioners. Many states interpret the corporate practice of medicine/optometry rules broadly to prohibit employment of eye care practitioners by corporations like us and to prohibit various financial arrangements, such as fee-splitting, between eye care practitioners and other entities. We have implemented arrangements with optometrists and professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners that regulators could seek to challenge, such as America's Best's bundled offers of eye exams and eyewear. The laws applicable to us are also subject to evolving interpretations. As such, we must monitor our compliance with laws in every jurisdiction in which we operate on an ongoing basis and we cannot guarantee that subsequent interpretation of the applicable laws will not further circumscribe our business operations. In addition, the arrangements into which we have entered could subject us to additional scrutiny by federal and state fraud and abuse laws.

All states license the practice of ophthalmology and optometry and many states license opticians. The dispensing of prescription eyewear is further regulated in most states in which we do business. In some states, we are also required to register our stores. Our failure, or the failure of vision care professionals who are our employees or with whom we have contractual arrangements, to obtain and maintain appropriate licenses could result in the unavailability of vision care professionals in or near our stores, loss of sales and/or the closure of our stores without licensed professionals.

We must also comply with the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act, or FCLCA, and its implementing regulations, with respect to verifying contact lens prescriptions in connection with our sales of contact lenses. Our extended warranty plans may subject us to state laws, which vary by state, that regulate the sale of product service contracts. It is possible that regulators in certain states could determine that our warranty plans should be subject to these laws and mandate that we comply with various registration, disclosure and financial requirements. In such event, we could be required to incur enhanced compliance costs, as well as the risk of cease and desist orders and monetary penalties.

We are subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, or HITECH Act, and the health data privacy, security and breach notification regulations issued pursuant to these statutes, which govern our collection, use, access, disclosure, transmission and/or storage of protected health information, or PHI, in connection with the sales of our products and services, customer service, billing and employment practices. In addition, there are state privacy, security and breach notification laws and regulations that apply to both PHI and personally identifiable information, or PII, collected by us. Our failure to effectively implement the required or addressable data privacy and security safeguards and breach notification procedures, or our failure to accurately anticipate the application or interpretation of these statutes, regulations and standards, could lead to invalidation or modification of our agreements with optometrists or professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners, create material civil and/or criminal liability for us or require us to change our business practices, which could result in adverse publicity, and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition to applicable U.S. law, the collection, use, access, disclosure, transmission and storage of PHI and other sensitive data is subject to regulation in foreign jurisdictions in which we do business or expect to do business in the future, in particular through the operations of our websites, and data privacy and security laws and regulations in some of these jurisdictions may be more stringent than those in the United States.

Our participation in federal healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, requires us to comply with laws regarding the way in which we conduct business and submit claims. These laws include the federal anti-kickback statute, which attaches criminal liability to unlawful inducements for the referral of business reimbursable under federally-funded healthcare programs; the federal self-referral laws, which attach repayment and monetary damages where a healthcare service provider seeks reimbursement for providing certain services to a patient who was referred by a physician that has certain types of direct or indirect financial relationships with such service provider; and the False Claims Act, or the FCA, which attaches per-claim liability and potentially treble damages to the filing of false claims for federal payment. Many states have also adopted similar laws that apply to any thirdparty payor including commercial plans. Our operating results could be negatively impacted by developments in these areas due to the costs of compliance in addition to possible civil and criminal penalties, litigation and exclusion from government healthcare programs in the event of deemed noncompliance.

In addition, a person who offers or transfers to a federal healthcare program beneficiary any remuneration, including the transfer of items or services for free or other than fair market value, that the person knows or should know is likely to influence the beneficiary's selection of a particular provider, practitioner or supplier of

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Medicare or Medicaid payable items or services, may be liable for significant civil monetary penalties. Although this prohibition applies only to federal healthcare program beneficiaries, the provision of free items and services to patients covered by commercial payors may implicate applicable state laws related to, among other things, unlawful schemes to defraud, excessive fees for services, tortious interference with patient contracts and statutory or common law fraud. In addition, state regulators or boards of optometry may also challenge our promotional practices, including America's Best's bundled offers, as, among other things, violating applicable state laws regarding unfair competition or false advertising to consumers. To the extent our promotional programs are found to be inconsistent with applicable laws, we may be required to restructure or discontinue such programs, or be subject to other significant penalties.

Eyeglasses and contact lenses are regulated as medical devices in the United States by the Federal Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, and under the U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the FDC Act, such medical devices must meet a number of regulatory requirements. We do not hold any marketing authorizations for the eyeglasses and contact lenses that we sell as we serve as the retailer for third-party manufacturers' devices. We cannot provide assurance that such third-party manufacturers' eyeglasses or contact lenses we sell comply with these regulatory requirements. We also engage in certain manufacturing, repackaging and relabeling activities that subject us to direct oversight by the FDA under the FDC Act and its implementing regulations. If we, or any of the third-party manufacturers whose products we sell, fail to comply with applicable requirements, we or they may be subject to legal action by the U.S. Department of Justice, or the DOJ, on behalf of the FDA and/or various forms of FDA enforcement and compliance actions, which include recalls, fines, penalties, injunctions, seizures, prosecutions, adverse publicity (such as FDA press releases) or other adverse actions.

Our failure to comply with the applicable regulations could have severe consequences, including the closure of our stores, possible breaches of the agreements relating to certain of our brands, changes to our way of doing business, and the imposition of fines and penalties.

### Future operational success depends on our ability to develop and maintain relationships with managed vision care companies, vision insurance providers and other third-party payors.

An increasing percentage of our customers receive vision insurance coverage through managed care payors. These payors represent an increasingly significant portion of our overall revenues and our revenue growth. Currently, a relatively small number of payors comprise the majority of our managed care revenues, subjecting us to concentration risk. Our future operational success could depend on our ability to negotiate contracts with managed vision care companies, vision insurance providers and other third-party payors, several of whom have significant market share. We may be unable to establish or maintain satisfactory relationships with managed care and other third-party payors. In addition, many managed care payors have existing provider structures in place that they may be unable or unwilling to change. Some vertically-integrated payors also have their own networks, and these payors may take actions to maintain or protect these networks in ways that negatively affect us. Increasing consolidation in the optical industry may give such payors greater market power which may adversely affect our ability to negotiate reimbursement rates under managed care arrangements. Our inability to enter into arrangements with managed care payors in the future could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our loss of a significant managed care contract or relationship could have a significant negative impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### If we are unable to maintain our current operating relationships with our host and legacy partners, our business, profitability and cash flows may be adversely affected.

We derive significant revenues and operating cash flows from our relationships with our legacy and host partners through our operations of 227 Vision Centers in Walmart stores, 29 Vista Optical locations within Fred Meyer stores and 56 Vista Optical locations on military bases. Through our subsidiary, FirstSight, we also arrange for the provision of optometric services at almost all of the optometric offices next to Walmart stores and Sam's Club locations in California.

Termination of our host and legacy agreements could result in a reduction of our revenues and operating cash flows, which could be material and which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. The loss of our Vision Centers or Vista Optical locations could impair our ability to attract

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and retain management and retail associates, compete for managed vision care contracts, obtain favorable terms, such as discounts and rebates, from optical vendors and generate cash to fund our business and service our debt obligations. We may seek to replace any lost host or legacy locations with new America's Best or Eyeglass World stores but we may not be able to replace the lost revenues and cash flows.

For example, our current agreement with Walmart presents a variety of risks. This agreement permits Walmart to control many aspects of the retail operations at our Vision Centers, including pricing, merchandising and similar matters. If Walmart exercises its rights under this agreement in a way that adversely affects us, our sole remedy would be to terminate the agreement after participating in an informal resolution and, if necessary, a mediation process. There are no assurances that Walmart will not seek to exercise these rights in a manner that is materially adverse to our interests. Our agreement with Walmart also allows Walmart to collect penalties if the Vision Centers do not generate a requisite amount of revenues. We may not be able to maintain the performance levels required and may be forced to pay penalties to Walmart or default under this agreement. Further, a breach by us of the terms and conditions of this agreement could cause us to lose all management fees derived under this agreement, which could adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

# We depend on our distribution centers and optical laboratories. The loss of, or disruption in the operations of, one or more of these facilities may adversely affect our ability to process and fulfill customer orders and deliver our products in a timely manner, or at all, and may result in quality issues, which would adversely affect our reputation, our business and our profitability.

Substantially all of our inventory is shipped directly from suppliers to our two distribution centers in Lawrenceville, Georgia and Columbus, Ohio where the inventory is then processed, sorted and shipped to our stores or to our laboratories for further processing using third-party carriers. We operate laboratory facilities in Lawrenceville, Georgia; St. Cloud, Minnesota; and Salt Lake City, Utah. We also have outsourcing relationships with third-party laboratories in Mexico and China. These laboratories process most of the lenses ordered by our customers in our stores, as well as on our websites. Once processed at the laboratories, the finished products are returned to our distribution centers for shipment to stores, our customers or our business partners.

We depend in large part on the orderly operation of this receiving and distribution process, which depends, in turn, on adherence to shipping schedules and effective management of our distribution centers. Increase in transportation costs (including increases in fuel costs), increased shipping costs, issues with overseas shipments, supplier-side delays, reductions in the transportation capacity of carriers, labor strikes or shortages in the transportation industry, disruptions to the national and international transportation infrastructure and unexpected delivery interruptions or delays also have the potential to derail our distribution process. We face additional risks related to the laboratories in China and Mexico, including port of entry risks such as longshoremen strikes, import restrictions, foreign government regulations, trade restrictions, customs and duties.

In addition, if we change the transportation companies we use, we could face logistical difficulties that could adversely affect deliveries and we could incur costs and expend resources in connection with such change. We also may not be able to obtain terms as favorable as those received from the third-party transportation providers we currently use, which could increase our costs. We also may not anticipate changing demands on our distribution system, including the effect of any expansion we may need to implement in our distribution centers.

Additionally, events beyond our control, such as disruptions in operations due to natural or man-made disasters, inclement weather conditions, accidents, system failures, power outages, political instability, break-in, server failure, work stoppages, slowdowns or strikes by employees, acts of terrorism, widespread illness and other unforeseen or catastrophic events, could damage our optical laboratories and/or distribution centers or render them inoperable, making it difficult or impossible for us to process customer orders for an extended period of time. Such events may also result in delays in our receipt of inventory and the delivery of merchandise between our stores, our optical laboratories and our distribution centers. We could also incur significantly higher costs and longer lead times associated with distributing inventory during the time it takes for us to reopen or replace one or both of our distribution centers. In addition, the unavailability of, or disruptions to, equipment to process lenses and assemble custom-made eyeglasses or trained operators of such equipment in our optical laboratories could adversely affect our ability to fulfill customer orders in a timely manner. Any disruption to the laboratories' operations may reduce or impair the quality of assembled eyeglasses.

The inability to fulfill, or any delays in processing, customer orders through our laboratory network or any quality issues could result in the loss of customers, issuances of refunds or credits and may also adversely affect



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our reputation. The success of our stores depends on their timely receipt of products for sale and any repeated, intermittent or longterm disruption in, or failures of, the operations of our distribution centers and/or optical laboratories could result in lower sales and profitability, a loss of loyalty to our brands and excess inventory. The insurance we maintain for business interruption may not cover all risk, or be sufficient to cover all of our potential losses, may not continue to be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all, and any insurance proceeds may not be paid to us in a timely manner.

#### We face risks associated with vendors from whom our products are sourced.

We purchase all of our merchandise from domestic and international vendors. For our business to be successful, our suppliers must be willing and able to provide us with products in substantial quantities, in compliance with regulatory requirements, at acceptable costs and on a timely basis. Our ability to obtain a sufficient selection or volume of merchandise on a timely basis at competitive prices could suffer as a result of any deterioration or change in our vendor relationships or events that adversely affect our vendors.

Other than our contracts for the supply of spectacle lenses and our private label contact lenses, we typically do not enter into long-term contracts with our vendors and, as such, we operate without any contractual assurances of continued supply, pricing or access to new products. Any of our vendors could discontinue supplying us with desired products in sufficient quantities or offer us less favorable terms on future transactions for a variety of reasons. The benefits we currently experience from our vendor relationships could be adversely affected if our vendors:

- discontinue selling merchandise to us;
- enter into arrangements with competitors that could impair our ability to sell their products, including by giving our competitors exclusivity arrangements or limiting our access to certain products;
- sell similar or identical products to our competitors with similar or better pricing, some of whom may already purchase
  merchandise in significantly greater volume and at lower prices than we do;
- raise the prices they charge us;
- refuse to allow us to return merchandise purchased from them;
- change pricing terms to require us to pay on delivery or upfront, including as a result of changes in the credit relationships some of our vendors have with their various lending institutions;
- lengthen their lead times; or
- initiate or expand sales of their products to retail customers directly through their own stores, catalogs or on the Internet and compete with us directly.

Events that adversely impact our vendors could impair our ability to obtain adequate and timely supplies. Such events include, among others, difficulties or problems associated with our vendors' business, the financial instability and labor problems of vendors, merchandise quality and safety issues, natural or man-made disasters, inclement weather conditions, war, acts of terrorism and other political instability, economic conditions, shipment issues, the availability of raw materials and increased production costs. Our vendors may be forced to reduce their production, shut down their operations or file for bankruptcy. The occurrence of one or more of these events could impact our ability to get products to our customers, result in disruptions to our operations, increase our costs and decrease our profitability.

We also source merchandise directly from suppliers outside of the United States. Additionally, a significant amount of our domestically-purchased merchandise is manufactured abroad. Global sourcing and foreign trade involve numerous factors and uncertainties beyond our control including increased shipping costs, the imposition of additional import or trade restrictions, including legal or economic restrictions on overseas suppliers' ability to produce and deliver products, increased custom duties and tariffs, unforeseen delays in customs clearance of goods, more restrictive quotas, loss of a most favored nation trading status, currency exchange rates, transportation delays, port of entry issues and foreign government regulations, political instability and economic uncertainties in the countries from which we or our vendors source our products. Our sourcing operations may also be hurt by health concerns regarding infectious diseases in countries in which our merchandise is produced.

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Moreover, negative press or reports about internationally manufactured products may sway public opinion, and thus customer confidence, away from the products sold in our stores. These and other issues affecting our international vendors or internationally manufactured merchandise could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Furthermore, attempts by the Trump administration to impose significant tariffs or other restrictions on imports, or to withdraw from or materially modify the North American Free Trade Agreement and other international trade agreements, could have an adverse impact on our business. For example, President Trump has threatened to impose tariffs on imports from China and Mexico where our outsourced optical laboratories are located. Any such restrictions, tariffs or other changes could lead to additional costs, delays in shipments, embargos and other uncertainties that could negatively impact our relationships with our international vendors and materially adversely affect our business. Additionally, Congress may include a border adjustment tax as part of tax reform legislation. If such a tax is enacted, we could lose the ability to deduct the cost of the goods we import. Because we import, directly or indirectly through suppliers, the substantial majority of the goods we sell, such a tax could materially increase our federal tax liability. We might then need to increase our retail prices to attempt to cover this increased liability. Any increase in our retail prices could have an adverse impact on our ability to market our goods and services to our target customers.

Material changes in the pricing practices of our suppliers could negatively impact our profitability. For example, we have been subject to the unilateral pricing policies implemented by certain contact lens manufacturers, which policies mandated the minimum prices at which certain contact lenses could be sold to consumers. Such manufacturers could refuse to supply us with their products if they deem us in breach of such policies. Our vendors may also increase their pricing if their raw materials became more expensive. The raw materials used to manufacture our products are subject to availability constraints and price volatility. Our vendors may pass the increase in sourcing costs to us through price increases, thereby impacting our margins.

In addition, some of our vendors may not have the capacity to supply us with sufficient merchandise to keep pace with our growth plans, especially if we need significantly greater amounts of inventory. In such cases, our ability to pursue our growth strategy will depend in part upon our ability to develop new vendor relationships.

Some of our suppliers are owned by vertically-integrated companies with retail divisions that compete with us and, as such, we are exposed to the risk that these suppliers may not be willing, or may become unwilling, to sell their products to us on acceptable terms, or at all.

#### The optical retail industry is highly competitive, and if we do not compete successfully, our business may be adversely impacted.

We compete directly with national, regional and local retailers, including other optical retail chains, warehouse clubs, mass merchandisers and internet-based retailers. We also compete with independent ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians located in our markets as they often provide many of the same goods and services we provide. The retail landscape is changing as a result of changes in consumers' shopping habits, as well as the introduction of new technologies such as online vision exams. See "Business —Our Competition."

Some of our competitors are larger companies and have greater financial and operational resources, greater brand recognition and broader geographic presence than we do. As a result, they may be able to engage in extensive and prolonged price promotions or otherwise offer competitive prices, which may adversely affect our business. They may also be able to spend more than we do for advertising. We may be at a substantial disadvantage to larger competitors with greater economies of scale. If our costs are greater compared to those of our competitors, the pricing of our products and services may not be as attractive, thus depressing sales or the profitability of our products and services. Our competitors may expand into markets in which we currently operate and we remain vulnerable to the marketing power and high level of customer recognition of these larger competitors and to the risk that these competitors or others could attract our customer base. Some of our competitors are vertically integrated and are also engaged in the manufacture and distribution of eyewear as well as managed care. These competitors can leverage this structure to their advantage to better compete and some of these vertically-integrated organizations have significant market power and could potentially use this power in ways that could make it more difficult for us to compete. We purchase many of our products from suppliers who are affiliates of our competitors. We also compete for managed vision care contracts with certain of our

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competitors who are affiliates of managed care payors. In addition, if any of our competitors were to consolidate operations, such consolidation would exacerbate the aforementioned risks.

We may not continue to be able to successfully compete against existing or future competitors. Our inability to respond effectively to competitive pressures, improved performance by our competitors and changes in the retail markets could result in lost market share and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We are dependent on a limited number of suppliers.

We rely on a limited number of vendors to supply the majority of our eyeglass frames, eyeglass lenses and contact lenses, and are thus exposed to concentration of supplier risk. In particular, we have agreed to exclusively purchase almost all of our spectacle lenses from one supplier. During fiscal year 2016, two vendors supplied 44% of frames, two vendors provided 89% of lenses and three vendors supplied 94% of contact lenses. If our suppliers experience difficulties or disruptions in their operations or if we were to lose any significant supplier, we may be unable to establish additional or replacement sources for our products that meet our quality controls and standards in a timely manner or on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. As a few major suppliers dominate the optical retail industry, the risks associated with finding alternative sources may be exacerbated.

## Our and our vendors' systems containing personal information and payment card data of our retail store and e-commerce customers, employees and other third parties, could be breached, which could subject us to adverse publicity, costly government enforcement actions or private litigation.

We collect, process and store sensitive and confidential information, including our proprietary business information and that of our customers, employees, suppliers and business partners, including Walmart and Sam's Club. The secure processing, maintenance and transmission of this information is critical to our operations. The regulatory environment surrounding information security and privacy is increasingly demanding, with the frequent imposition of new and changing requirements across our business. For instance, as a health care provider, we could be forced, in the event of a data breach, to report the breach not only to affected customers, but also to various public agencies and media outlets, potentially harming our reputation and our business. In addition, our customers and employees have a high expectation that we will adequately protect their personal information from cyber-attack or other security breaches. Our business partners may have contractual rights of indemnification against us in the event that their customer or proprietary business information is released as a result of a breach of our information systems. In such an event, these business partners could also seek to terminate our contracts with them.

Our systems and those of our third-party service providers and business partners may be vulnerable to security breaches, attacks by hackers, acts of vandalism, computer viruses, misplaced or lost data, human errors or other similar events. If unauthorized parties gain access to our networks or databases, or those of our third-party service providers or business partners, they may be able to steal, publish, delete, use inappropriately or modify our private and sensitive third-party information including personal health information, credit card information and personal identification information. In addition, employees may intentionally or inadvertently cause data or security breaches that result in unauthorized release of personal or confidential information. Because the techniques used to circumvent security systems can be highly sophisticated, change frequently, are often not recognized until launched against a target and may originate from less regulated and remote areas around the world, we may be unable to proactively address all possible techniques or implement adequate preventive measures for all situations. Any such breach, attack, virus or other event could result in costly investigations and litigation exceeding applicable insurance coverage or contractual rights available to us, civil or criminal penalties, operational changes or other response measures, loss of consumer confidence in our security measures, and negative publicity that could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and reputation.

Further, if we are unable to comply with the security standards established by banks and the payment card industry, we may be subject to fines, restrictions, and expulsion from card acceptance programs, which could adversely affect our retail operations. As privacy and information security laws and regulations change, we may incur additional compliance costs.

## Any failure, inadequacy, interruption, security failure or breach of our information technology systems, whether owned by us or outsourced or managed by third parties, could harm our ability to effectively operate our business and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We rely heavily on our information technology systems for many functions across our operations, including managing our supply chain and inventory, processing customer transactions in our stores, allocating lens processing jobs to the appropriate laboratories, our financial accounting and reporting, compensating our employees and operating our websites. Our ability to effectively manage our business and coordinate the sourcing, distribution and sale of our products depends significantly on the reliability and capacity of these systems. Such systems are subject to damage or interruption from power outages or damages, telecommunications problems, data corruption, software errors, network failures, security breaches, acts of war or terrorist attacks, fire, flood and natural disasters. Our servers could be affected by physical or electronic break-ins, and computer viruses or similar disruptions may occur. A system outage may also cause the loss of important data. Our existing safety systems, data backup, access protection, user management and information technology emergency planning may not be sufficient to prevent data loss or long-term network outages.

In addition, we may have to upgrade our existing information technology systems from time to time in order for such systems to withstand the increasing needs of our expanding business. We rely on certain hardware, telecommunications and software vendors to maintain and periodically upgrade many of these systems so that we can continue to support our business. Costs and potential problems and interruptions associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems and technology or with maintenance or adequate support of existing systems could disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations. We also depend on our information technology staff. If we cannot meet our staffing needs in this area, we may not be able to fulfill our technology initiatives while continuing to provide maintenance on existing systems.

We could be required to make significant capital expenditures to remediate any such failure, malfunction or breach with our information technology systems. Further, additional investment needed to upgrade and expand our information technology infrastructure will require significant investment of additional resources and capital, which may not always be available or available on favorable terms. Any material disruption or slowdown of our systems, including those caused by our failure to successfully upgrade our systems, and our inability to convert to alternate systems in an efficient and timely manner could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## An overall decline in the health of the economy and other factors impacting consumer spending, such as the timing and issuance of tax refunds and governmental instability, may affect consumer purchases, which could reduce demand for our products and materially harm our sales, profitability and financial condition.

Our business depends on consumer demand for our products and, consequently, is sensitive to a number of factors that influence consumer confidence and spending, such as general economic conditions, consumer disposable income, energy and fuel prices, recession and fears of recession, unemployment, minimum wages, availability of consumer credit, consumer debt levels, conditions in the housing market, interest rates, tax rates and policies, inflation, consumer confidence in future economic conditions and political conditions, war and fears of war, inclement weather, natural disasters, terrorism, outbreak of viruses or widespread illness and consumer perceptions of personal well-being and security.

Reduced customer confidence and spending cutbacks may result in reduced demand for our merchandise and may force us to take inventory markdowns. Reduced demand also may require increased selling and promotional expenses. Prolonged or pervasive economic downturns could slow the pace of new store openings or cause current stores to close.

Furthermore, our target market, which consists of cost-conscious and low-income consumers, is sensitive to various factors outside of our control. For example, this population relies on tax refunds to pay for eyewear and eye care. A delay in the issuance of tax refunds can accordingly have a negative impact on our financial results. Consumers could also alter how they utilize tax refund proceeds. In addition, periods of instability in the government can also cause this population to either delay or refrain from making such purchases. We believe these factors came into play in the three months ended April 1, 2017 and had a negative impact on our financial results when the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, announced that tax refunds would be issued significantly later than they had been in 2016. In addition, we believe that instability in the federal government, coupled with

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a renewed emphasis on immigration matters, further caused our target population to reduce its spending. A continuation of these and similar circumstances could have a material negative impact on our financial performance. Because of the importance of the first quarter for us, a significant downward trend in the first quarter could have a substantial negative impact on our annual financial results.

#### Our growth strategy could strain our existing resources and cause the performance of our existing stores to suffer.

Our planned expansion will place increased demands on our existing operational, managerial, supply-chain and administrative resources. These increased demands could strain our resources and cause us to operate our business less effectively, which in turn could cause the performance of our new and existing stores to suffer.

As our store base grows, we will need to continually evaluate the adequacy of our laboratory, distribution and information system capabilities. Our laboratories and distribution centers have a finite capacity and, to the extent we grow beyond this capacity, we will need to expand our current laboratories and/or distribution centers or add new laboratories and/or distribution capabilities, the cost of which could be material. Implementing new operating capabilities or changing existing operating capabilities could present challenges we do not anticipate and could negatively affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. For example, should we open additional laboratories or distribution centers, any related construction or expansion projects entail risks which could cause delays and cost overruns, such as unavailability of suitable space, shortages of materials, shortages of skilled labor or work stoppages, unforeseen construction, scheduling, engineering, environmental or geological problems, weather interference, fires or other casualty losses and unanticipated cost increases. The completion date and ultimate cost of future projects could differ significantly from initial expectations due to construction-related or other reasons. We cannot guarantee that any project will be completed on time or within established budgets. Any delay or increased costs associated with any project could adversely affect the financial and overall performance of our existing and planned new stores.

In addition, opening new stores in our established markets may result in inadvertent oversaturation, temporarily or permanently divert customers and sales from our existing stores to new stores and reduce comparable store sales, thus adversely affecting our overall financial performance. Furthermore, we have opened and expect to continue to open America's Best and Eyeglass World stores in close proximity to one another. However, we may not be able to effectively manage stores of both brands in the same market, and this close proximity may cause the performance of such America's Best and/or Eyeglass World stores to suffer.

We cannot anticipate all of the demands that our expanding operations will impose on our business, personnel and systems and our failure to address such demands and to profitably manage our growth could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## If we fail to retain our existing senior management team or attract qualified new personnel, such failure could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Our business requires disciplined execution at all levels of our organization. This execution requires an experienced and talented management team. If we were to lose the benefit of the experience, efforts and abilities of key executive personnel, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Competition for skilled and experienced management is intense, and we may not be successful in attracting and retaining new qualified personnel required to grow and operate our business profitably.

## We are a low-cost provider and our business model relies on the low cost of inputs. Factors such as wage rate increases, inflation, cost increases, increases in raw material prices and energy prices could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Increases in compensation and other expenses for vision care professionals, as well as our other associates, may adversely affect our profitability. Wage and hour regulations, such as regulations issued in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Labor relating to minimum wages and overtime pay, can exacerbate this risk. Other future cost increases, such as increases in the cost of merchandise, shipping rates, raw material prices, freight costs and store occupancy costs, may also reduce our profitability. These cost increases may be the result of inflationary pressures which could further reduce our sales or profitability. Increases in other operating costs, including changes in energy prices and lease and utility costs, may increase our cost of products sold or selling, general



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and administrative expenses. Our low price model and competitive pressures in the optical retail industry may inhibit our ability to reflect these increased costs in the prices of our products, in which case such increased costs could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Our success depends upon our marketing, advertising and promotional efforts. If we are unable to implement them successfully, or if our competitors are more effective than we are, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We use marketing and promotional programs to attract customers to our stores and to encourage purchases by our customers. If we fail to successfully develop and implement marketing, advertising and promotional strategies, we may be unable to achieve and maintain brand awareness, and customer traffic to our stores and/or websites may be reduced. We may not be able to advertise costeffectively in new or smaller markets in which we have lower store density, which could slow growth at such stores. Changes in the amount and degree of promotional intensity or merchandising strategy by our competitors could cause us to have difficulties in retaining existing customers and attracting new customers. If the efficacy of our marketing or promotional activities declines or if such activities of our competitors are more effective than ours, or if for any other reason we lose the loyalty of our customers, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, in connection with our planned expansion in California, we have launched a national advertising campaign as opposed to our current local advertising campaigns. We cannot provide assurances that a national advertising campaign will be cost-effective or successful or that we will continue such a campaign.

#### We are subject to risks associated with leasing substantial amounts of space, including future increases in occupancy costs.

We lease our America's Best and Eyeglass World store locations, our corporate headquarters, the AC Lens corporate office, the FirstSight corporate office, our laboratories in Georgia and Utah and our distribution centers. We also lease our Vista Optical locations inside Fred Meyer stores. As a result, we are susceptible to changes in the property rental market and increases in our occupancy costs.

The success of our business depends, in part, on our ability to identify suitable premises for our stores and to negotiate acceptable lease terms. Our ability to effectively renew our existing store leases or obtain store leases to open new stores depends on the availability of store premises that meet our criteria for traffic, square footage, lease economics, demographics and other factors. We may not be able to renew or extend our existing store leases on acceptable terms, or at all, and may have to abandon desirable locations or renew leases on unfavorable terms.

Most leases for our stores provide for a minimum rent and typically include escalating rent increases over time. In certain circumstances we pay a percentage rent based upon sales after certain minimum thresholds are achieved. Our failure to achieve these thresholds could cause our occupancy costs for these locations to increase materially on a percentage of sales basis. The leases generally require us to pay insurance, utilities, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance expenses. Our substantial lease obligations could have significant negative consequences, including:

- requiring that a substantial portion of our available cash be applied to pay our rental obligations, reducing cash available for other purposes and reducing our operating profitability;
- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to changes in, our business or in the industry in which we compete; and
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing.

We depend on cash flows from operations to pay our lease expenses and to fulfill our other cash needs. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities, and sufficient funds are not otherwise available to us from borrowings or other sources, we may not be able to service our lease expenses, grow our business, respond to competitive changes or fund our other liquidity and capital needs, which could harm the business. If we are not able to make the required payments under our leases, landlords with a contractual or statutory security interest in the assets of the relevant stores may, among other things, repossess those assets, which could adversely affect our ability to conduct our operations.

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Further, the substantial majority of our leased sites are both currently and in the future expected to be subject to long-term noncancellable leases. If an existing or future store is not profitable and we decide to close it, we may nonetheless be obligated to perform our obligations under the applicable lease including, among other things, paying the base rent and other charges for the balance of the lease term. Even if a lease has an early cancellation clause, we may not satisfy the contractual requirements for early cancellation under that lease.

As we expand our store base, particularly in certain markets that are more expensive, such as California, our lease expense and our cash outlays for rent under lease agreements may increase. Our inability to enter into new leases or renew existing leases on terms acceptable to us or be released from our obligations under leases for stores that we close could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We could be adversely affected by product liability, product recall or personal injury issues.

We could be adversely impacted by the supply of defective products, including the infiltration of counterfeit products into the supply chain and contamination or product mishandling issues. Product liability or personal injury claims may be asserted against us with respect to any of the products we sell or services we provide. The provision of professional eye care services by the vision care professionals employed by us or with whom we have contractual arrangements also increases our exposure to professional liability claims. There is a risk that these claims may exceed, or fall outside the scope of, our insurance coverage. In addition, a government or other regulatory agency could require us or one of our vendors or suppliers to remove a particular product from the market for, among other reasons, failure to adhere to product safety requirements or quality control standards. Product recalls can result in the disposal or write-off of merchandise, harm our reputation and cause us to lose customers, particularly if those recalls cause consumers to question the performance, quality, safety or reliability of our products. Any significant returns or warranty claims, as well as the timing of such returns or claims, could result in significant additional costs to us and could adversely affect our results of operations.

We rely on our suppliers to control the quality of both eyeglass components and contact lenses. We are not involved in the manufacture of the merchandise we purchase from our vendors for sale to our customers, and we do not independently investigate whether these vendors legally hold sufficient intellectual property rights to the merchandise that they are manufacturing or distributing. Our ability to seek recourse for liabilities and recover costs from our vendors depends on our contractual rights as well as on the financial condition and integrity of the vendors. We also purchase a portion of our products on a closeout basis. Some of these products are obtained through brokers or intermediaries rather than through manufacturers. The closeout nature of a portion of our products sometimes makes it more difficult for us to investigate all aspects of these products. Moreover, we engage in certain manufacturing, repackaging and relabeling activities at our optical laboratories and at certain Eyeglass World stores. If the products that we manufacture, repackage, or relabel are defective or otherwise result in product liability or personal injury claims against us, our business could be adversely affected and we could be subject to adverse regulatory action.

If our merchandise or services do not meet applicable governmental safety standards or our customers' expectations regarding quality or safety, we could experience lost sales and increased costs, be exposed to legal and reputational risk and face fines or penalties which could materially adversely affect our financial results.

## Our substantial leverage could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, limit our ability to react to changes in the economy or our industry, expose us to interest rate risk to the extent of our variable rate debt and prevent us from meeting our debt obligations.

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. As of April 1, 2017, prior to giving effect to this offering and the use of proceeds therefrom, we had approximately \$931.5 million of aggregate principal amount of indebtedness outstanding (excluding capital lease obligations). Our high degree of leverage could have important consequences for us, including:

- requiring us to utilize a substantial portion of our cash flows from operations to make payments on our indebtedness, reducing the availability of our cash flows to fund working capital, capital expenditures, general corporate and other purposes;
- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic, industry, or competitive developments;

- making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness, and any failure to comply with the obligations of any of our debt instruments, including any financial maintenance and restrictive covenants, could result in an event of default under the agreements governing our indebtedness;
- restricting us from capitalizing on business opportunities;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, execution of our business strategy, debt service requirements, acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes; and
- limiting our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business or market conditions and placing us at a
  competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors who are less highly leveraged and who, therefore, may be able to
  take advantage of opportunities that our leverage prevents us from exploiting.

In addition, as of April 1, 2017, after inclusion of \$500.0 million interest rate swaps fixing a portion of the variable rate debt, \$431.5 million, or 46.3%, of our term loans was subject to variable rates. As a result, an increase in interest rates, whether because of an increase in market interest rates or a decrease in our creditworthiness, could increase the cost of servicing our debt and could materially reduce our profitability and cash flows.

#### We are subject to managed vision care laws and regulations.

We are engaged in managed vision care, both as a managed care entity through our subsidiary, FirstSight, and as a provider to managed care payors and insurers, and are subject to additional regulations as a result. FirstSight is licensed as a single-service HMO and is subject to the managed care laws of the State of California and is comprehensively regulated by the California Department of Managed Health Care, or the DMHC. FirstSight's failure to comply with the regulations and requirements under such managed care laws may result in the imposition of various sanctions, including the suspension or revocation of FirstSight's license, civil penalties and appointment of a receiver, among others. Material changes to the operations of FirstSight, including the opening of America's Best locations outside of defined service areas, must be approved by the DMHC. This approval process can be complex and can cause delays in the projected opening of our stores. The sale of managed care products by FirstSight is essential to our expansion of America's Best in California, and the suspension or loss of our license and our failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements could have a material adverse impact on our expansion plans in California.

In addition, our Eyecare Club programs may be subject to regulation under managed care and related state laws, including those of California, where these programs are offered by FirstSight. Our Eyecare Club programs may also subject us to state statutes regulating discount medical plans, requiring the licensing or registration of organizations that provide discounted access to health care providers. It is possible that state regulators could determine that we are operating as a discount medical plan and as such are subject to various registration, disclosure and solvency requirements. We could incur increased compliance costs as a result. We would also be subject to the risk of cease and desist orders and monetary penalties.

## We rely on third-party coverage and reimbursement, including government programs, for an increasing portion of our revenues, the future reduction of which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We rely on third-party coverage and reimbursement, including government and private insurance plans, such as managed vision care plans, for an increasing portion of our net revenue. We are generally reimbursed for the vision care services and products that we provide through payment systems managed by private insurance companies, managed care organizations and governmental agencies. Coverage and payment levels are determined at each third-party payor's discretion, and we have no direct control over third-party payor's decision-making with respect to coverage and payment levels. Coverage restrictions and reductions in reimbursement levels or payment methodologies may negatively impact our sales and profits. Many third-party payors may continue to explore cost-containment strategies that may potentially impact coverage and/or payment levels for our services and products and impose utilization restrictions and risk-based compensation arrangements. We cannot provide any assurances that we will be able to maintain or increase our participation in managed care arrangements or that we will be adequately reimbursed by managed care payors, vision insurance providers and other third-party payors for the services we provide and the products we sell. Furthermore, any changes to or repeal of the Patient

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Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, in connection with the new government administration or otherwise, may reduce or eliminate coverage or reimbursement rates of insurance-funded eye exams or eyewear.

## Our profitability and cash flows may be negatively affected if we are not successful in managing our inventory balances and inventory shrinkage.

Efficient inventory management is a key component of our business success and profitability. To be successful, we must maintain sufficient inventory levels to meet our customers' demands without allowing those levels to increase to such an extent that the costs to distribution centers, laboratories and stores to hold the goods unduly impacts our financial results. If our buying and distribution decisions do not accurately predict customer trends or spending levels in general or at particular stores or if we inappropriately price products, we may have to take unanticipated markdowns and discounts to dispose of obsolete or excess inventory or record potential write-downs relating to the value of obsolete or excess inventory. For example, in the three months ended April 1, 2017, we wrote off \$2.0 million of inventory related to a slow-moving contact lens product which had expired or would expire prior to possible sale. Conversely, if we underestimate future demand for a particular product or do not respond quickly enough to replenish our best performing products, we may have a shortfall in inventory of such products, likely leading to unfulfilled orders, reduced revenue and customer dissatisfaction.

Our business is partly dependent on our ability to strategically source a sufficient volume and variety of brand name merchandise at opportunistic pricing. Some of our products are sourced from suppliers on a closeout basis or with significantly reduced prices for specific reasons, and we are not always able to purchase specific merchandise on a recurring basis and we may not have control over the supply, design, cost or availability of some products we offer for sale in our stores. We also compete with other retailers for discounted or closeout merchandise to sell in our stores. To the extent that certain of our suppliers are better able to manage their inventory levels and reduce the amount of their excess inventory, the amount of discount or closeout merchandise available to us could also be materially reduced, potentially compromising profit margin for procured merchandise.

Maintaining adequate inventory requires significant attention and monitoring of market trends, local markets, developments with suppliers and our distribution network, and it is not certain that we will be effective in our inventory management. We are subject to the risk of inventory loss or theft and we may experience higher rates of inventory shrinkage or incur increased security costs to combat inventory theft. In addition, any casualty or disruption to our laboratories, distribution centers or stores may damage or destroy our inventory located there. As we expand our operations, it may be more difficult to effectively manage our inventory. If we are not successful in managing our inventory balances, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Our e-commerce business faces distinct risks, and our failure to successfully manage it could have a negative impact on our profitability.

As an e-commerce retailer, we encounter risks and difficulties frequently experienced by internet-based businesses. The successful operation of our e-commerce business as well as our ability to provide a positive shopping experience that will generate orders and drive subsequent visits depends on efficient and uninterrupted operation of our order-taking and fulfillment operations. Risks associated with our e-commerce business include:

- uncertainties associated with our website including changes in required technology interfaces, website downtime and other technical failures, costs and technical issues as we upgrade our website software, inadequate system capacity, computer viruses, human error, security breaches, legal claims related to our website operations and e-commerce fulfillment;
- disruptions in telephone service or power outages;
- reliance on third parties for computer hardware and software, as well as delivery of merchandise to our customers;
- rapid technology changes;
- credit or debit card fraud and other payment processing related issues;
- changes in applicable federal, state and international regulations;



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- liability for online content;
- · cybersecurity and consumer privacy concerns and regulation; and
- natural disasters or adverse weather conditions.

In addition, we have contractual relationships with several third parties, including Walmart and Sam's Club, whereby we host websites for the online sale of contact lenses and other optical products and perform related back office functions for these parties. We could be exposed to contractual liability to these third parties in the event of a failure or disruption to these websites or our failure to properly provide the services called for by these agreements.

Our online sales also expose us to broader applicability of regulations, as well as additional regulations, such as the prescription verification and other requirements under the FCLCA, rules relating to registration of internet sellers, certain requirements under the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, or OFAC, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or the FCPA, anti-money laundering and trade sanction laws and similar anti-corruption, anti-bribery and international trade laws. Problems in any of these areas could result in a reduction in sales, increased costs, sanctions or penalties and damage to our reputation and brands.

In addition, we must keep up to date with competitive technology trends, including the use of new or improved technology, creative user interfaces and other e-commerce marketing tools such as paid search and mobile applications, among others, which may increase our costs and which may not increase sales or attract customers. Our competitors, some of whom have greater resources than we do, may also be able to benefit from changes in e-commerce technologies, which could harm our competitive position. If we are unable to allow real-time and accurate visibility to product availability when customers are ready to purchase, quickly and efficiently fulfill our customers' orders using the fulfillment and payment methods they demand, provide a convenient and consistent experience for our customers regardless of the ultimate sales channel or effectively manage our online sales, our ability to compete and our results of operations could be adversely affected.

Furthermore, if our e-commerce business successfully grows, it may do so in part by attracting existing customers, rather than new customers, who choose to purchase products from us online rather than from our brick and mortar stores, thereby detracting from the financial performance of our stores.

#### Our operating results and inventory levels fluctuate on a seasonal basis.

Our business is subject to seasonal fluctuation. We typically realize a higher portion of net sales during the first fiscal quarter, due, among other things, to the timing of tax refunds and the impact of healthcare plan resets after the close of the prior year. Adverse events, such as higher unemployment, lapses in or the lack of insurance coverage, delays in the issuance of tax refunds, deteriorating economic conditions, public transportation disruptions, or unanticipated adverse weather or travel conditions can deter consumers from shopping. Any significant decrease in net sales during the first fiscal quarter could have a material adverse effect on us and could negatively impact our annual results. In addition, in order to prepare for our peak shopping quarters, we must increase the staffing at our stores and order and keep in stock more merchandise than we carry during other parts of the year. This staffing increase and inventory build-up may require us to expend cash faster than is generated by our operations during this period. Any unanticipated decrease in demand for our products during such period could require us to sell excess inventory at a substantial markdown, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

## Certain technological advances, greater availability of, or increased consumer preferences for, vision correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses, and future drug development for the correction of vision-related problems may reduce the demand for our products and adversely impact our business and profitability.

Technological advances in vision care, including the development of new or improved products, as well as future drug development for the correction of vision-related problems, could make our existing products less attractive or even obsolete. Several companies have developed technologies for the remote delivery of eye examinations and eye refractions. If consumers accept the use of these technologies, they could become less likely to obtain an in-person eye examination and therefore less likely to shop at our retail locations. Additionally, the greater availability and acceptance, or reductions in the cost, of vision correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses, such as corneal refractive surgery procedures, including



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radial-keratotomy, photo-refractive keratotomy, or PRK, and LASIK, may reduce the demand for our products, lower our sales and thereby adversely impact our business and profitability.

#### Our debt agreements contain restrictions that limit our flexibility in operating our business.

Our credit agreements impose significant operating and financial restrictions. These covenants may limit our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries, under certain circumstances, to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create or incur liens;
- engage in certain fundamental changes, including mergers or consolidations;
- sell or transfer assets;
- pay dividends and distributions on our subsidiaries' capital stock;
- make acquisitions, investments, loans or advances;
- pay or modify the terms of certain indebtedness;
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and
- enter into negative pledge clauses and clauses restricting subsidiary distributions.

Our credit agreements also contain certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including a change of control. The first lien credit agreement also contains a springing financial maintenance requirement with respect to the revolving credit facility, prohibiting us from exceeding a certain first lien secured leverage ratio under certain circumstances. As a result of these covenants and restrictions, we are limited in how we conduct our business, and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities. The terms of any future indebtedness we may incur could include more restrictive covenants. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to maintain compliance with these covenants in the future and, if we fail to do so, that we will be able to obtain waivers from the lenders and/or amend the covenants.

Our failure to comply with the restrictive covenants described above as well as others contained in our future debt instruments from time to time could result in an event of default, which, if not cured or waived, could result in our being required to repay these borrowings before their maturity dates. In addition, any event of default or declaration of acceleration under one debt instrument could also result in an event of default under one or more of our other debt instruments. If we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure our indebtedness under our secured debt, the holders of such debt could proceed against the collateral securing that indebtedness. If we are forced to refinance these borrowings on less favorable terms or if we are unable to repay, refinance or restructure such indebtedness, our financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.

## We may be unable to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our significant debt service obligations, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our ability to make principal and interest payments on and to refinance our indebtedness will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future and is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, in the amounts projected or at all, or if future borrowings are not available to us in amounts sufficient to fund our other liquidity needs, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

If we cannot generate sufficient cash flow from operations to make scheduled principal and interest payments in the future, we may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness on or before maturity, sell assets, delay capital expenditures or seek additional equity. The terms of our existing or future debt agreements may also restrict us from affecting any of these alternatives. Any refinancing of our debt could be at higher interest rates and may require us to comply with more onerous covenants, which could further restrict our business operations. Further, changes in the credit and capital markets, including market disruptions and interest rate fluctuations, may increase the cost of financing, make it more difficult to obtain favorable terms, or restrict our access to these sources of future liquidity. In addition, any failure to make scheduled payments of interest



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and principal on our outstanding indebtedness would likely result in a reduction of our credit rating, which could harm our ability to incur additional indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt service obligations, or to refinance or restructure our obligations on commercially reasonable terms or at all, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, as well as on our ability to satisfy our obligations in respect of our indebtedness.

## Failure to comply with laws, regulations and enforcement activities or changes in statutory, regulatory, accounting, and other legal requirements could potentially impact our operating and financial results.

In addition to the vision care and healthcare laws and regulations discussed above, we are subject to numerous federal, state, local and foreign laws and governmental regulations including those relating to environmental protection, personal injury, intellectual property, consumer product safety, building, land use and zoning requirements, workplace regulations, wage and hour, privacy and information security, consumer protection laws, immigration and employment law matters. If we fail to comply with existing or future laws or regulations, or if these laws or regulations are violated by importers, manufacturers or distributors, we may be subject to governmental or judicial fines or sanctions, while incurring substantial legal fees and costs. In addition, our capital expenditures could increase due to remediation measures that may be required if we are found to be noncompliant with any existing or future laws or regulations.

Further, the Federal Trade Commission, or FTC, has authority to investigate and prosecute practices that constitute "unfair trade practices," "deceptive trade practices" or "unfair methods of competition." State attorneys general typically have comparable authority, and many states also permit private plaintiffs to bring actions on the basis of these laws. Federal and state consumer protection laws and regulations may apply to our operations and retail offers. For example, our America's Best offer of a "free" eye exam is subject to compliance with laws and regulations governing the use of this term.

Our transactions with the international laboratories we contract with may subject us to the FCPA and trade sanction laws, and similar anti-corruption, anti-bribery and international trade laws, any violation of which could create substantial liability for us and also harm our reputation. Our three laboratories in the United States and our in-store laboratories at our Eyeglass World locations subject us to various federal, state and local laws, regulations and other requirements pertaining to protection of the environment, public health and employee safety, including regulations governing the management of hazardous substances and the maintenance of safe working conditions, such as the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended. These laws also apply generally to all our properties. Our failure to comply with these laws can subject us to criminal and civil liabilities. In connection with our Vista Optical military locations, we must comply with additional federal, state and local tax and other laws and regulations.

Additionally, because we accept debit and credit cards for payment, we are subject to the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard, or the PCI Standard, issued by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council, with respect to payment card information. The PCI Standard contains compliance guidelines with regard to our security surrounding the physical and electronic storage, processing and transmission of cardholder data. Compliance with the PCI Standard and implementing related procedures, technology and information security measures requires significant resources and ongoing attention. Costs and potential problems and interruptions associated with the implementation of new or upgraded systems and technology such as those necessary to achieve compliance with the PCI Standard or with maintenance or adequate support of existing systems could also disrupt or reduce the efficiency of our operations. Any material interruptions or failures in our payment-related systems could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. If there are amendments to the PCI Standard, the cost of recompliance could also be substantial and we may suffer loss of critical data and interruptions or delays in our operations as a result.

### Adverse litigation judgments or settlements resulting from legal proceedings relating to our business operations could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

From time to time, we are subject to allegations, and may be party to legal claims and regulatory proceedings, relating to our business operations. See "Business—Legal Proceedings." Such allegations, claims and proceedings may be brought by third parties, including our customers, employees, governmental or

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regulatory bodies or competitors, and may include class actions. Defending against such claims and proceedings is costly and time consuming and may divert management's attention and personnel resources from our normal business operations, and the outcome of many of these claims and proceedings cannot be predicted. If any of these claims or proceedings were to be determined adversely to us, a judgment, a fine or a settlement involving a payment of a material sum of money were to occur, or injunctive relief were issued against us, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

## We may not be able to adequately protect our intellectual property, which could harm the value of our brand and adversely affect our business.

Our ability to implement our business plan successfully depends in part on our ability to further build brand recognition using our trademarks, service marks and other proprietary intellectual property, including our name and logos. While it is our policy to protect and defend vigorously our rights to our intellectual property, we cannot predict whether steps taken by us to protect our intellectual property rights will be adequate to prevent infringement or misappropriation of these rights. It may be difficult for us to prevent others from copying elements of our products and any litigation to enforce our rights to all of our trademarks, service marks and other intellectual property rights, we may face claims of infringement that could interfere with our ability to market and promote our brands. Any such litigation may be costly and divert resources from our business. Moreover, if we are unable to successfully defend against such claims, we may be prevented from using our trademarks, service marks or other intellectual property rights in the future and may be liable for damages, which in turn could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### **Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock**

## No market currently exists for our common stock, and an active, liquid trading market for our common stock may not develop, which may cause shares of our common stock to trade at a discount from the initial offering price and make it difficult to sell the shares of common stock you purchase.

Prior to this offering, there has not been a public trading market for shares of our common stock. We cannot predict the extent to which investor interest in us will lead to the development of a trading market or how active and liquid that market may become. If an active and liquid trading market does not develop or continue, you may have difficulty selling your shares of our common stock at an attractive price or at all. The initial public offering price per share of common stock will be determined by negotiations between us and the underwriters, and may not be indicative of the price at which shares of our common stock will trade in the public market after this offering. The market price of our common stock may decline below the initial offering price and you may not be able to sell your shares of our common stock at or above the price you paid in this offering, or at all.

#### You will incur immediate and substantial dilution.

Prior stockholders have paid substantially less per share of our common stock than the price in this offering. The initial public offering price per share of our common stock will be substantially higher than the pro forma net tangible book deficit per share of outstanding common stock prior to completion of this offering. Based on our net tangible book deficit as of April 1, 2017 and upon the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock by us at an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share (the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus), if you purchase our common stock in this offering, you will pay more for your shares than the amounts paid by our existing stockholders for their shares and you will suffer immediate dilution of approximately \$ per share. Dilution is the amount by which the offering price paid by purchasers of our common stock upon completion of this offering. If the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares, or if outstanding options to purchase our common stock are exercised, you will experience additional dilution. You may experience additional dilution upon future equity issuances or the exercise of options to purchase our common stock granted to our employees, executive officers and directors under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, our 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan or other equity compensation plans. See "Dilution."

## Our stock price may change significantly following this offering, and you may not be able to resell shares of our common stock at or above the price you paid or at all, and you could lose all or part of your investment as a result.

We and the underwriters will negotiate to determine the initial public offering price. You may not be able to resell your shares at or above the initial public offering price due to a number of factors such as those listed in "—Risks Related to Our Business" and the following:

- results of operations that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- results of operations that vary from those of our competitors;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates and investment recommendations by securities analysts and investors;
- · changes in economic conditions for companies in our industry;
- changes in market valuations of, or earnings and other announcements by, companies in our industry;
- declines in the market prices of stocks generally, particularly those of optical retail companies;
- additions or departures of key management personnel;
- strategic actions by us or our competitors;
- announcements by us, our competitors, our suppliers or our host and legacy organizations of significant contracts, price reductions, new products or technologies, acquisitions, joint marketing relationships, joint ventures, other strategic relationships or capital commitments;
- changes in preference of our customers;
- changes in general economic or market conditions or trends in our industry or the economy as a whole and, in particular, in the consumer spending environment;
- changes in business or regulatory conditions;
- future sales of our common stock or other securities;
- investor perceptions of or the investment opportunity associated with our common stock relative to other investment alternatives;
- the public's response to press releases or other public announcements by us or third parties, including our filings with the SEC;
- announcements relating to litigation or governmental investigations;
- guidance, if any, that we provide to the public, any changes in this guidance or our failure to meet this guidance;
- the development and sustainability of an active trading market for our stock;
- changes in accounting principles; and
- other events or factors, including those resulting from informational technology system failures and disruptions, natural disasters, war, acts of terrorism or responses to these events.

Furthermore, the stock market may experience extreme volatility that, in some cases, may be unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. In addition, price volatility may be greater if the public float and trading volume of our common stock is low.

In the past, following periods of market volatility, stockholders have instituted securities class action litigation. If we were to become involved in securities litigation, it could have a substantial cost and divert resources and the attention of executive management from our business regardless of the outcome of such litigation.



### Because we have no current plans to pay cash dividends on our common stock, you may not receive any return on investment unless you sell your common stock for a price greater than that which you paid for it.

We have no current plans to pay cash dividends on our common stock. The declaration, amount and payment of any future dividends on our common stock will be at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors may take into account general and economic conditions, our financial condition and results of operations, our available cash and current and anticipated cash needs, capital requirements, contractual, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions and implications on the payment of dividends by us to our stockholders or by our subsidiaries to us, including restrictions under our credit agreements and other indebtedness we may incur, and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant. See "Dividend Policy."

As a result, you may not receive any return on an investment in our common stock unless you sell our common stock for a price greater than your purchase price.

## We are a holding company with no operations of our own and, as such, we depend on our subsidiaries for cash to fund all of our operations and expenses, including future dividend payments, if any.

Our operations are conducted entirely through our subsidiaries and our ability to generate cash to meet our debt service obligations or to make future dividend payments, if any, is highly dependent on the earnings and the receipt of funds from our subsidiaries via dividends or intercompany loans. We do not currently expect to declare or pay dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future; however, to the extent that we determine in the future to pay dividends on our common stock, the agreements governing our indebtedness may restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or otherwise transfer assets to us.

## If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business or if they downgrade our stock or our sector, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will rely in part on the research and reports that industry or financial analysts publish about us or our business. We do not control these analysts. Furthermore, if one or more of the analysts who do cover us downgrade our stock or our industry, or the stock of any of our competitors, or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, the price of our stock could decline. If one or more of these analysts stop covering us or fail to publish reports on us regularly, we could lose visibility in the market, which in turn could cause our stock price or trading volume to decline.

## We will incur significantly increased costs and become subject to additional regulations and requirements as a result of becoming a public company, and our management will be required to devote substantial time to new compliance matters, which could lower our profits or make it more difficult to run our business.

As a public company, we will incur significant legal, regulatory, finance, accounting, investor relations and other expenses that we have not incurred as a private company, including costs associated with public company reporting requirements. As a result of having publicly traded common stock, we will also be required to comply with, and incur costs associated with such compliance with, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, as well as rules and regulations implemented by the SEC and the applicable stock exchange. The expenses incurred by public companies generally for reporting and corporate governance purposes have been increasing. We expect these rules and regulations to increase our legal and financial compliance costs and to make some activities more time-consuming and costly. Our management will need to devote a substantial amount of time to ensure that we comply with all of these requirements, diverting the attention of management away from revenue- producing activities. These laws and regulations also could make it more difficult or costly for us to obtain certain types of insurance, including director and officer liability insurance, and we may be forced to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. These laws and regulations could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our Board of Directors, our board committees or as our executive officers. Furthermore, if we are unable to satisfy our obligations as a public company, we could be subject to delisting of our common stock, fines, sanctions and other regulatory action and potentially civil litigation.

### Failure to comply with requirements to design, implement and maintain effective internal controls could have a material adverse effect on our business and stock price. We currently have material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting.

As a privately-held company, we were not required to evaluate our internal control over financial reporting in a manner that meets the standards of publicly traded companies required by Section 404(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or Section 404.

As a public company, we will have significant requirements for enhanced financial reporting and internal controls. The process of designing and implementing effective internal controls is a continuous effort that requires us to anticipate and react to changes in our business and the economic and regulatory environments and to expend significant resources to maintain a system of internal controls that is adequate to satisfy our reporting obligations as a public company. If we are unable to establish or maintain appropriate internal financial reporting controls and procedures, it could cause us to fail to meet our reporting obligations on a timely basis, result in material misstatements in our consolidated financial statements and harm our results of operations. In addition, we will be required, pursuant to Section 404, to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in the second annual report following the completion of this offering. This assessment will need to include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting the standards that must be met for our management to assess our internal control over financial reporting are complex and require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation. Testing and maintaining internal controls may divert our management's attention from other matters that are important to our business. Our independent registered public accounting firm will be required to issue an attestation report on effectiveness of our internal controls in the second annual report following the completion of this offering.

In connection with the implementation of the necessary procedures and practices related to internal control over financial reporting, we may identify deficiencies that we may not be able to remediate in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for compliance with the requirements of Section 404. In addition, we may encounter problems or delays in completing the remediation of any deficiencies identified by our independent registered public accounting firm in connection with the issuance of their attestation report.

We have recently identified material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. We identified a deficiency in the design of controls related to the timely detection of damaged, expired or expiring contact lens inventory for purposes of recording inventory at net realizable value. We also identified a material weakness related to a deficiency in the design of entity level controls to identify and assess changes in our business environment that could significantly impact the system of internal control over financial reporting. We are in the process of designing controls to remediate these material weaknesses. These remediation measures may be time consuming, costly, and may place significant demands on our financial and operational resources. Our efforts to remediate these material weaknesses may not be effective. If our efforts to remediate these material weaknesses may reoccur or related material weaknesses could occur in the future.

Our testing, or the subsequent testing by our independent registered public accounting firm, may reveal deficiencies in our internal controls over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses in addition to the material weaknesses described above. The material weaknesses described above or any newly-identified material weaknesses could result in a material misstatement of our annual or quarterly consolidated financial statements or disclosures that may not be prevented or detected.

We may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 or our independent registered public accounting firm may not issue an unqualified opinion. If either we are unable to conclude that we have effective internal control over financial reporting or our independent registered public accounting firm is unable to provide us with an unqualified report, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, which could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

### Future sales, or the perception of future sales, by us or our existing stockholders in the public market following this offering could cause the market price for our common stock to decline.

After this offering, the sale of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, including sales by our existing stockholders, could harm the prevailing market price of shares of our common stock. These sales, or the possibility that these sales may occur, also might make it more difficult for us to sell equity securities in the future at a time and at a price that we deem appropriate.

Upon completion of this offering, we will have a total of shares of our common stock outstanding (shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares). Of the outstanding shares, the shares sold in this offering (or

shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares) will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, except that any shares held by our affiliates, as that term is defined under Rule 144 of the Securities Act, or Rule 144, including our directors, executive officers and other affiliates (including affiliates of KKR and affiliates of Berkshire), may be sold only in compliance with the limitations described in "Shares Eligible for Future Sale."

The remaining outstanding shares of common stock held by our existing stockholders after this offering, representing % of the total outstanding shares of our common stock following this offering, will be "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144 and subject to certain restrictions on resale. Restricted securities may be sold in the public market only if they are registered under the Securities Act or are sold pursuant to an exemption from registration such as Rule 144, as described in "Shares Eligible for Future Sale."

In connection with this offering, we, our directors and executive officers and holders of % of our common stock prior to this offering will sign lock-up agreements with the underwriters that will, subject to certain exceptions, restrict the disposition of, or hedging with respect to, the shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of common stock, each held by them for 180 days following the date of this prospectus, except with the prior written consent of the representative of the underwriters. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)" for a description of these lock-up agreements.

Upon the expiration of the lock-up agreements described above, all of such market, subject, in the case of shares held by our affiliates, to volume, manner of sale and other limitations under Rule 144. We expect that KKR and certain of its affiliates will be considered an affiliate upon the expiration of the lock-up period based on their expected share ownership (consisting of shares), as well as their board nomination rights. We also expect that Berkshire ownership (consisting of shares), as well as their board nomination rights. Certain other of our stockholders may also be considered affiliates at that time.

In addition, pursuant to a registration rights agreement, each of the Sponsors has the right, subject to certain conditions, to require us to register the sale of their shares of our common stock under the Securities Act. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Registration Rights Agreement." By exercising its registration rights and selling a large number of shares, KKR or Berkshire could cause the prevailing market price of our common stock to decline. Following completion of this offering, the shares covered by registration rights would represent approximately % of our total common stock outstanding (or % if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares). Registration of any of these outstanding shares of common stock would result in such shares becoming freely tradable without compliance with Rule 144 upon effectiveness of the registration statement. See "Shares Eligible for Future Sale."

In addition, shares of our common stock will be eligible for sale upon exercise of vested options. As soon as practicable following this offering, we intend to file one or more registration statements on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register all shares of our common stock subject to outstanding stock options and the shares of our common stock subject to issuance under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and our 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to be adopted in connection with this offering. Any such Form S-8 registration statements will automatically become effective upon filing. Accordingly, shares registered under such registration statements will be available for sale in the open market. We expect that the initial registration statement on Form S-8 relating to the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan will cover shares of our common stock.

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As restrictions on resale end, or if the existing stockholders exercise their registration rights, the market price of our shares of common stock could drop significantly if the holders of these shares sell them or are perceived by the market as intending to sell them. These factors could also make it more difficult for us to raise additional funds through future offerings of our shares of common stock or other securities.

In the future, we may also issue our securities in connection with investments or acquisitions. The amount of shares of our common stock issued in connection with an investment or acquisition could constitute a material portion of our then-outstanding shares of our common stock. Any issuance of additional securities in connection with investments or acquisitions may result in additional dilution to you.

## We will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the applicable stock exchange rules and the rules of the SEC and, as a result, qualify for, and intend to rely on, exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements. You will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of other companies that are subject to such requirements.

After completion of this offering, the Sponsors will continue to control a majority of the voting power of our outstanding common stock. As a result, we will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange. Under these rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a "controlled company" and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance requirements, including the requirements that:

- a majority of our Board of Directors consist of "independent directors" as defined under the rules of the applicable stock exchange;
- our director nominees be selected, or recommended for our Board of Directors' selection by a nominating/corporate
  governance committee comprised solely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's
  purpose and responsibilities;
- the compensation of our executive officers be determined, or recommended to our Board of Directors for determination, by a compensation committee comprised solely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities; and
- there be an annual performance evaluation of the nominating/corporate governance and compensation committees.

Following this offering, we intend to utilize these exemptions. As a result, we will not have a majority of independent directors, our compensation committee will not consist entirely of independent directors and such committee will not be subject to an annual performance evaluation and we will have no nominating/corporate governance committee. Accordingly, you will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the applicable stock exchange.

In addition, on June 20, 2012, the SEC adopted Rule 10C-1, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, to implement provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, pertaining to compensation committee independence and the role and disclosure of compensation consultants and other advisers to the compensation committee. The national securities exchanges (including the applicable stock exchange on which we will list our common stock) have since adopted amendments to their existing listing standards to comply with provisions of Rule 10C-1, and on January 11, 2013, the SEC approved such amendments. The amended listing standards require, among others, that:

- compensation committees be composed of fully independent directors, as determined pursuant to new and existing independence requirements;
- compensation committees be explicitly charged with hiring and overseeing compensation consultants, legal counsel and other committee advisers; and
- compensation committees be required to consider, when engaging compensation consultants, legal counsel or other advisers, certain independence factors, including factors that examine the relationship between the consultant or adviser's employer and us.

As a "controlled company," we will not be subject to these compensation committee independence requirements.



#### Our Sponsors control us and their interests may conflict with ours or yours in the future.

Immediately following this offering, the Sponsors will beneficially own % of our common stock, or % if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares. As a result, the Sponsors will be able to control the election and removal of our directors and thereby control our policies and operations, including the appointment of management, future issuances of our common stock or other securities, payment of dividends, if any, on our common stock, the incurrence or modification of indebtedness by us, amendment of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and the entering into of extraordinary transactions, and their interests may not in all cases be aligned with your interests. In addition, the Sponsors and their affiliates may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures and other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance their investment, even though such transactions might involve risks to you. For example, the Sponsors could cause us to make acquisitions that increase our indebtedness or cause us to sell revenue-generating assets.

Our Sponsors are in the business of making investments in companies and may from time to time acquire and hold interests in businesses that compete directly or indirectly with us. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that none of the Sponsors, any of their affiliates or any director who is not employed by us (including any non-employee director who serves as one of our officers in both his director and officer capacities) or his or her affiliates will have any duty to refrain from engaging, directly or indirectly, in the same business activities or similar business activities or lines of business in which we operate. The Sponsors and their affiliates also may pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business and, as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

In addition, the Sponsors and their affiliates will be able to determine the outcome of all matters requiring stockholder approval and will be able to cause or prevent a change of control of our company or a change in the composition of our Board of Directors and could preclude any acquisition of our company. This concentration of voting control could deprive you of an opportunity to receive a premium for your shares of common stock as part of a sale of our company and ultimately might affect the market price of our common stock.

#### Anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents could delay or prevent a change of control.

Certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may have an antitakeover effect and may delay, defer or prevent a merger, acquisition, tender offer, takeover attempt, or other change of control transaction that a stockholder might consider in its best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares held by our stockholders.

These provisions will provide for, among other things:

- a classified board of directors, as a result of which our Board of Directors will be divided into three classes, with each class serving for staggered three-year terms;
- the ability of our Board of Directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock;
- advance notice requirements for nominations of directors by stockholders and for stockholders to include matters to be considered at our annual meetings;
- certain limitations on convening special stockholder meetings;
- the removal of directors only for cause and only upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the shares of common stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors if the Sponsors and their affiliates cease to beneficially own at least 40% of shares of common stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors; and
- that certain provisions may be amended only by the affirmative vote of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of shares of common stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors if the Sponsors and their affiliates cease to beneficially own at least 40% of shares of common stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

These anti-takeover provisions could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if the third party's offer may be considered beneficial by many of our stockholders. As a result, our stockholders may be limited in their ability to obtain a premium for their shares. See "Description of Capital Stock."



## Our Board of Directors will be authorized to issue and designate shares of our preferred stock in additional series without stockholder approval.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will authorize our Board of Directors, without the approval of our stockholders, to issue shares of our preferred stock, subject to limitations prescribed by applicable law, rules and regulations and the provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, as shares of preferred stock in series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of the shares of each such series and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The powers, preferences and rights of these additional series of preferred stock may be senior to or on parity with our common stock, which may reduce its value.

# Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide, subject to limited exceptions, that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for certain stockholder litigation matters, which could limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, employees or stockholders.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide, subject to limited exceptions, that unless we consent to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any (i) derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of our company, (ii) action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee or stockholder of our company to the Company or our stockholders, creditors or other constituents, (iii) action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer of the Company arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or (iv) action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer of the Company governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. This choice of forum provision may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers, other employees or stockholders which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of forum provision contained in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain matters we discuss in this prospectus may constitute forward-looking statements. You can identify forward-looking statements because they contain words such as "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "should," "seeks," "intends," "plans," "estimates," or "anticipates," or similar expressions which concern our strategy, plans, projections or intentions. These forward-looking statements are included throughout this prospectus, including in the sections entitled "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Business," and relate to matters such as our industry, growth strategy, goals and expectations concerning our market position, future operations, margins, profitability, capital expenditures, liquidity and capital resources and other financial and operating information. By their nature, forward-looking statements: speak only as of the date they are made; are not statements of historical fact or guarantees of future performance; and are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions, or changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict or quantify. Our expectations, beliefs, and projections are expressed in good faith and we believe there is a reasonable basis for them. However, there can be no assurance that management's expectations, beliefs and projections will result or be achieved and actual results may vary materially from what is expressed in or indicated by the forward-looking statements.

There are a number of risks, uncertainties, and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus. Such risks, uncertainties, and other important factors include, among others, the risks, uncertainties and factors set forth above under "Risk Factors," and the following:

- our ability to open and operate new stores in a timely and cost-effective manner, and to successfully enter new markets;
- our ability to maintain sufficient levels of cash flow from our operations to grow;
- our ability to recruit and retain vision care professionals for our stores;
- our ability to adhere to extensive state, local and federal vision care and healthcare laws and regulations;
- our ability to develop and maintain relationships with managed vision care companies, vision insurance providers and other third-party payors;
- our ability to maintain our current operating relationships with our host and legacy partners;
- the loss of, or disruption in the operations of, one or more of our distribution centers and/or optical laboratories;
- risks associated with vendors from whom our products are sourced;
- our ability to successfully compete in the highly competitive optical retail industry;
- our dependence on a limited number of suppliers;
- our and our vendors' ability to safeguard personal information and payment card data;
- any failure, inadequacy, interruption, security failure or breach of our information technology systems;
- overall decline in the health of the economy and consumer spending affecting consumer purchases;
- our growth strategy straining our existing resources and causing the performance of our existing stores to suffer;
- our ability to retain our existing senior management team and attract qualified new personnel;
- the impact of wage rate increases, inflation, cost increases and increases in raw material prices and energy prices;
- our ability to successfully implement our marketing, advertising and promotional efforts;
- risks associated with leasing substantial amounts of space;
- product liability, product recall or personal injury issues;
- our substantial leverage;

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- our compliance with managed vision care laws and regulations;
- our reliance on third-party reimbursement for a portion of our revenues;
- our ability to manage our inventory balances and inventory shrinkage;
- risks associated with our e-commerce business;
- seasonal fluctuations in our operating results and inventory levels;
- the impact of certain technological advances, and the greater availability of, or increased consumer preferences for, vision correction alternatives to prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses, and future drug development for the correction of vision-related problems;
- restrictions imposed by our debt agreements that limit our flexibility in operating our business;
- our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our significant debt service obligations;
- · our failure to comply with, or changes in, laws, regulations, enforcement activities and other requirements;
- the impact of any adverse litigation judgments or settlements resulting from legal proceedings relating to our business operations; and
- our ability to adequately protect our intellectual property.

There may be other factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements, including factors disclosed under the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this prospectus. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this prospectus in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

We caution you that the risks, uncertainties, and other factors referenced above may not contain all of the risks, uncertainties and other factors that are important to you. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results, benefits, or developments that we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our business in the way expected. All forward-looking statements in this prospectus apply only as of the date made and are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements included in this prospectus. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We estimate that we will receive net proceeds of approximately \$ million from the sale of shares of our common stock in this offering, assuming an initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. If the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares, the net proceeds to us will be approximately \$ million.

We intend to use the net proceeds to us from this offering for the repayment of certain indebtedness, as will be determined prior to this offering, and for general corporate purposes.

A \$1.00 increase (decrease) in the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, based on the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase (decrease) the net proceeds to us from this offering by \$ million, assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. An increase (decrease) of 1,000,000 shares from the expected number of shares to be sold by us in this offering, assuming no change in the assumed initial public offering price per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase (decrease) our net proceeds from this offering by \$ million.

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We do not currently anticipate paying any dividends on our common stock immediately following this offering and currently expect to retain all future earnings for use in the operation and expansion of our business. Following this offering and upon repayment of certain outstanding indebtedness, we may reevaluate our dividend policy. The declaration, amount and payment of any future dividends on our common stock will be at the sole discretion of our Board of Directors, which may take into account general and economic conditions, our financial condition and results of operations, our available cash and current and anticipated cash needs, capital requirements, contractual, legal, tax and regulatory restrictions and implications on the payment of dividends by us to our stockholders or by our subsidiaries to us, including restrictions under our credit agreements and other indebtedness we may incur, and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant. If we elect to pay such dividends in the future, we may reduce or discontinue entirely the payment of such dividends at any time.

Because a significant portion of our operations is through our subsidiaries, our ability to pay dividends depends in part on our receipt of cash dividends from our operating subsidiaries, which may further restrict our ability to pay dividends as a result of the laws of their jurisdiction of organization, agreements of our subsidiaries or covenants under any existing and future outstanding indebtedness we or our subsidiaries incur. In addition, our ability to pay dividends is limited by covenants in our credit agreements. See "Description of Indebtedness" for a description of the restrictions on our ability to pay dividends.

#### DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest in us will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the initial public offering price per share of our common stock and the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) per share of our common stock after this offering. Dilution results from the fact that the per share offering price of the common stock is substantially in excess of the book value per share attributable to the shares of common stock held by existing stockholders.

Our net tangible book deficit as of April 1, 2017 was approximately \$862.6 million, or \$ per share of our common stock. We calculate net tangible book deficit per share by taking the amount of our total tangible assets, reduced by the amount of our total liabilities, and then dividing that amount by the total number of shares of common stock outstanding.

After giving effect to (i) the sale of shares of our common stock in this offering at an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover of this prospectus, and after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, and (ii) the application of the net proceeds from this offering as set forth under "Use of Proceeds," our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) as of April 1, 2017 would have been \$ million, or \$ per share of our common stock. This amount represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value (or a decrease in net tangible book deficit) of \$ per share to existing stockholders and an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value (deficit) of \$ per share to new investors purchasing shares in this offering at the assumed initial public offering price.

The following table illustrates this dilution on a per share basis:

Assumed initial public offering price per share of common stock	\$								
Net tangible book deficit per share as of April 1, 2017									
Increase in tangible book value per share attributable to new investors									
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) per share after this offering									
Dilution per share to new investors									

Dilution is determined by subtracting pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) per share of common stock after the offering from the initial public offering price per share of common stock.

If the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares, the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) per share after giving effect to the offering and the use of proceeds therefrom would be \$ per share. This represents an increase in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (or a decrease in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book deficit) of \$ per share to the existing stockholders and results in dilution in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) of \$ per share to new investors.

Assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, a \$1.00 increase or decrease in the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase or decrease the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value attributable to new investors purchasing shares in this offering by \$ per share and the dilution to new investors by \$ per share and increase or decrease the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value attributable to new investors the pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value (deficit) per share after offering by \$ per share.

The following table summarizes, as of April 1, 2017, the differences between the number of shares purchased from us, the total consideration paid to us, and the average price per share paid by existing stockholders and by new investors. As the table shows, new investors purchasing shares in this offering will pay an average price per share substantially higher than our existing stockholders paid. The table below assumes an initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, for shares purchased in this offering and excludes underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us:

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	Shares Pur	chased	Total Consid	leration	Avg/
	Number	%	Amount	\$	Share
Existing stockholders		%	\$	%	\$
New investors		%		%	
Total		%	\$	%	

If the underwriters were to fully exercise the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of our common stock, the percentage of shares of our common stock held by existing stockholders who are directors, officers or affiliated persons as of April 1, 2017 would be % and the percentage of shares of our common stock held by new investors would be %.

Assuming the number of shares offered by us, as set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, remains the same, a \$1.00 increase or decrease in the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, would increase or decrease total consideration paid by new investors and total consideration paid by all stockholders by approximately \$ million.

To the extent that outstanding options are exercised, or we grant options to our employees, executive officers and directors in the future and those options are exercised or other issuances of common stock are made, there will be further dilution to new investors.

#### CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and capitalization as of April 1, 2017:

- on an actual basis; and
- on a pro forma basis as adjusted to give effect to (1) the sale of approximately shares of our common stock in this offering; and (2) the application of the estimated proceeds from the offering, at an assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, after deducting the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, as described in "Use of Proceeds."

You should read this table in conjunction with the information contained in "Use of Proceeds," "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Description of Indebtedness," as well as the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, each included elsewhere in this prospectus.

	 As of April 1, 2017							
(In thousands)	Actual	Pro Forma As Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 29,912	\$						
Debt:								
First lien term loans <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 806,520	\$						
Revolving credit facility <sup>(3)</sup>								
Second lien term loans <sup>(4)</sup>	125,000							
Capital leases	4,468							
Unamortized debt transaction costs and prepayment premiums <sup>(5)</sup>	(15,968)							
Total debt	\$ 920,020	\$						
Stockholders' equity:								
Common stock, \$0.01 par value (200,000 shares authorized and 110,925 shares issued and outstanding, <i>actual</i> ; shares authorized and shares issued and outstanding, <i>pro forma</i>								
as adjusted)	\$ 1,109	\$						
Additional paid-in capital	255,454							
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(14,760)							
Retained earnings (deficit)	8,395							
Treasury stock, at cost (55 shares, actual and pro forma; 55 shares, pro forma as adjusted)	 (233)							
Total stockholders' equity	\$ 249,965							
Total capitalization	\$ 1,169,985	\$						

<sup>(1)</sup> To the extent we change the number of shares of common stock sold by us in this offering from the shares we expect to sell or we change the initial public offering price from the assumed initial public offering price of \$ per share, the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, or any combination of these events occurs, the net proceeds to us from this offering and each of the total stockholders' equity and total capitalization may increase or decrease or decrease in the assumed initial public offering price per share of the common stock, assuming no change in the number of shares of common stock to be sold, would increase or decrease the net proceeds that we receive in this offering and each of total stockholders' equity and total capitalization by approximately \$ . An increase or decrease of 1,000,000 shares in the expected number of shares to be sold in the offering, assuming no change in the assumed initial public offering price per share, would increase or decrease or decrease or decrease of 1,000,000 shares in the expected number of shares to be sold in the offering, and each of total assumed initial public offering price per share, would increase or decrease or decrease. A since assumed in the offering price per share, would increase or decrease or decrease or decrease or decrease or decrease. A since assumed in the offering price per share, would increase or decrease or decrease in this offering, we will repay additional indebtedness. To the extent we raise less proceeds in this offering, we will reduce the amount of indebtedness that will be repaid.

(2) Represents the aggregate face amount of our first lien term loans. The first lien term loans mature on March 13, 2021. For a further description of our first lien credit agreement, see "Description of Indebtedness."

(3) As of April 1, 2017, we had no outstanding borrowings and \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit under our first lien revolving credit facility, which matures on March 13, 2019. For a further description of our first lien credit agreement, see "Description of Indebtedness."

(4) Represents the aggregate face amount of our second lien term loans. Our second lien term loans mature on March 13, 2022. For a further description of our second lien credit agreement, see "Description of Indebtedness."

(5) The pro forma as adjusted column gives effect to the write-off of approximately \$ million of unamortized debt transaction costs and prepayment premiums in connection with the repayment of \$ million of our with net proceeds from this offering. See "Use of Proceeds."



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#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements as of April 1, 2017 and for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 are derived from our historical consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 are presented as if the following transactions had occurred on January 3, 2016:

the borrowing of \$175.0 million, before original issuance discounts and offering costs, under our first lien credit agreement on February 3, 2017 and related impact on income tax provision (benefit) and deferred income taxes, net.

In addition, these unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements are presented as if the following transactions had occurred on April 1, 2017, in the case of the unaudited pro forma consolidated balance sheet, and on January 3, 2016, in the case of the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and for the year ended December 31, 2016:

the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock in this offering at an initial public offering price of \$ per share, which is the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus, and the application of the net proceeds therefrom, including the repayment of \$ million in outstanding indebtedness.

The notes to the unaudited pro forma financial statements provide a more detailed discussion of how such adjustments were derived and presented in the pro forma financial statements.

The pro forma adjustments set forth below are based on currently available information and certain assumptions made by our management and may be revised as additional information becomes available. The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements presented are for illustrative purposes only and do not necessarily indicate our financial condition or the operating results that would have been achieved if the transactions had occurred as of the date or for the period indicated above, nor are they indicative of our financial condition or operating results as of any future date or for any future period.

The unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Except as otherwise indicated, the unaudited pro forma consolidated financial statements presented assume no exercise by the underwriters of their over-allotment option to purchase additional common shares from us.

As a public company, we will be implementing additional procedures and processes to address the standards and requirements applicable to public companies. We expect to incur additional annual expenses related to these steps, as well as additional expenses relating to, among other things, additional directors' and officers' liability insurance, director fees, reporting requirements of the SEC, transfer agent fees, hiring additional accounting, legal and administrative personnel, increased auditing and legal fees and similar expenses. We have not included any pro forma adjustments relating to these costs.

#### National Vision Holdings, Inc. Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet As of April 1, 2017

(\$ in thousands)		Historical	Pro Forma Adjustments Related to this		Pro Forma As
ASSETS	A	pril 1, 2017	Offering	Footnotes	Adjusted
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,912	\$	A, B	\$
Accounts receivable, net		40,866			
Inventories		86,074			
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		22,360			
Total current assets		179,212			
Property and equipment, net		264,921			
Other assets and deferred costs:					
Goodwill		792,744			
Trademarks and tradenames		240,547			
Other intangible assets, net		79,229			
Other assets		12,206			
Total non-current assets		1,389,647			
	\$	1,568,859	\$		\$
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	29,974			\$
Other payables and accrued expenses	Ŷ	81,269			Ŷ
Unearned revenue		26,045			
Deferred revenue		62,443			
Current maturities of long-term debt		9,260			
Total current liabilities		208,991			
Long-term debt, less current portion		910,760		В	
Other non-current liabilities:		510,700		B	
Deferred revenue		30,842			
Other liabilities		49,519			
Deferred income taxes, net		118,782			
Total other non-current liabilities		199,143			
Commitments and contingencies		100,140			
Stockholders' equity:					
Common stock		1,109		А	
Additional paid-in capital		255,454		A	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(14,760)		A	
Retained earnings (deficit)		8,395		2 <b>1</b>	
Treasury stock		(233)			
-		249,965		٥	
Total stockholders' equity	¢		¢	А	¢
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,568,859	\$		\$

#### National Vision Holdings, Inc. Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Three Months Ended April 1, 2017

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Revenue:										
Net product sales	\$	304,654	\$	_		\$	304,654	\$		\$
Net sales of service and plans		65,205					65,205			
Total net revenue		369,859					369,859			
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization):										
Products		121,033		_			121,033			
Services and plans		44,775		—			44,775			
Total costs applicable to revenue		165,808					165,808			
Operating expenses:										
Selling, general and administrative expenses		149,804		_			149,804		E	
Depreciation and amortization		14,423					14,423			
Asset impairment		—								
Other expense (income), net		102					102			
Total operating expenses		164,329					164,329			
Income (loss) from operations	_	39,722					39,722		E	
Interest expense, net		11,492		727	С		12,219		F	
Debt issuance costs		2,702		(2,702)	С		_			
Earnings (loss) before income	_									
taxes		25,528		1,975	С		27,503			
Income tax provision (benefit)		8,458		778	D		9,236		G	
Net income (loss)	\$	17,070	\$	1,197		\$	18,267	\$		\$
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	0.15				\$	0.17		Н	\$
Diluted	\$	0.15				\$	0.16		Н	\$
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		110,623					110,623		Н	
Diluted		114,067					114,067		Н	

#### National Vision Holdings, Inc. Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

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#### 1. Adjustments to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

The adjustments to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet as of April 1, 2017 are as follows:

#### Pro Forma Adjustments for this Offering

- (A) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of April 1, 2017 to reflect the sale in this offering of shares of our common stock at \$ per share, which is the mid-point of the estimated offering price range set forth on the cover page of this prospectus.
- (B) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of April 1, 2017 to reflect an anticipated one-time principal payment of \$ million under our credit agreement from the net proceeds of this offering.

#### 2. Adjustments to the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations

The adjustments to the unaudited pro forma consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

#### Pro Forma Adjustments for the February 2017 Recapitalization

- (C) On February 3, 2017, we borrowed \$175.0 million under our first lien credit agreement with a \$1.3 million issue discount, which is amortized over the term of the new borrowing under the effective interest method. Related party fees of \$2.3 million and third-party fees of \$0.4 million were expensed at the time of the new financing. The stated rate of the new borrowing was 4.00% per annum, consistent with the existing first lien term loans. If the variable rate on this incremental borrowing changed 0.125%, the impact on the annual interest expense would be \$0.22 million. A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations to report additional pro forma interest expense of \$8.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 and \$0.7 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017. The borrowing costs of \$2.7 million are included in the results of operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and removed as a pro forma adjustment due to the non-recurring nature of the expense.
- (D) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2016 to reflect a deferred tax benefit of \$3.2 million arising from fees and interest expense incurred, on a pro forma basis, as a result of the February 3, 2017 borrowing. A similar adjustment of \$0.3 million was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017.

#### Pro Forma Adjustments for this Offering

- (E) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 to reflect the expense arising from non-capitalizable costs of million incurred in this offering.
- (F) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 to reflect a reduction in interest expense of \$ million from the application of the net proceeds from this offering to repay \$ million under our credit agreement.
- (G) A pro forma adjustment was recorded in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and the year ended December 31, 2016 to reflect additional income tax expense incurred on a pro forma basis as a result of the reduction in pro forma interest expense arising from the repayment of \$ million of our outstanding indebtedness from the net proceeds of this offering.
- (H) Pro forma as adjusted basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding used to calculate pro forma as adjusted earnings per share have been increased to reflect the million shares issued in this offering.

#### SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

Set forth below is our selected historical consolidated financial data as of the dates and for the periods indicated. For the purpose of discussing our financial results, we refer to ourselves as the "Successor" in the periods following the KKR Acquisition and the "Predecessor" during the periods preceding the KKR Acquisition.

The selected historical consolidated financial data as of January 2, 2016 (Successor) and December 31, 2016 (Successor) and for the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor) and the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor) and for the years ended January 2, 2016 (Successor) and December 31, 2016 (Successor) has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The selected historical consolidated financial data as of December 29, 2012 (Predecessor), December 28, 2013 (Predecessor) and January 3, 2015 (Successor) and for the years ended December 29, 2012 (Predecessor) and December 28, 2013 (Predecessor) has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The results of operations for any period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for any future period. The selected historical financial data as of April 1, 2017 (Successor) and for each of the three months ended April 1, 2017 (Successor) and April 2, 2016 (Successor) has been derived from our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared on a basis consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the financial information. The results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.

The selected statement of operations data and statement of cash flows data set forth below does not give effect to the February 2017 Recapitalization. The selected historical consolidated financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified by reference to, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto and our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto, each included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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Statement of Operations Data:																	
Net revenue	\$36	9,859	\$3	26,809	\$ 1,196,195	\$	1,062,528	\$	735,680	\$	197,017	\$	840,046	\$	716,519		
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	16	5,808	14	42,537	544,781		491,100		366,476		93,194		403,486		305,591		
Operating expenses	16	4,329	1	44,587	 585,030		526,751		382,146		93,873		390,029		379,197		
Income (loss) from operations	3	9,722		39,685	66,384		44,677		(12,942)		9,950		46,531		31,731		
Interest expense, net	1	1,492		9,896	39,092		36,741		26,823		4,757		23,254		29,142		
Debt issuance costs		2,702			 		2,551		_						1,742		
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	2	5,528		29,789	27,292		5,385		(39,765)		5,193		23,277		847		
Income tax provision (benefit)		8,458		11,935	 12,534		1,768		(12,715)		2,061		9,165		109		
Net income (loss)	\$ 1	7,070	\$	17,854	\$ 14,758	\$	3,617	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,132	\$	14,112	\$	738		
Earnings (loss) per share:					 												
Basic	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	\$ 0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	24.06	\$	108.48	\$	5.73		
Diluted	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	\$ 0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	23.76	\$	107.66	\$	5.68		
Dividends:																	
Common share dividends paid	\$16	7,355		—	—	\$	144,655		—		—		—	\$	117,670		
Dividends per common share	\$	1.51		—	_	\$	1.32		—		—		—	\$	872		
Weighted average shares outstanding:																	
Basic	11	0,623	1	10,321	110,474		110,036		109,732		130		130		130		
Diluted	11	4,067	1	10,498	112,080		110,036		109,732		132		131		130		

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(In thousands, except per share amounts)		Three Months Ended April 1, 2017	iths Months led Ended l 1, April 2,		Year Ended December 31, 2016		Year Ended January 2, 2016		March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015		December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014		Year Ended December 28, 2013			ear Ended December 29, 2012			
Statement of Cash Flows Data:																			
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	46,505	\$	57,416	\$	97,588	\$	83,131	\$	17,996	\$	31,008	\$	57,989	\$	53,482			
Net cash used for investing activities	\$	(21,163)	\$(	(24,404)	\$	(91,664)	\$	(80,051)	\$	(43,740)	\$	(11,958)	\$	(47,311)	\$	(39,506)			
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	\$	(375)	\$	(868)	\$	(6,574)	\$	(4,317)	\$	7,130	\$	(28)	\$	(9,261)	\$	(15,000)			
Balance Sheet Data (at period end):																			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,912		N/A	\$	4,945	\$	5,595	\$	6,832		N/A	\$	6,424	\$	5,007			
Total assets	\$1	,568,859		N/A	\$	1,531,117	\$	1,475,595	\$1	,444,913		N/A	\$	336,233	\$	322,605			
Total debt	\$	920,020		N/A	\$	745,625	\$	747,825	\$	601,452		N/A	\$	289,664	\$	296,475			
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$	249,965		N/A	\$	401,887	\$	386,230	\$	523,594		N/A	\$	(122,240)	\$	(137,460)			

#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and other financial information included elsewhere in this prospectus. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this prospectus, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should review the "Risk Factors" and "Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" sections of this prospectus for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.

We conduct substantially all of our activities through our direct wholly-owned subsidiary, NVI, and its subsidiaries. We operate on a fiscal calendar widely used by the retail industry that results in a given fiscal year consisting of a 52- or 53-week period ending on the Saturday closest to December 31. In a 52-week fiscal year, each quarter contains 13 weeks of operations; in a 53-week fiscal year, each of the first, second and third quarters includes 13 weeks of operations and the fourth quarter includes 14 weeks of operations.

References herein to "fiscal year 2016" relate to the 52 weeks ended December 31, 2016. References herein to "fiscal year 2015" relate to the 52 weeks ended January 2, 2016.

References herein to the Successor period ended January 3, 2015, or the 2014 Successor period, relate to the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015. References herein to the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014, or the 2014 Predecessor period, relate to the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014. References herein to the full year 2014 relate to the combined Successor and Predecessor periods from December 29, 2013 to January 3, 2015, which included 53 weeks.

#### Overview

We are one of the largest and fastest growing optical retailers in the United States and a leader in the attractive value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry. We believe that vision is central to quality of life and that people deserve to see their best to live their best, no matter what their budget. Our mission is to make quality eye care and eyewear affordable and accessible to all Americans. We achieve this by providing eye exams, eyeglasses and contact lenses to cost-conscious and low-income consumers. We deliver exceptional value and convenience to our customers, with an opening price point that strives to be among the lowest in the industry, enabled by our low-cost operating platform. We reach our customers through a diverse portfolio of 962 retail stores across five brands and 19 consumer websites as of April 1, 2017.

Our operations consist of two reportable segments:

- Owned & host As of April 1, 2017, our owned brands consisted of 546 America's Best retail stores and 104 Eyeglass World retail stores. In America's Best stores, vision care services are provided by optometrists employed by us or by independent professional corporations. America's Best stores are primarily located in high-traffic strip centers next to similar nationally-known discount retailers. Eyeglass World locations primarily feature independent optometrists who perform eye exams and on-site optical laboratories that enable stores to quickly fulfill customer orders and make repairs on site. Eyeglass World stores are primarily located in freestanding or in-suite locations near high-foot-traffic shopping centers. Our two host brands consisted of 56 Vista Optical locations on military bases and 29 Vista Optical locations within Fred Meyer stores as of April 1, 2017. We have strong, long-standing relationships with our host partners and have maintained each partnership for over 18 years. Both host brands compete within the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry. These brands also utilize our centralized laboratories and provide eye exams principally by independent optometrists in nearly all locations. This segment also includes sales from our four store websites, three of which are omni-channel.
- Legacy We managed the operations of, and supplied inventory and laboratory processing services to, 227 Vision Centers in Walmart retail locations as of April 1, 2017. Under our legacy agreement, our responsibilities include ordering and maintaining merchandise inventory, providing managers and staff at each location, training personnel, providing sales receipts to customers, owning and maintaining store furniture, fixtures and equipment, and developing annual operating budgets and reporting. We earn

National Vision Holdings, Inc. has requested confidential treatment of this registration statement and associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. management fees as a result of providing such services and we record revenue related to sales of products and product protection plans on a net basis. We also sell to our legacy partner merchandise that is stocked in retail locations we manage, and provide to our legacy partner centralized laboratory services associated with the manufacture of finished eyeglasses for our legacy partner's customers in stores that we manage. We lease space within or adjacent to each of the locations we manage and use this space for providing optometric examination services. During fiscal year 2016, sales to our legacy partner represented 12.7% of consolidated net revenue. This exposes us to concentration of customer risk. Our agreement with our legacy partner expires on August 23, 2020, and will automatically renew for a three-year period unless a party elects not to renew.

Our consolidated results also include other non-reportable segment activity, which includes:

- Our e-commerce platform of 15 dedicated websites managed by our wholly-owned subsidiary, AC Lens. Our e-commerce
  business consists of seven proprietary branded websites, including aclens.com and discountcontactlenses.com, and eight
  third-party websites with established retailers, such as Walmart, Sam's Club and Giant Eagle, and mid-sized vision
  insurance providers. AC Lens handles site management, customer relationship management and order fulfillment and also
  sells a wide variety of contact lenses, eyeglasses and eye care accessories.
- Managed care business conducted by FirstSight, our wholly-owned subsidiary that is licensed as a single-service health plan provider under California law, which arranges for the provision of optometric services at the optometric offices next to Eyeglass World, Walmart and Sam's Club stores throughout California, and also issues individual vision care benefit plans in connection with our America's Best operations in California.
- Unallocated corporate overhead expenses, which are a component of selling, general and administrative expenses and are
  comprised of various home office general and administrative expenses such as payroll expenses, occupancy costs, and
  consulting and professional fees. Corporate overhead expenses also include field supervision for stores included in our
  owned & host and legacy segments.

#### **Trends and Other Factors Affecting Our Business**

Various trends and other factors affect or have affected our operating results, including:

*New Store Openings.* We expect that new stores will be a key driver of growth in our net revenue and operating profit in the future. Our results of operations have been and will continue to be materially affected by the timing and number of new store openings. As stores mature, profitability increases significantly. The performance of new stores may vary depending on various factors such as the store opening date, the time of year of a particular opening, the amount of store opening costs, the amount of store occupancy costs and the location of the new store, including whether it is located in a new or existing market. For example, we typically incur higher than normal employee costs at the time of a new store opening associated with set-up and other opening costs. A new store is included in the comparable store sales calculation during the thirteenth full fiscal month following the store's opening. The multi-year maturation process of our stores is influenced by customer purchasing behavior in our industry, with consumers getting eye exams every 20 months on average and with a substantial majority of our customers being repeat buyers. Our planned store expansion will place increased demands on our operational, managerial, administrative and other resources. Managing our growth effectively will require us to continue to enhance our store management systems, financial and management controls and information systems. We will also be required to hire, train and retain store management and store personnel, which, together with increased marketing costs, affects our operating margins.

*Comparable Store Sales Growth.* Comparable store sales growth is a key driver of our business. Various factors affect comparable store sales, including:

- consumer preferences, buying trends and overall economic trends;
- the recurring nature of eye care purchases;
- our ability to identify and respond effectively to customer preferences and trends;
- our ability to provide an assortment of high quality/low cost product offerings that generate new and repeat visits to our stores;



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- the customer experience we provide in our stores;
- the availability of vision care professionals;
- our ability to source and receive products accurately and timely;
- changes in product pricing, including promotional activities;
- the number of items purchased per store visit; and
- the number of stores that have been in operation for more than 12 months.

*Managed Care and Insurance.* Managed care has become increasingly important to the optical retail industry. We have relationships with almost all vision care insurers in the United States and with all of the major carriers.

*Vision Care Professional Recruitment and Coverage.* Our ability to operate our stores is largely dependent upon our ability to attract and retain qualified vision care professionals, and to maintain our relationships with independent optometrists and professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners that provide vision care services in our stores.

**Overall Economic Trends.** Macroeconomic factors that may affect customer spending patterns, and thereby our results of operations, include employment rates, business conditions, changes in the housing market, the availability of credit, interest rates, tax rates and fuel and energy costs. However, eye care purchases are predominantly a medical necessity and are considered non-discretionary in nature. Therefore, the overall economic environment and related changes in consumer behavior have less of an impact on our business than for retailers in other industries. We also benefit from our low prices during periods of economic downturn and uncertainty.

*Consumer Preferences and Demand.* Our ability to maintain our appeal to existing customers and attract new customers depends on our ability to originate, develop and offer a compelling product assortment responsive to customer preferences and design trends. We estimate that optical consumers typically replace their eyeglasses every two to three years, while contact lens customers typically order new lenses every six to twelve months, reflecting the predictability of these recurring purchase behaviors. This is further demonstrated by the customer mix of our mature stores, with existing customers representing 68% of total customers in 2016 and new customers representing the remaining 32% of total customers in 2016.

*Infrastructure Investment.* Our historical results of operations reflect the impact of our ongoing investments in infrastructure to support our growth. We have made significant investments in information technology systems, supply chain systems and marketing. These investments include significant additions to our personnel, including experienced industry executives, management and merchandising teams to support our long-term growth objectives. We intend to continue making targeted investments in our infrastructure as necessary to support our growth.

*Pricing Strategy.* We are committed to providing our products to our customers at low prices. We generally employ a simple low price/high value strategy that consistently delivers savings to our customers without the need for extensive promotions.

*Our Ability to Source and Distribute Products Effectively.* Our revenue and operating income are affected by our ability to purchase our products in sufficient quantities at competitive prices. While we believe our vendors have adequate capacity to meet our current and anticipated demand, our level of revenue could be adversely affected in the event we face constraints in our supply chain, including the inability of our vendors to produce sufficient quantities of some merchandise in a manner that is able to match market demand from our customers, leading to lost revenue. We rely on a limited number of vendors to supply the majority of our eyeglass frames, eyeglass lenses and contact lenses, and are thus exposed to concentration of supplier risk. In particular, we have agreed to exclusively purchase almost all of our spectacle lenses from one supplier. During fiscal year 2016, two vendors supplied 44% of frames, two vendors provided 89% of lenses and three vendors supplied 94% of contact lenses.

*Inflation.* Our financial results can be expected to be directly impacted by substantial increases in product costs due to materials cost increases or general inflation which could lead to greater profitability pressure as costs may not be able to be passed on to consumers. To date, changes in materials prices and general inflation have not materially impacted our business.

*53rd Week.* Our full year 2014 consisted of 53 weeks. Fiscal years 2015 and 2016 each consisted of 52 weeks. The additional week of full year 2014 contributed approximately \$17.0 million of incremental net revenue.

Interim Results and Seasonality. Historically, our business has realized a higher portion of net revenue, operating income, and cash flows from operations in the first fiscal quarter, and a lower portion of net revenue, operating income, and cash flows from operations in the fourth fiscal quarter. The seasonally larger first quarter is attributable primarily to the timing of our customers' income tax refunds and annual health insurance program start/reset periods. Our target market, which consists of cost-conscious and low-income consumers, relies on tax refunds to pay for eyewear and eye care. A delay in the issuance of tax refunds can accordingly have a negative impact on our financial results. Consumers could also alter how they utilize tax refund proceeds. With respect to our fourth quarter results, compared to other retailers, our products and services are less likely to be included in consumer's holiday spending budgets, therefore reducing spending on personal vision correction during the weeks preceding December 25 of each year. Additionally, although the period between December 25 and the end of our fiscal year is typically a high-volume period, the net revenue associated with substantially all orders of prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses during that period is deferred until January due to our policy of recognizing revenue only after the product has been accepted by the customer (see "—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" for details relating to our revenue recognition policy), further contributing to higher first quarter results. Our quarterly results may also be affected by the timing of new store openings and store closings, the amount of sales contributed by new and existing stores, as well as the timing of certain holidays. As a result of these factors, our working capital requirements and demands on our product distribution and delivery network may fluctuate during the year.

*Competition.* The U.S. optical retail industry is highly competitive. Competition is generally based upon brand name recognition, price, selection, service, product quality and convenience. We operate within the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry, which emphasizes price and value. This segment is fragmented. We compete with mass merchants, specialty retail chains and independent eye practitioners and opticians. In the broader optical retail industry, we also compete with large national retailers such as, in alphabetical order, LensCrafters, Pearle Vision and Visionworks. This competition takes place both in physical retail locations and online.

*Consolidation in the Industry*. Recently announced mergers of large, global competitors will create organizations that are involved in virtually every sector of the optical industry, from retail and wholesale to frames, spectacle lenses, and managed vision care. These companies will benefit from purchasing advantages and by leveraging management capabilities across a larger revenue base. Recent trends indicate that national and regional optical retail chains are gaining market share from independent vision care providers, benefiting from economies of scale unavailable to smaller competitors.

#### How We Assess the Performance of our Business

We consider a variety of financial and operating measures in assessing the performance of our business. The key measures we use to determine how our business is performing are net revenue, costs applicable to revenue, and selling, general, and administrative expenses. In addition, we also review other important metrics such as store growth, comparable store sales and Adjusted EBITDA.

#### Net Revenue

We report as net revenue amounts generated in transactions with customers who are the end users of our products, services, and plans. Net product sales include sales of prescription and non-prescription eyewear, contact lenses, and related accessories to retail customers and sales of inventory in which our customer is another retail entity. Net sales of services and plans include eye exams, discount clubs membership fees, product protection plans (i.e. warranties), and HMO membership fees. Net sales of services and plans also includes fees we earn for managing certain Vision Centers located in Walmart stores, for laboratory services to Walmart, and fulfillment fees earned by AC Lens.

#### Costs Applicable to Revenue

Costs applicable to revenue include both costs of net product sales and costs of net sales of services and plans. Costs of net product sales include (i) costs to procure non-prescription eyewear, contact lenses, and accessories, which we purchase and sell in finished form, (ii) costs to manufacture finished prescription eyeglasses, including direct materials, labor, and overhead, and (iii) remake costs, warehousing and distribution expenses, and internal transfer costs. Costs of services and plans include costs associated with warranty programs, eye care and discount club memberships, HMO membership fees, eye care practitioner and exam technician payroll, taxes and benefits and optometric and other service costs. Customer tastes and preferences, product mix, changes in technology, significant increases or slowdowns in production, and other factors impact costs applicable to revenue. The components of our costs applicable to revenue may not be comparable to other retailers.

#### Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general, and administrative expenses, or SG&A, include store associate (including optician) payroll, taxes and benefits, store occupancy, advertising and promotion, field supervision, corporate support and other costs associated with the provision of vision care services. Non-capital expenditures associated with opening new stores, including rent, store remodels, marketing expenses, travel and relocation costs, and training costs, are recorded in SG&A as incurred. SG&A generally fluctuates consistently with revenue due to the variable store field office and corporate support costs; however, some fixed costs slightly improve as a percentage of net revenue as our net revenues grow over time.

### **New Store Openings**

The total number of new stores per year and the timing of store openings has, and will continue to have, an impact on our results as described above in "—Trends and Other Factors Affecting Our Business."

#### **Comparable Store Sales Growth**

We measure comparable store sales growth as the increase or decrease in sales recorded by the comparable store base in any reporting period, compared to sales recorded by the comparable store base in the prior reporting period, which we calculate as follows: (i) sales are recorded on a cash basis (i.e. when the order is placed and paid for, compared to when the order is delivered); (ii) stores are added to the calculation in their 13th full month; (iii) closed stores are removed from the calculation for time periods that are not comparable; (iv) sales from partial months of operation are ignored when stores do not open or close on the first day of the month; and (v) when applicable, we adjust for the effect of the 53rd week. There may be variations in the way in which some of our competitors and other retailers calculate comparable store sales. As a result, data in this prospectus regarding our comparable store sales may not be comparable to similar data made available by other retailers.

## Adjusted EBITDA

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss), plus interest expense, income tax provision (benefit) and depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted to exclude stock compensation expense, costs associated with debt refinancing, asset impairment, purchase accounting inventory adjustment, acquisition-related expenses, management fees, new store pre-opening expenses, non-cash rent and other expenses. Adjusted EBITDA is a key metric used by management to assess our financial performance. Adjusted EBITDA is also frequently used by analysts, investors and other interested parties. We use Adjusted EBITDA to supplement GAAP measures of performance to evaluate the effectiveness of our business strategies, to make budgeting decisions, to establish discretionary annual incentive compensation and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. For a reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP measure, see "Prospectus Summary—Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data."

#### **KKR** Acquisition

On March 13, 2014, majority ownership of the Company was transferred from private equity funds managed by Berkshire to affiliates of KKR. For the purpose of discussing our financial results, we refer to ourselves as the "Successor" in the periods following the KKR Acquisition and the "Predecessor" during the periods preceding the KKR Acquisition.



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All acquisition-related transactions were pushed down to National Vision Holdings, Inc. using purchase accounting. As a result, our consolidated financial statements for the periods prior to the KKR Acquisition are not comparable to those for the periods after the KKR Acquisition. The primary impact of the application of purchase accounting to the Successor was related to the following:

- Increase in the carrying values of inventory. The total step-up to fair value was \$6.2 million, resulting in incremental
  increases in costs of products as a percentage of product sales during the 2014 Successor period. The inventory step-up
  had no significant impact beyond the 2014 Successor period.
- Increase in the depreciable carrying values of property and equipment. The total step-up to fair value was \$40.2 million. However, in conjunction with acquisition accounting, the estimated useful lives of property and equipment were adjusted to reflect their remaining useful lives as of the acquisition date, resulting in an overall decrease of depreciation expense over comparable depreciation periods prior to and subsequent to the KKR Acquisition.
- Increase in the carrying values of amortizing intangible assets, primarily customer and contractual relationships, of \$106.2 million.
- Increase in the carrying value of tradenames of \$213.1 million. Tradenames are not amortized, and therefore adjustments to tradename values made in the KKR Acquisition had no impact on amortization expense. Instead, tradenames are evaluated annually for impairment.
- Goodwill of \$806.2 million. Goodwill is not amortized, and therefore goodwill recorded in the KKR Acquisition had no impact on amortization expense. Instead, goodwill is evaluated annually for impairment.
- Increase to long-term debt, resulting from the replacement of Predecessor credit agreements with new credit agreements. The increase in the long-term debt balance resulted in increases in interest expense, and to a lesser extent, amortization of related debt discounts.
- Decrease in the remaining carrying value of deferred revenue at KKR Acquisition of \$25.5 million. The decrease in the carrying value of deferred revenue resulted in a reduced amount of revenue associated with warranty plans, discount club memberships, and managed care memberships that could be recognized ratably over the remaining service period of approximately three years, with the majority of the revenue reductions occurring in the 2014 Successor period and fiscal year 2015.
- Net increase in deferred income tax liabilities of \$127.5 million, primarily the result of deferred income tax liabilities associated with intangible assets acquired.

The loss from operations of \$12.9 million and net loss of \$27.1 million during the 2014 Successor period was primarily the result of non-recurring acquisition-related expenses of \$13.7 million, \$6.0 million of new amortization expense related to \$100.0 million in new intangible assets identified during the KKR Acquisition, and stock compensation expense of \$7.1 million related to the 2014 stock incentive plan implemented in conjunction with the KKR Acquisition. However, stock compensation expense declined to \$6.6 million and \$4.3 million for fiscal years 2015 and 2016, respectively. The higher amortization expense related to customer relationships will continue until those assets are fully amortized.

Excluding the impact of previously described purchase accounting adjustments, the KKR Acquisition did not have a significant impact on the primary business operations of the Company, including the key measures that we use to determine how our business is performing, such as net revenue, costs applicable to revenue, SG&A, store growth, comparable store sales and Adjusted EBITDA.

## **Results of Operations**

The following tables summarize key components of our results of operations for the periods indicated, both in dollars and as a percentage of our net revenue.

		Predecessor				
(\$ in thousands, except percentage and store data)	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Revenue						
Net product sales	\$ 304,654	\$ 269,088	\$ 973,783	\$ 862,831	\$ 597,200	\$ 157,088
Net sales of services and plans	65,205	57,721	222,412	199,697	138,480	39,929
Total net revenue	369,859	326,809	1,196,195	1,062,528	735,680	197,017
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of						
depreciation and amortization)						
Products	121,033	103,660	390,369		266,627	67,785
Services and plans	44,775	38,877	154,412	137,206	99,849	25,409
Total costs applicable to revenue	165,808	142,537	544,781	491,100	366,476	93,194
Operating expenses						
Selling, general, and administrative expenses	149,804	131,721	524,238	474,053	331,475	79,133
Depreciation and amortization	14,423	12,540	51,993	44,069	31,566	7,267
Impairment of goodwill and other long-lived						
assets		52	7,132	7,716	4,672	—
Acquisition-related expenses	—	—		·	13,742	7,537
Other expense (income), net	102	274	1,667	913	691	(64)
Total operating expenses	164,329	144,587	585,030	526,751	382,146	93,873
Income (loss) from operations	39,722	39,685	66,384	44,677	(12,942)	9,950
Interest expense, net	11,492	9,896	39,092	36,741	26,823	4,757
Debt issuance costs	2,702			2,551		
Income (loss) before income taxes	25,528	29,789	27,292	5,385	(39,765)	5,193
Income tax provision (benefit)	8,458	11,935	12,534	1,768	(12,715)	2,061
Net income (loss)	\$ 17,070	\$ 17,854	\$ 14,758	\$ 3,617	\$ (27,050)	\$ 3,132
Operating data						
Comparable store sales	4.4%	5.99	% 6.1	% 9.0%	% 8.9%	2.9%
Number of stores open at end of period	962	882	943	858	792	756
New stores opened	21	24	86	70	40	12
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 58,906	\$ 55,476	\$ 137,774	\$ 112,585	\$ 55,653	\$ 26,447
			Successor			Predecessor
	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Total costs applicable to revenue	44.8%	43.6%	45.5%	46.2%	49.8%	47.3%
Selling, general, and administrative						
expenses	40.5%	40.3%	43.8%	44.6%	45.1%	40.2%
Total operating expenses	44.4%	44.2%	48.9%	49.6%	51.9%	47.6%
Income (loss) from operations	10.7%	12.1%	5.5%	4.2%	(1.8)%	5.1%
Net income (loss)	4.6%	5.5%	1.2%	0.3%	(3.7)%	1.6%
Operating data						
Adjusted EBITDA	15.9%	17.0%	11.5%	10.6%	7.6%	13.4%
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## Three Months Ended April 1, 2017 compared to Three Months Ended April 2, 2016

## Net revenue

The following presents, by segment and by brand, comparable store sales, stores open at the end of the period and net revenue for the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to the three months ended April 2, 2016.

	Compara sal		Stores oper peri			Net revenue					
(\$ in thousands, except percentage and store data)	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	April 1, 2017	April 2, 2016	1	Three Months April 1, 20		г	hree Months April 2, 20		
Owned & host segment											
America's Best	6.9%	9.2%	546	478	\$	235,791	64%	\$	201,581	62%	
Eyeglass World	3.9%	3.3%	104	96		41,219	11%		37,476	11%	
Military	(8.3)%	7.2%	56	52		6,644	2%		7,049	2%	
Fred Meyer	(4.5)%	(1.4)%	29	29		3,642	1%		3,813	1%	
Owned & host segment total			735	655	\$	287,296	78%	\$	249,919	76%	
Legacy segment	(2.8)%	(2.7)%	227	227		41,740	11%		42,349	13%	
Corporate/Other		—	—			47,732	13%		43,446	13%	
Reconciliations						(6,909)	(2)%		(8,905)	(2)%	
Total	4.4%	5.9%	962	882	\$	369,859	100%	\$	326,809	100%	

Total net revenue of \$369.9 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017 increased \$43.1 million, or 13.2%, from \$326.8 million for the three months ended April 2, 2016. This increase was driven approximately 55% by new stores, approximately 30% by comparable store sales growth and approximately 15% by order volume in our AC Lens business.

In the 12 months preceding April 1, 2017, we opened 83 new stores, including 71 new America's Best stores, eight new Eyeglass World stores and four new Vista Optical locations on military bases. Overall, store count grew 9.1% (net of three America's Best store closures in the 12 months ended April 1, 2017) from April 2, 2016 to April 1, 2017. Secondarily, comparable store sales growth of 4.4% contributed to our sales growth. Overall comparable store sales growth is driven primarily by comparable store sales growth in newer stores (stores opened between 13 months to five years) compared to mature stores (stores opened longer than five years), as well as other factors impacting retail foot traffic such as advertising and expansion of our participation in managed care programs. Net revenue for our owned & host segment grew \$37.4 million, or 15.0%, impacted by new and comparable store sales growth as previously described. Within our owned & host segment, net revenue from our Vista Optical locations on military bases declined \$0.4 million, or 5.7%, and net revenue from our Vista Optical locations in Fred Meyer stores declined \$0.2 million, or 4.5%. The declines were a result of the lower customer transaction volume in the three months ended April 1, 2017. Customer transaction volume also drove a \$0.6 million, or 1.4%, decline in our legacy segment. Other net revenue activities increased \$4.3 million, or 9.9%, driven by unit growth in our wholesale order fulfillment business. We believe that the Earned Income Tax Credit processing rules implemented by the federal government in 2017 caused a two- to three-week delay in many federal tax refunds in the three months ended April 1, 2017. This delay caused our store traffic, and ultimately net revenue, to fall short of planned levels. To a lesser extent, weather-related store closures also contributed to the decline in net revenue compared to our plan.

Net product sales increased \$35.6 million, or 13.2%, in the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to the three months ended April 2, 2016, driven primarily by strong eyeglass sales. To a lesser extent, unit growth in our wholesale order fulfillment business also contributed to the increase. Net sales of services and plans increased \$7.5 million, or 13.0%, driven primarily by strong eye exam sales in our owned & host segment. The eye exam increase was driven primarily by our expanding participation in managed care programs. To a lesser extent, Eyecare Club membership sales and warranty program sales, driven by increased sales in our America's Best brand, also contributed to the increase.

#### Costs applicable to revenue

Costs applicable to revenue of \$165.8 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017 increased \$23.3 million, or 16.3%, from \$142.5 million for the three months ended April 2, 2016. We analyze the costs applicable to revenue as a percentage of net revenue.

As a percentage of net revenue, costs applicable to revenue increased from 43.6% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 44.8% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. Costs of products as a percentage of net product sales increased from 38.5% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 39.7% for the three months ended April 1, 2017, primarily driven by unfavorable product cost. During the three months ended April 1, 2017, certain manufacturers increased prices, causing unfavorable impact in our wholesale margin and contact lens business. Additionally, in the three months ended April 1, 2017, we wrote off \$2.0 million of inventory related to a slow-moving contact lens product which had expired or would expire prior to possible sale. The mix of our wholesale product sales also contributed to the increased costs of products as a percentage of net product sales. Our wholesale order fulfillment units, which have a higher cost as a percentage of sales than other product categories, increased. Partially offsetting the unfavorable variances was a lower mix of contact lenses, which generate lower product margin compared to other product categories.

In the owned & host segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales increased from 28.2% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 28.6% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. The increase was primarily driven by online contact lens handling fees and inventory write-offs. Beginning in fiscal year 2017, AC Lens began charging online contact lens handling fees to our owned & host segment stores in support of our omni-channel initiative. Additionally, we wrote off certain expired or expiring contact lens inventory as described above. In the legacy segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales increased from 49.7% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 50.5% for the three months ended April 1, 2017, driven primarily by increased wholesale cost of sales, partially offset by favorable eyeglass product cost. The increase to wholesale cost of sales as a percentage of net product sales was a result of a one-time sale of eyeglass lens inventory at cost to our wholesale partner. The offsetting favorable eyeglass product cost was driven by the introduction of digital progressive lenses in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2016.

Costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans increased from 67.4% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 68.7% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. The increase was primarily driven by higher optometrist costs as a result of increased store coverage and overall wage pressure. Our optometrists were staffed in the three months ended April 1, 2017 in anticipation of our seasonally strong first quarter. When sales fell short of plan, we maintained optometrist staffing in anticipation of customer traffic recovery.

From a segment perspective, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans in the owned & host segment increased from 70.7% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 71.9% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. In the legacy segment, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans increased from 21.9% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 25.2% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. The increases in both the owned & host and legacy segments were driven by higher optometrist costs as a result of increased store coverage and overall wage pressure discussed above. Additionally, in the legacy segment, fixed optometrist labor costs paired with declining revenue also contributed to the increase.

## Selling, general, and administrative expenses

SG&A of \$149.8 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017 increased \$18.1 million, or 13.7%, from the comparable prior year period. As a percentage of net revenue, SG&A increased from 40.3% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 40.5% for the three months ended April 1, 2017. The increase as a percentage of net revenue was primarily driven by higher advertising expense and, to a lesser extent, store payroll expense, partially offset by lower corporate performance-based incentive compensation and stock option compensation expense. The increase to advertising expense as a percentage of net revenue is primarily driven by timing.

Our fiscal year 2017 planned advertising expense as a percentage of net revenue is in line with fiscal year 2016 results. However, the fiscal year 2017 spend is more heavily weighted to the first quarter. The weighting shift is a result of our launch of national advertising in the three months ended April 1, 2017, as well as adjustments to our advertising placement approach. Additionally, net revenue results that came in lower than the planned levels (due to the factors described above under "—*Net revenue*") also drove the increase in advertising

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Similarly, store payroll as a percentage of net revenue increased due to lower than anticipated store traffic. Our stores were fully staffed in the three months ended April 1, 2017 in anticipation of our seasonally strong first quarter. When sales fell short of plan, we maintained store staffing in anticipation of customer traffic recovery. We incurred lower performance-based incentive compensation expense as a percentage of net revenue in the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to the three months ended April 2, 2016 as a result of our actual sales performance compared to our planned levels. We recorded lower stock option compensation expense as a percentage of net revenue as a result of declining amortization of grant date fair value due to the use of graded vesting (i.e. accelerated method).

In the owned & host segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue was 36.1% for the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to 34.6% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 driven primarily by the shift in quarterly advertising expense timing and customer traffic shortfalls discussed above. To a lesser extent, store payroll also contributed to the increase, as discussed above. In the legacy segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue decreased from 30.9% for the three months ended April 2, 2016 to 30.5% for the three months ended April 1, 2017, driven primarily by decreases in store payroll.

## Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$14.4 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017 increased \$1.9 million, or 15.0%, from \$12.5 million for the three months ended April 2, 2016. The increase is substantially reflective of depreciation resulting from new store openings and other ongoing growth capital projects related to building our information technology, or IT, infrastructure, eyeglass manufacturing labs, and distribution centers. Our net property and equipment balance increased \$8.5 million, or 3.3%, during the three months ended April 1, 2017, reflective of \$18.9 million in purchases of property and equipment, \$1.9 million in new capital leases, less \$12.3 million in depreciation expense. New assets are out-pacing retirements by a significant margin and, therefore, we expect continued increases in depreciation expense for the foreseeable future as we continue to execute our growth strategy. See our summary of capital expenditures in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section below for further discussion.

### Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net, of \$11.5 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017 increased \$1.6 million, or 16.1%, from \$9.9 million for the three months ended April 2, 2016. On February 2, 2017, we declared a recapitalization dividend to our stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$175.0 million of incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement. The borrowing rate was consistent with the initial term loans under the first lien credit agreement. Interest expense, net, increased \$1.0 million resulting from the additional principal outstanding under the first lien credit agreement during the last two months of the first fiscal quarter of 2017. Additionally, we accrued \$0.6 million in additional interest expense during the three months ended April 1, 2017 related to interest payments due to counterparties associated with our derivative cash flow hedges. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" below for further discussion related to our derivative hedging instruments.

#### Debt issuance costs

We recorded \$2.7 million in fees associated with the incurrence of additional term loans under the first lien credit agreement discussed above during the three months ended April 1, 2017. No such transaction occurred in the three months ended April 2, 2016.

## Income tax provision

Our effective income tax rate, or ETR, was 33.1% during the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to 40.1% during the three months ended April 2, 2016 primarily reflected the 2016 expected combined statutory federal and state rate. During the three months ended April 1, 2017, our expected combined statutory federal and state rate. During the three months ended April 1, 2017, our expected combined statutory federal and state rate. During the three months ended April 1, 2017, our expected combined statutory federal and state rate was offset by a \$1.4 million income tax benefit (5.5%) resulting from the recapitalization dividend described in Note 5 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. Additionally, we recorded a \$0.2 million

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income tax benefit (0.8%) associated with the adoption of recently issued accounting guidance ASU 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, as discussed in Note 4 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

## Fiscal Year 2016 compared to Fiscal Year 2015

#### Net revenue

The following presents, by segment and by brand, comparable store sales, stores open at the end of the period and net revenue for fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015.

	Comparal sale		Stores op of pe		Net revenue						
(\$ in thousands, except percentage and store data)	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2015		Fiscal Year 2	016		Fiscal Year 2	015	
Owned & host segment											
America's Best	9.5%	11.4%	529	461	\$	714,431	60%	\$	601,241	57%	
Eyeglass World	4.5%	9.1%	102	93		133,979	11%		117,919	11%	
Military	1.6%	0.7%	56	48		26,444	2%		25,288	2%	
Fred Meyer	(1.7)%	2.4%	29	29		14,554	1%		14,877	1%	
Owned & host segment total			716	631	\$	889,408	74%	\$	759,325	71%	
Legacy segment	(2.2)%	4.1%	227	227		152,210	13%		155,013	15%	
Corporate/Other			_	_		168,616	14%		164,262	15%	
Reconciliations						(14,039)	(1)%		(16,072)	(1)%	
Total	6.1%	9.0%	943	858	\$	1,196,195	100%	\$	1,062,528	100%	

Total net revenue of \$1,196.2 million for fiscal year 2016 increased \$133.7 million, or 12.6%, from \$1,062.5 million for fiscal year 2015. This increase was driven approximately 50% by new stores, approximately 45% by comparable store sales growth and approximately 5% by increased AC Lens order volume paired with a decrease in recognized deferred revenue.

During fiscal year 2016, we opened 86 new stores, including 69 new America's Best stores, nine new Eyeglass World stores and eight new Vista Optical locations on military bases. Overall, store count grew 9.9% (net of one America's Best store closure in fiscal year 2016) from the end of fiscal year 2015 to the end of fiscal year 2016. Secondarily, comparable store sales growth of 6.1% contributed to our sales growth. Overall comparable store sales growth is driven primarily by comparable store sales growth in newer stores (store opened between 13 months to five years) compared to mature stores (stores opened longer than five years), as well as other factors impacting retail foot traffic such as advertising and expansion of our participation in managed care programs. Net revenue for our owned & host segment grew \$130.1 million, or 17.1%, impacted by new and comparable store sales growth as previously described. Within our owned & host segment, net revenue from our Vista Optical locations in Fred Meyer stores declined \$0.3 million, or 2.2%, as a result of lower overall customer transaction volume. Net revenue for our legacy segment decreased by \$2.8 million, or 1.8%, driven by customer transaction volume. Other net revenue activities increased \$4.4 million, or 2.7%, driven by unit growth in our wholesale order fulfillment business, partially offset by contractual rate concessions.

Net product sales increased \$111.0 million, or 12.9%, compared to fiscal year 2015, driven primarily by strong eyeglass sales. Net sales of services and plans increased \$22.7 million, or 11.4%, driven primarily by strong eye exam and Eyecare Club sales in our owned & host segment. The eye exam increase was driven primarily by our expanding participation in managed care programs. The increase in Eyecare Club sales was driven by increased sales in our America's Best brand.

### Costs applicable to revenue

Costs applicable to revenue of \$544.8 million for fiscal year 2016 increased \$53.7 million, or 10.9%, from \$491.1 million for fiscal year 2015. We analyze the costs applicable to revenue as a percentage of net revenue.

As a percentage of net revenue, costs applicable to revenue improved from 46.2% for fiscal year 2015 to 45.5% for fiscal year 2016. Costs of products as a percentage of net product sales improved from 41.0% for



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fiscal year 2015 to 40.1% for fiscal year 2016, primarily driven by favorable product mix. During fiscal year 2016 compared to the prior year, we sold a higher mix of eyeglasses, which generate higher product margin, compared to other product categories. Over the past few years, we have invested in new technology in our optical laboratories equipment, improving capacity and efficiency. Additionally, increased sales resulting from new stores and comparable store sales growth drove improved utilization of capacity and scale improvements in our optical laboratories.

In the owned & host segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales was 29.0% for both fiscal years 2015 and 2016. In the legacy segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales improved from 51.5% for fiscal year 2015 to 49.9% for fiscal year 2016, driven primarily by favorable eyeglass product mix.

Costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans increased from 68.7% for fiscal year 2015 to 69.4% for fiscal year 2016. The increase was primarily driven by higher optometrist costs in our legacy segment and warranty expense, partially offset by favorable HMO claims expense.

From a segment perspective, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans in the owned & host segment improved from 81.6% for fiscal year 2015 to 80.6% for fiscal year 2016, driven primarily by favorable optometrist wages, partially offset by unfavorable warranty expense and optometrist health care costs. In the legacy segment, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans increased from 18.4% for fiscal year 2015 to 20.6% for fiscal year 2016 driven primarily by fixed optometrist labor costs with declining revenue.

### Selling, general, and administrative expenses

SG&A of \$524.2 million for fiscal year 2016 increased \$50.2 million, or 10.6%, from fiscal year 2015. As a percentage of net revenue, SG&A improved from 44.6% for fiscal year 2015 to 43.8% for fiscal year 2016 driven primarily by a \$3.4 million expense incurred in fiscal year 2015 related to our agreement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and associated cash contributions promised over a three-year period. Stock option compensation expense and corporate performance-based incentive compensation also contributed to favorability as a percentage of net revenue. We recorded lower stock option compensation expense in fiscal year 2016 when compared to fiscal year 2015 as a result of declining amortization of grant date fair value due to the use of graded vesting (i.e. accelerated method). We incurred lower performance-based incentive compensation expense in fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. Unfavorable store associate wage pressure in fiscal year 2016 partially offset the favorable variances.

In the owned & host segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue was 38.7% for both fiscal years 2015 and 2016. In the legacy segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue increased from 34.1% for fiscal year 2015 to 34.8% for fiscal year 2016 driven primarily by fixed store associate labor costs paired with declining revenue.

During fiscal year 2015 and 2014, in order to support the growth in our business, we invested in headcount and related infrastructure at our corporate resource center driving higher SG&A costs as a percentage of net revenue compared to the previous year. This investment relative to net revenue growth subsided in fiscal year 2016. We generally expect slight decreases in SG&A as a percentage of net revenue given anticipated annual net revenue growth and our ongoing focus on cost containment.

## Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense of \$52.0 million for fiscal year 2016 increased \$7.9 million, or 18.0%, from \$44.1 million for fiscal year 2015. The increase is substantially reflective of depreciation resulting from new store openings, purchases of new information technology infrastructure, optical laboratories equipment and our expanded distribution center. Our property and equipment balance increased \$49.2 million on a net basis from 2015 to 2016, reflective of \$94.0 million in purchases of property and equipment, less \$42.8 million in depreciation expense, less \$2.0 million in impairment and other adjustments. New assets are out-pacing retirements by a significant margin and, therefore, we expect continued increases in depreciation expense for the foreseeable future as we continue to execute our growth strategy. See our summary of capital expenditures in the "Liquidity and Capital Resources" section below for further discussion.

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#### Impairment of goodwill and other long-lived assets

Impairment expenses of \$7.1 million were recorded for fiscal year 2016 compared to \$7.7 million for fiscal year 2015. See "—Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" below for details regarding specific testing performed on various long-lived assets. The majority of the impairment charges are associated with our AC Lens business, primarily as a result of competitive pressure in the e-commerce contact lens business. We recorded impairment charges of \$5.8 million related to AC Lens for fiscal year 2016. Impairment charges of \$1.2 million related to our retail store long-lived assets were recorded for fiscal year 2016, resulting from decreased cash flow projections at individual stores.

## Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net, of \$39.1 million for fiscal year 2016 increased \$2.4 million, or 6.4%, from \$36.7 million for fiscal year 2015. On June 1, 2015, we declared a recapitalization dividend to our stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$150.0 million of incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement. The borrowing rate was consistent with the initial term loans under the first lien credit agreement. Therefore, the increase in interest expense, net, is primarily the result of the additional principal outstanding under the first lien credit agreement for the entire fiscal year 2016, compared to fiscal year 2015, where the additional principal was only outstanding from June 1, 2015 to January 2, 2016.

#### Debt issuance costs

We recorded \$2.6 million in fees associated with the incurrence of additional term loans under the first lien credit agreement discussed above during fiscal year 2015. No such transaction occurred in fiscal year 2016.

#### *Income tax provision*

The ETR for fiscal year 2016 was 45.9%. The ETR for fiscal year 2015 was 32.8%. During fiscal year 2016 our income tax provision differed from the statutory rate as a result of \$1.0 million valuation allowance for deferred income tax assets recorded in association with cumulative losses on our equity method investment, and \$1.0 million income tax impact of non-deductible permanent items in the normal course of business, offset by \$0.5 million in federal employment credits. During fiscal year 2015, our income tax provision differed from the statutory rate primarily as a result of decreases in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and Federal employment credits, providing income tax benefits of \$0.5 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, offset by the impact to the provision of \$0.3 million related to non-deductible items.

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# Fiscal Year 2015 Compared to the Periods March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor) and December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor)

## Net revenue

The following presents by segment and brand comparable store sales, stores opened at the end of the period and net revenue for fiscal year 2015 compared to full year 2014.

	Compara sal		1	en at end eriod	 Net revenue				
(\$ in thousands, except percentage and store data)	Fiscal Year 2015	Full Year 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	Fiscal Year 2015	Full Year 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	 Fiscal Year 2	015	Full Year 2	2014 <sup>(1)</sup>	
Owned & host segment									
America's Best	11.4%	9.5%	461	407	\$ 601,241	57%	\$ 506,361	54%	
Eyeglass World	9.1%	7.1%	93	79	117,919	11%	105,461	11%	
Military	0.7%	(0.1)%	48	48	25,288	2%	25,486	3%	
Fred Meyer	2.4%	(3.2)%	29	30	14,877	1%	14,979	2%	
Owned & host segment total			631	564	\$ 759,325	71%	\$ 652,287	70%	
Legacy segment	4.1%	4.2%	227	227	155,013	15%	152,057	16%	
Corporate/Other	—	—	—	1	164,262	15%	156,953	17%	
Reconciliations		_			 (16,072)	(1)%	(28,600)	(3)%	
Total	9.0%	7.4%	858	792	\$ 1,062,528	100%	\$ 932,697	100%	

(1) Represents the combined results of the Predecessor and the Successor periods for full year 2014. This combination (excluding comparable store sales figures) was performed by mathematical addition and is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP. However, we believe it provides a meaningful method of comparison of net revenues for fiscal year 2015 to full year 2014. Revenue accounts were not impacted by the KKR Acquisition, except for the impact of an unfavorable purchase accounting adjustment to deferred revenue of \$25.5 million discussed above.

Total net revenue of \$1,062.5 million for fiscal year 2015 increased \$129.8 million, or 13.9% from \$932.7 million for full year 2014, including \$735.7 million in the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$197.0 million for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. This increase was driven approximately 60% by comparable store sales growth, approximately 40% by new stores and approximately 15% by increased AC Lens order volume paired with a decrease in recognized deferred revenue, partially offset by approximately 15% negative impact from the additional week in full year 2014, a 53-week fiscal year.

The increase in total net revenue from full year 2014 to fiscal year 2015 was primarily driven by comparable store sales growth. Comparable store sales were 9.0% for fiscal year 2015. Also contributing to net revenue growth was new store openings in our owned brands. During fiscal year 2015, we opened 70 new stores, including 56 new America's Best stores and 14 new Eyeglass World stores. Overall store count grew 8.3% (net of four closures of stores opened in previous years, including closures of two America's Best stores, one Vista Optical location within a Fred Meyer store and one in Other) from the end of the 2014 Successor period to the end of fiscal year 2015. The additional week in the 53-week full year 2014 generated incremental net revenue of approximately \$17.0 million, while fiscal year 2015 consisted of 52 weeks. Net revenue for our owned & host segment grew \$107.0 million, or 16.4%, impacted by new and comparable store sales as previously described. Net revenue for our legacy segment increased by \$3.0 million, or 1.9%, driven primarily by transaction volume. Other net revenue activities increased \$7.3 million, or 4.7%, primarily impacted by increased activity in our e-commerce and order fulfillment businesses.

The \$108.5 million, or 14.4%, increase in net product sales, compared to full year 2014, was primarily driven by strong eyeglass sales. Net sales of services and plans increased \$21.3 million, or 11.9%, compared to full year 2014, driven primarily by strong Eyecare Club and eye exam sales in our owned & host segment.

#### Costs applicable to revenue

Costs applicable to revenue were \$491.1 million for fiscal year 2015 compared to \$366.5 million for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$93.2 million for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. As a percentage of net revenue, costs applicable to revenue improved from 49.8% in the 2014 Successor period and

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47.3% for the 2014 Predecessor period to 46.2% for fiscal year 2015. Costs of products as a percentage of net product sales improved from 44.6% and 43.2% for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014, respectively, to 41.0% for fiscal year 2015. Compared to both the Successor and Predecessor periods, the improvement in fiscal year 2015 was driven primarily by favorable product cost and, to a lesser extent, favorable product mix. Favorable product cost was driven primarily by eyeglasses versus the 2014 Successor period and contact lenses and eyeglasses versus the 2014 Predecessor period. Compared to both the 2014 Successor and Predecessor periods, fiscal year 2015 favorable product mix was driven by a lower mix of sales of inventory to Walmart and Sam's Club.

In the owned & host segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales improved from 30.3% and 29.6% for the 2014 Successor period and the 2014 Predecessor period, respectively, to 29.0% for fiscal year 2015. Compared to the 2014 Successor period, the improvement was driven primarily by favorable eyeglass cost. Compared to the 2014 Predecessor period, the improvement was driven primarily by favorable contact lens cost. In the legacy segment, costs of products as a percentage of net product sales improved from 53.5% and 54.9% for the 2014 Successor period and the 2014 Predecessor period, respectively, to 51.5% for fiscal year 2015. Compared to both the 2014 Successor period and the 2014 Predecessor period, the improvement for fiscal year 2015 was driven primarily by favorable contact lens cost. Additionally, eyeglass product cost was favorable when comparing the 2014 Predecessor period to fiscal year 2015.

Costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans improved from 72.1% for the 2014 Successor period to 68.7% for fiscal year 2015 driven primarily by seasonality of optometrist payroll and benefits and, to a lesser extent, favorable warranty expense mix. Our optometrist payroll and benefits typically have a lower cost as a percentage of net sales and services in the first quarter of the year when our sales are highest. The 2014 Successor period did not include the benefit of the first two and a half months of the year while fiscal year 2015 results did include that benefit. As such, fiscal year 2015 costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans were lower. Costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans increased from 63.6% for the 2014 Predecessor period to 68.7% for fiscal year 2015 driven primarily by seasonality of optometrist payroll and benefits.

From a segment perspective, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans in the owned & host segment was 84.2% for the 2014 Successor period and 73.4% for the 2014 Predecessor period, compared to 81.6% for fiscal year 2015. The improvement in comparison to the 2014 Successor period and the increase in comparison to the 2014 Predecessor period were both driven primarily by seasonality of optometrist payroll and benefits. To a lesser extent, warranty expense mix was favorable for the 2015 fiscal year compared to the 2014 Successor period. In the legacy segment, costs of services and plans as a percentage of net sales of services and plans improved from 18.7% and 19.0% for the 2014 Successor period and the 2014 Predecessor period.

## Selling, general, and administrative expenses

SG&A was \$474.1 million for fiscal year 2015 compared to \$331.5 million for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$79.1 million for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. As a percentage of net revenue, SG&A was 44.6% for fiscal year 2015 compared to 45.1% for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and 40.2% for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. The improvement in SG&A as a percentage of net revenue between the Successor period and fiscal year 2015 was driven primarily by seasonality of our store associate (including optician) payroll and benefits and favorable stock-based compensation expense, partially offset by unfavorable advertising expense. Similar to the optometrist payroll and benefits seasonality described above, our store associate (including optician) payroll and benefits typically have a lower cost as a percentage of net sales in the first guarter of the year when our sales dollars are the highest. The 2014 Successor period did not include the benefit of the first two and a half months of the year while fiscal year 2015 results did include that benefit. As such, fiscal year 2015 SG&A as a percentage of net revenue were lower than in the 2014 Successor period. We recorded more stock option compensation expense as a percentage of net revenue in the 2014 Successor period compared to fiscal year 2015 due to the KKR Acquisition. Increased advertising expense as a percentage of net revenue was driven by a general strategic increase in TV and radio advertising as well as incremental costs associated with new advertising campaigns launched in late 2015 for both our America's Best and Eyeglass World retail brands. The increase in SG&A expense as a percentage of net revenue for fiscal year 2015 compared to the 2014 Predecessor period was driven primarily by seasonality of store associate (including optician) payroll and benefits. To a lesser extent, the increase was driven by corporate performance-based

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incentive compensation, an increase in fiscal year 2015 advertising spend associated with new advertising campaigns launched in late 2015 for both America's Best and Eyeglass World brands, unfavorable stock-based compensation expense, and unfavorable rent expense as a result of seasonality.

In the owned & host segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue was 39.1% for the 2014 Successor period and 35.0% for the 2014 Predecessor period compared to 38.7% for fiscal year 2015. The improvement compared to the 2014 Successor period and the increase compared to the 2014 Predecessor period were driven primarily by seasonality of store associate payroll and benefits and rent expense. Additionally, owned & host advertising expense as a percentage of net revenue increased in fiscal year 2015 in comparison to both the 2014 Successor period and the 2014 Predecessor period. In the legacy segment, SG&A as a percentage of net revenue was 34.5% in the 2014 Successor period and 31.2% in the 2014 Predecessor period compared to 34.1% in fiscal year 2015. The improvement compared to the 2014 Successor period was driven primarily by management fees. The increase compared to the 2014 Predecessor period was driven primarily by management fees.

## Depreciation and amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense was \$44.1 million for fiscal year 2015 compared to \$31.6 million for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$7.3 million for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. The increase is primarily the result of additional depreciation resulting from overall Company growth, including new stores, information technology infrastructure, optical laboratories equipment and our expanded distribution center. New assets are out-pacing retirements by a significant margin and therefore, we expect continued increases in depreciation expense for the foreseeable future as we continue to execute our growth strategy. Our property and equipment balance increased \$39.8 million on a net basis from January 3, 2015 to January 2, 2016, reflective of \$77.4 million in purchases of property and equipment, less \$34.9 million in depreciation expense, less impairment and other adjustments of \$2.7 million. In addition, as a result of the KKR Acquisition and the related application of purchase accounting, increases in the values of our amortizing intangible assets resulted in a \$1.5 million increase in amortization for fiscal year 2015 when compared to the 2014 Successor period.

## Impairment of goodwill and other long-lived assets

Impairment expenses of \$7.7 million were recorded for fiscal year 2015 compared to \$4.7 million for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$0 for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. Our annual impairment testing date is the first day of the fourth fiscal quarter, and therefore all impairment charges relating to the full year 2014 were recorded in the Successor period. The majority of the impairment charges are associated with goodwill. A goodwill impairment charge of \$4.8 million was recorded related to AC Lens for fiscal year 2015, primarily as a result of competitive pricing pressure in the wholesale fulfillment business. In addition, impairment charges of \$2.4 million were recorded at our retail store long-lived assets for fiscal year 2015, resulting from decreased cash flow projections at individual stores. A goodwill impairment charge of \$4.2 million was recorded at our Vista Optical within Fred Meyer brand for the 2014 Successor period, primarily as a result of decreases in long-range revenue projections from the date of the KKR Acquisition to the impairment measurement date.

#### Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net was \$36.7 million for fiscal year 2015 compared to \$26.8 million for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and \$4.8 million for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. On June 1, 2015, we declared a recapitalization dividend to our stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$150.0 million in incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement. The weighted average borrowing rate of 4.45% was unchanged as a result of the transaction. Therefore, the net increase in interest expense is the result of the additional principal outstanding under the first lien credit agreement from June 1, 2015 to January 2, 2016.

#### Debt issuance costs

We recorded \$2.6 million in fees associated with the incurrence of the additional term loans under the first lien credit agreement discussed above during fiscal year 2015. No such transaction occurred in the 2014 Successor or Predecessor periods.



#### Income tax provision (benefit)

The ETR for fiscal year 2015 was 32.8%. The ETR was 32.0% for the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 and 39.7% for the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. During the Successor period ended January 3, 2015, a non-deductible goodwill impairment of \$1.6 million and non-deductible transaction costs of \$1.9 million reduced our income tax benefit and therefore, since we were in a pre-tax loss position, our overall ETR was reduced when compared to the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014. See Note 7 in our consolidated financial statements for further details related to our income tax accounts, including deferred income taxes and other items impacting our income tax rate.

## **Non-GAAP Measures**

#### **Adjusted EBITDA**

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss), plus interest expense, income tax provision (benefit) and depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted to exclude stock compensation expense, costs associated with debt refinancing, asset impairment, purchase accounting inventory adjustment, acquisition-related expenses, management fees, new store pre-opening expenses, non-cash rent and other expenses.

Adjusted EBITDA has been presented in this prospectus as a supplemental measure of financial performance that is not required by, or presented in accordance with GAAP, because we believe it assists investors and analysts in comparing our operating performance across reporting periods on a consistent basis by excluding items that we do not believe are indicative of our core operating performance. Management believes Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors in highlighting trends in our core operating performance, while other measures can differ significantly depending on long-term strategic decisions regarding capital structure, the tax jurisdictions in which companies operate, and capital investments. We also use Adjusted EBITDA to supplement GAAP measures of performance in the evaluation of the effectiveness of our business strategies; to make budgeting decisions; to establish discretionary annual incentive compensation; and to compare our performance against that of other peer companies using similar measures. Management supplements GAAP results with non-GAAP financial measures to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone.

You are encouraged to evaluate these adjustments and the reasons we consider them appropriate for supplemental analysis. In evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA. There can be no assurance that we will not modify the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA following this offering, and any such modification may be material. Our presentations of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed to imply that our future results will be unaffected by any such adjustments. Management relies on our GAAP results in addition to using Adjusted EBITDA in a supplemental manner. Our measure of Adjusted EBITDA is not necessarily comparable to other similarly titled captions of other companies due to different methods of calculation.

Adjusted EBITDA is not a GAAP measure of our financial performance and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss) or income (loss) from operations as a measure of financial performance or cash flows provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity or any other performance measure derived in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for management's discretionary use, as it does not reflect certain cash requirements such as tax payments, debt service requirements, capital expenditures, store openings, and certain other cash costs that may recur in the future.

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The following table reconciles our net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented:

			Predecessor			
(\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended January 2, 2016	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Net income (loss)	\$ 17,070	\$ 17,854	\$ 14,758	\$ 3,617	\$ (27,050)	\$ 3,132
Plus:						
Interest expense	11,492	9,896	39,092	36,741	26,823	4,757
Income tax provision (benefit)	8,458	11,935	12,534	1,768	(12,715)	2,061
Depreciation and amortization	14,423	12,540	51,993	44,069	31,566	7,267
EBITDA	51,443	52,225	118,377	86,195	18,624	17,217
Stock compensation expense <sup>(a)</sup>	1,104	1,371	4,293	6,635	7,132	220
Debt issuance costs <sup>(b)</sup>	2,702	_		2,551	_	—
Asset impairment <sup>(c)</sup>	—	52	7,132	7,716	4,672	_
Purchase accounting inventory adjustment <sup>(d)</sup>	_	_		_	6,216	_
Acquisition-related expenses <sup>(e)</sup>	_	_	—		13,742	7,537
Management fees <sup>(f)</sup>	284	263	1,126	1,649	1,883	85
New store pre-opening expenses <sup>(g)</sup>	618	621	1,983	1,962	1,942	424
Non-cash rent <sup>(h)</sup>	358	527	1,343	1,233	(389)	103
Other <sup>(i)</sup>	2,397	417	3,520	4,644	1,831	861
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 58,906	\$ 55,476	\$ 137,774	\$ 112,585	\$ 55,653	\$ 26,447

(a) Non-cash charges related to stock-based compensation programs, which vary from period to period depending on the timing of awards.

(b) Fees associated with the borrowing of \$150.0 million in additional principal under our first lien credit agreement during the second fiscal quarter of 2015 and the borrowing of \$175.0 million in additional principal under our first lien credit agreement during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

(c) Non-cash charges related to impairment of long-lived assets, primarily goodwill in our Vista Optical in Fred Meyer brand and our AC Lens business.

(d) Reflects an inventory step-up resulting from the application of purchase accounting to the Successor, which is recorded in costs applicable to revenue in the statement of operations.

(e) Reflects expenses associated with the KKR Acquisition.

(f) Reflects management fees paid to our Sponsors in accordance with our monitoring agreements with them.

(g) Non-capital expenditures associated with opening new stores, including marketing and advertising, labor and cash occupancy expenses. We adjust for these costs to facilitate comparisons of store operating performance from period to period. We anticipate that we will continue to incur pre-opening cash expenses as we open new stores in the future.

(h) Consists of the non-cash portion of rent expense, which reflects the extent to which our straight-line rent expense recognized under GAAP exceeds or is less than our cash rent payments. The adjustment can vary depending on the average age of our lease portfolio, which has been impacted by our significant growth in recent years. For newer leases, our rent expense recognized typically exceeds our cash rent payments, while for more mature leases, rent expense recognized under GAAP is typically less than our cash rent payments.

(i) Other adjustments include amounts that management believes are not representative of our operating performance (amounts in brackets represent reductions in Adjusted EBITDA), including our share of losses on equity method investments of \$0.3 million, \$0.9 million, \$1.4 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million for the 2014 Successor period and fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; the amortization impact of the KKR Acquisition-related adjustments (e.g., fair value of leasehold interests) of \$(1.1) million, \$(1.3) million, \$(0.7) million, \$(0.3) million and \$(0.1) million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; expenses related to preparation for being an SEC registrant that were not directly attributable to this offering and therefore not charged to equity of \$0.1 million, \$0.5 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million for the 2014 Successor period, fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; differences between the timing of expense versus cash payments related to contributions to charitable organizations during fiscal year 2015 of \$3.0 million, \$(0.3) million and \$(0.3) million for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; costs of severance and relocation of \$0.2 million, \$0.5 million, \$1.1 million and \$0.3 million for the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017, respectively; costs of severance and relocation of \$0.2 million, \$0.5 million, \$1.1 million and \$0.3 million for the 2014 Predecessor period, the 2014 Successor period, the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and the three months ended April 2, 2016, respectively; non-cash write-down of property and equipment of \$0.5 million, \$1.2 million, \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million for the 2014 Predecesso

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- (j) Amortization of acquisition intangibles related to the additional expense incurred due to the increase in the carrying values of amortizing intangible assets as a result of the KKR Acquisition.
- (k) Represents the tax effect of the total adjustments at our estimated effective tax rate.

## **Quarterly Results of Operations**

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The following table sets forth our historical quarterly results of operations as well as certain operating data for each of our most recent nine fiscal quarters. This unaudited quarterly information (other than Adjusted EBITDA) has been prepared on the same basis as our annual audited financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, and includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary to present fairly the financial information for the fiscal quarters presented. This information should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto and unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto, each included elsewhere in this prospectus.

		Year 2017				Fiscal Ye	ar	2016						Fiscal Y	'ear	2015		
(\$ in thousands, except percentage and store data)	C	First Quarter	(	First Quarter		Second Quarter	(	Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter
Net revenue	\$	369,859	\$	326,809	\$	291,056	\$	301,216	\$	277,114	\$	292,613	\$	256,291	\$	269,951	\$	243,673
Income (loss) from operations Net income (loss)	\$ \$	39,722 17,070	\$ \$	39,685 17,854	\$ \$	15,733 3,582	\$ \$	7	\$ \$	(3,357) (9,704)	\$ \$	33,379 15,040	\$ \$	8,640 (1,555)	\$ \$	6,898 (1,673)	\$ \$	(4,240) (8,195)
Operating data				,		- ,		-,		(-) - )		-,		())		())		(-))
Comparable store sales		4.4%		5.9%		8.3%		3.7%		7.0%		8.3%		10.6%		8.8%		8.6%
Number of stores open at end of period		962		882		905		932		943		812		826		842		858
Percentage of annual results																		
Net revenue				27.3%		24.3%		25.2%		23.2%		27.5%		24.1%		25.4%		22.9%
Income (loss) from operations		_		59.8%		23.7%		21.6%		(5.1)%		74.7%		19.3%		15.4%		(9.5)%
Net income (loss)		—		121.0%		24.3%		20.5%		(65.8)%		415.8%		(43.0)%		(46.3)%		(226.6)%

See "—Non-GAAP Measures" above for a description of adjustments used to calculate Adjusted EBITDA and a reconciliation of net income (loss) to Adjusted EBITDA.

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	Year 2017		Fiscal Y	ear 2016			Fiscal Y	'ear 2015	
(\$ in thousands, except percentage data)	First Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Net income (loss)	\$ 17,070	\$ 17,854	\$ 3,582	\$ 3,026	\$ (9,704)	\$ 15,040	\$ (1,555)	\$ (1,673)	\$ (8,195)
Plus:									
Interest expense	11,492	9,896	9,754	9,728	9,714	8,313	8,922	9,643	9,863
Income tax provision (benefit)	8,458	11,935	2,430	1,561	(3,392)	10,028	(1,266)	(1,085)	(5,909)
Depreciation and amortization	14,423	12,540	12,481	13,217	13,755	10,544	10,543	11,142	11,840
EBITDA	51,443	52,225	28,247	27,532	10,373	43,925	16,644	18,027	7,599
Debt issuance costs	2,702						2,541	10	—
Stock compensation expense	1,104	1,371	1,083	854	985	2,117	1,382	1,386	1,750
Impairment	_	52	_	_	7,080	_	_	_	7,716
Acquisition adjustments	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Management fees	284	263	263	290	310	687	707	(61)	316
Pre-opening expenses	618	621	504	547	311	451	459	508	544
Non-cash rent	358	527	281	296	239	383	304	170	376
Other	2,397	417	242	1,219	1,642	299	511	3,740	94
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 58,906	\$ 55,476	\$ 30,620	\$ 30,738	\$ 20,940	\$ 47,862	\$ 22,548	\$ 23,780	\$ 18,395
Percentage of net revenue	15.9%	17.0%	10.5%	10.2%	7.6%	16.4%	8.8%	8.8%	7.5%
Percentage of annual Adjusted EBITDA	_	40.3%	22.2%	22.3%	15.2%	42.5%	20.0%	21.1%	16.4%

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We principally rely on cash flows from operations as our primary source of liquidity and, if needed, up to \$75.0 million in revolving loans under our revolving credit facility. Our primary cash needs are for inventory, payroll, store rent, capital expenditures associated with new stores and updating existing stores, as well as information technology and infrastructure, including our corporate office, distribution centers, and laboratories. The most significant components of our operating assets and liabilities are inventories, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other assets, accounts payable, other payables, and accrued expenses. Due to the seasonality of our revenue, any borrowings would generally occur in the fourth or first quarters as we prepare for our peak season, which is the first quarter. We believe that cash expected to be generated from operations and the availability of borrowings under the revolving credit facility will be sufficient for our working capital requirements, liquidity obligations, anticipated capital expenditures, and payments due under our existing credit facilities for at least the next 12 months.

As of April 1, 2017, we had \$29.9 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$69.5 million of additional availability under our revolving credit facility, which represents the full available amount under the revolving credit facility, less \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit.

We plan to spend approximately \$92.9 million in capital expenditures during fiscal year 2017, including approximately \$46 million in connection with our store growth and improvement plans, approximately \$23 million for labs, distribution centers, and optometric equipment, and approximately \$24 million for maintenance and infrastructure. We spent \$20.7 million in capital expenditures in the three months ended April 1, 2017. We estimate that approximately 80% of our planned capital spend is related to our expected growth (i.e. new stores, optometric equipment, additional capacity in our optical laboratories and distribution centers, and our IT infrastructure). We plan on opening at least 75 stores during fiscal year 2017. Our working capital requirements for inventory will increase as we continue to open additional stores. We primarily fund our working capital needs using cash provided by operations.

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The following table summarizes the net cash provided by (used for) operating activities, investing activities and financing activities for the periods indicated:

			Successor				 Predecessor
	Three Months Ended April 1,	Three Months Ended April 2,	Fiscal	Fiscal	From March 13, 2014 to January 3,	From December 29, 2013 to March 12,	
(\$ in thousands)	 2017	 2016	 Year 2016		Year 2015	 2015	 2014
Cash Flows Provided By							
(Used For):							
Operating activities	\$ 46,505	\$ 57,416	\$ 97,588	\$	83,131	\$ 17,996	\$ 31,008
Investing activities	(21,163)	(24,404)	(91,664)		(80,051)	(43,740)	(11,958)
Financing activities	 (375)	 (868)	 (6,574)		(4,317)	 7,130	 (28)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,967	\$ 32,144	\$ (650)	\$	(1,237)	\$ (18,614)	\$ 19,022

## Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities consists primarily of net income adjusted for non-cash items, including depreciation and amortization, asset impairment, deferred income taxes, non-cash stock option compensation and changes in operating assets and liabilities.

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$10.9 million, or 19.0%, during the three months ended April 1, 2017 compared to the three months ended April 2, 2016. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$46.5 million for the three months ended April 1, 2017, as non-cash items of \$30.1 million were combined with \$17.1 million of net income and minimal changes in operating assets and liabilities. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$57.4 million for the three months ended April 2, 2016, as non-cash items of \$27.2 million were combined with \$17.9 million of net income and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$12.3 million.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during the three months ended April 1, 2017 was primarily due to an increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$10.6 million and deferred and unearned revenues of \$6.3 million. Increases in accrued expenses and other liabilities is reflective of our growth as new stores are added monthly. We opened 21 new stores and closed two stores during the three months ended April 1, 2017. Liabilities for deferred and unearned revenues represent cash basis sales that are deferred until we meet our performance obligations to deliver products and provide services. Increases in deferred and unearned revenues are consistent with increased overall net revenue resulting from new stores and positive comparable store sales growth. These changes were partially offset by an increase in accounts receivable of \$6.5 million and decreases in accounts payable of \$9.4 million. Increases in accounts receivable primarily reflect our overall net revenue growth, and decreases in accounts payable reflect availability of cash to pay vendors. Increases in inventory are generally expected each period.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during the three months ended April 2, 2016 was primarily due to an increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$15.5 million and deferred and unearned revenues of \$8.8 million, partially offset by decreases in accounts payable of \$4.8 million, an increase in inventory of \$4.0 million, an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$1.9 million, and an increase in accounts receivable of \$1.3 million. Increases in inventory reflect our growth in sales of products, including product replenishment needs at existing stores and inventory needed to outfit new stores. Increases in prepaid expenses and other assets are reflective of scale increases that accompany store growth. We opened 24 new stores during the three months ended April 2, 2016, with no closures.

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$14.5 million, or 17.4%, during fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$97.6 million for fiscal year 2016, as non-cash items of \$79.5 million were combined with \$14.8 million of net income and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$3.3 million. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$83.1 million for fiscal year 2015, as non-cash items of \$66.3 million were combined with \$3.6 million of net income and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$13.2 million.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during fiscal year 2016 was due to an increase in deferred and unearned revenue of \$14.3 million, accounts payable of \$5.6 million, and accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$4.6 million, offset by an increase in inventories of \$12.1 million, accounts receivable of \$5.0 million, and prepaid expenses and other assets of \$4.1 million. Decreases in overall working capital and other assets and liabilities are generally expected from year to year, which is primarily driven by an increase in deferred and unearned revenues and accrued expenses and other liabilities. Consistent growth in the number of stores and positive comparable store sales has resulted in consistent increases in deferred and unearned revenue. We opened 86 new stores, with one closure during fiscal year 2016, which also drove an increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities as our scale increases with store growth. Increases in accounts receivable and inventories from year to year are also reflective of our growth as new stores are added. Decreases in accounts payable primarily reflect availability of cash to pay vendors.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during fiscal year 2015 was due to an increase in deferred and unearned revenue of \$16.2 million and accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$13.2 million, offset by an increase in inventories of \$8.6 million, accounts receivable of \$3.0 million, and prepaid expenses and other assets of \$4.6 million. Consistent with 2016 discussed above, growth in the number of stores and positive comparable store sales growth is the primary driver of the change in working capital and other assets and liabilities. We opened 70 new stores and closed four stores during fiscal year 2015.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$83.1 million for fiscal year 2015, as non-cash items of \$66.3 million were combined with \$3.6 million of net income and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$13.2 million. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$18.0 million in the 2014 Successor period, as non-cash items of \$35.0 million were combined with a \$27.1 million net loss and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$10.1 million. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$31.0 million in the 2014 Predecessor period, as non-cash items of \$7.4 million were combined with a \$3.1 million of net income and a decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities of \$20.5 million.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during the 2014 Successor period was due to an increase in deferred and unearned revenue of \$17.5 million and accounts payable of \$11.6 million, offset by decreases in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$7.5 million, an increase in inventories of \$2.8 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$4.2 million, and an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$4.5 million. Consistent with fiscal year 2015 discussed above, growth in the number of stores and positive comparable store sales growth is the primary driver of the change in working capital and other assets and liabilities. We opened 40 new stores and closed four stores during the 2014 Successor period. We generally expect increases in accrued expenses and other liabilities as we grow. However, the decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities was due to preservation of cash immediately preceding the KKR Acquisition, and the availability of cash to pay down of vendors subsequent to the KKR Acquisition. As noted below, accrued expenses and other liabilities increased \$28.6 million during the 2014 Predecessor period, which we substantially paid down during the 2014 Successor period.

The decrease in net working capital and other assets and liabilities during the 2014 Predecessor period was due to an increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$28.6 million and deferred and unearned revenue of \$10.9 million, offset by decreases in accounts payable of \$6.1 million, an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$6.4 million, an increase of inventories of \$4.6 million, and an increase in accounts receivable of \$1.8 million. Consistent with 2015 and Successor period discussed above, growth in the number of stores and positive comparable store sales growth is the primary driver of the change in working capital and other assets and liabilities. We opened 12 new stores and closed one store during the 2014 Predecessor period.

#### Net Cash Used for Investing Activities

Net cash used for investing activities decreased by \$3.2 million, to \$21.2 million, during the three months ended April 1, 2017 from \$24.4 million during the three months ended April 2, 2016. The change in cash used for investing activities included a decrease of \$2.7 million in purchases of property and equipment driven by timing of purchases. In addition, during the three months ended April 2, 2016, we purchased an investment for \$1.0 million that did not recur during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

Net cash used for investing activities increased by \$11.6 million, to \$91.7 million, during fiscal year 2016 from \$80.1 million during fiscal year 2015. The change in cash used for investing activities included an increase of \$12.9 million in purchases of property and equipment to support our growth, including new stores,

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improvements to our optical laboratories and distribution centers, and continued development of our IT infrastructure. Offsetting the increase in capital expenditures was a decrease of \$1.9 million in purchases of investments from fiscal year 2015 to fiscal year 2016.

Net cash used for investing activities was \$80.1 million, \$43.7 million, and \$12.0 million for fiscal year 2015, the 2014 Successor period, and the 2014 Predecessor period, respectively. The increase in cash used for investing activities was the result of increasing purchases of property and equipment, which were \$77.2 million during fiscal year 2015 compared to \$40.5 million and \$11.5 million during the 2014 Successor and Predecessor periods, respectively. We opened 70 new stores during fiscal year 2015, compared to 40 and 12 new stores during the 2014 Successor and Predecessor periods, respectively. To a lesser extent, we also increased capital spending for our optical laboratories and distribution centers, maintenance of existing stores and equipment, and new optometric equipment.

## Net Cash (Used for) Provided by Financing Activities

Net cash used for financing activities decreased by \$0.5 million, to \$0.4 million, during the three months ended April 1, 2017 from \$0.9 million during the three months ended April 2, 2016. The primary driver of the overall cash used for financing activities was quarterly principal payments required under our first lien credit agreement. We paid \$2.1 million and \$1.6 million in principal payments during the three months ended April 1, 2017 and April 2, 2016, respectively. This was partially offset by \$1.9 million and \$0.9 million in proceeds related to the exercise of stock options during the three months ended April 2, 2016, respectively. This was partially offset by \$1.9 million and \$0.9 million in proceeds related to the exercise of stock options during the three months ended April 2, 2016, respectively. Also, on February 2, 2017, we declared a recapitalization dividend to our stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$175.0 million of incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement. Proceeds from the additional first lien term loans were \$173.7 million, net of discounts and fees, offset by the dividend payment of \$171.0 million and \$2.7 million in debt issuance costs. No such transaction occurred in the three months ended April 2, 2016.

Net cash used for financing activities increased by \$2.3 million, to \$6.6 million, during fiscal year 2016 from \$4.3 million during fiscal year 2015. The primary driver of the overall cash used for financing activities is quarterly principal payments required under our first lien credit agreement. We paid \$6.5 million and \$6.1 million in principal payments during fiscal years 2016 and 2015, respectively. Also, on June 1, 2015, we declared a recapitalization dividend to our stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$150.0 million of incremental term loans under our first lien credit agreement. Proceeds from the additional first lien term loans were \$145.6 million net of discounts and fees, offset by the dividend payment of \$145.7 million. No such transaction occurred in fiscal year 2016. The increase in net cash used for financing activities in fiscal year 2016 was most significantly the result of a decrease of \$1.4 million in net cash provided by transactions in our outstanding equity, including purchases of stock by employees, exercises of stock options by employees, and the related income tax benefit of stock option exercises.

Net cash used for financing activities was \$4.3 million in fiscal year 2015, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$7.1 million during the 2014 Successor period and net cash used for financing activities of \$28,000 during the 2014 Predecessor period. Net cash used during fiscal year 2015 was primarily driven by \$6.1 million in principal payments required on our first lien credit agreement. Cash provided by transactions on our outstanding equity, including purchases of stock by employees, exercises of stock options by employees, and the related income tax benefit of stock option exercises offset debt principal payments by \$2.3 million. Except for \$0.1 million in payments on capital lease obligations, cash provided by financing activities in the 2014 Successor period was primarily related to financing the KKR Acquisition, including \$624.5 million in proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, \$429.2 million in cash contributions from affiliates of KKR at KKR Acquisition, offset by \$646.5 million used to purchase predecessor stock at KKR Acquisition, \$295.8 million to pay off our previously outstanding term loan, \$56.3 million paid to holders of predecessor stock options, \$30.0 million in the KKR Acquisition transaction costs, and \$17.9 million in deferred financing costs.

#### Debt

In connection with the KKR Acquisition, we repaid our previously outstanding term loan on March 13, 2014 and entered into a new first lien credit agreement and a new second lien credit agreement. Our borrowings under the first lien credit agreement consist of \$500.0 million initial term loans incurred in March 2014 and \$325.0 million of incremental term loans, \$150.0 million of which was incurred in May 2015 and \$175.0 million

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of which was incurred in February 2017, each maturing on March 13, 2021. The description of our first lien term loans below gives effect to both May 2015 and February 2017 incremental term loans. The first lien credit agreement also provides for a \$75.0 million revolving credit facility, which matures on March 13, 2019. A portion of the revolving credit facility is available for letters of credit and swingline loans. The second lien credit agreement provides for \$125.0 million term loan facility that matures on March 13, 2022.

The following table sets forth the amounts owed under our first lien credit agreement and our second lien credit agreement, the effective interest rates on such outstanding amounts, and the amount available for additional borrowing thereunder, as of April 1, 2017:

(\$ in thousands)	Effective Interest Rate	Amount Outstanding	vailable for Borrowing
First lien term loans	4.00%	\$ 806,520	
First lien revolving credit facility	4.00%	—	\$ 69,500(1)
Second lien term loans	6.75%	125,000	 
Total		\$ 931,520	\$ 69,500

(1) At April 1, 2017, the amount available under our revolving credit facility reflected a reduction of \$5.5 million of letters of credit.

The first lien term loans bear interest, at our election, at either 2.0% over "ABR" (as defined below) or 3.0% over the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR. The second lien term loans bear interest, at our election, at either 4.75% over ABR or 5.75% over LIBOR. In both the first lien and second lien credit agreements, ABR is defined as the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.5%, (ii) the prime rate of interest quoted by the respective administrative agents, or (iii) 30-day LIBOR plus 1.0%. Further, in both the first lien and second lien credit agreements, ABR may not be less than 2.0% and LIBOR may not be less than 1.0%.

The first lien credit agreement is payable in equal installments of \$2.1 million on the last business day of each of our fiscal quarters. Commencing in 2015, we are required to prepay an amount equal to 50% of the preceding fiscal year's excess cash flow, as defined in the first lien credit agreement. The required prepayment is reduced to 25% of the preceding year's excess cash flow if our consolidated earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization, or Credit Agreement EBITDA, ratio, as defined in the agreement, is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00. No prepayment is required if such ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00. We have not been required to make a prepayment related to our current first lien credit agreement.

No principal payments are required under the second lien credit agreement until all of our obligations under the first lien credit agreement have been discharged.

Amounts borrowed under the revolving credit facility bear interest, at our election, at either 2.0% over ABR or 3.0% over LIBOR. These interest rate spreads will decline to 1.75% and 2.75%, respectively, if our consolidated Credit Agreement EBITDA ratio declines to 4.25 to 1.00 or less, and further decline to 1.50% and 2.50%, respectively, if such ratio declines to 3.75 to 1.00 or less. We may use up to \$20 million of the revolving credit facility to issue letters of credit. Letter of credit fees are charged at the same rate as the then-applicable LIBOR spread for revolving loans. As of April 1, 2017, we had no outstanding revolving loan obligation and had \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit related to the revolving credit facility. Our first lien credit agreement also provides that, if aggregate borrowings (inclusive of certain letters of credit) under our revolving credit facility exceed 30% of the total revolving commitment, the ratio of debt under our first lien credit agreement to Credit Agreement EBITDA may not, on the last day of the applicable measurement period, exceed 7.75 to 1.00.

The first lien and second lien credit agreements contain covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur additional debt, create liens against our assets, make acquisitions, pay dividends or distributions on our stock, merge or consolidate with another entity and transfer or sell assets. For a further description of our credit agreements, see "Description of Indebtedness."

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#### Interest rate derivatives

We are a party to three pay-fixed and receive-floating interest rate swap agreements to offset the variability of cash flows in LIBOR-indexed debt interest payments attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate from March 13, 2017 to March 13, 2021 related to our first lien credit agreement and second lien credit agreement.

We recognize as assets or liabilities at fair value the estimated amounts we would receive or pay upon a termination of interest rate swaps prior to their scheduled expiration dates. The fair value was based on information that is model-driven and whose inputs were observable. Our cash flow hedge position related to interest rate derivative contracts is as follows (Successor):

(\$ in thousands)	Notional Amount	Final Maturity Date	pay a	Other ables and ccrued spenses	li	Other abilities	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax
As of April 1, 2017	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$	9,765	\$	14,301	\$ 14,760
As of December 31, 2016	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$	8,218	\$	15,518	\$ 14,556
As of January 2, 2016	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$	_	\$	18,620	\$ 11,284
As of January 3, 2015	\$ 400,000	March 2021	\$		\$	11.555	\$ 7,056

We designated these swap agreements as cash flow hedges at inception. Changes in the cash flows of each derivative are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest payments on a principal balance equal to the derivative's notional amount, attributable to the hedged risk. We have not had any ineffectiveness related to these instruments since inception.

We are required to net settle monthly with counterparties beginning in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. These settlements will result in the reclassification into earnings of losses that are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. See Notes 3 and 11 in the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus for further details relating to amounts reclassified or expected to be reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income into earnings for the three months ended April 1, 2017.

#### **Capital Expenditures**

(\$ in thousands)	irst Fiscal Quarter 2017	F	Fiscal Year 2016	1	Fiscal Year 2015	Full Year 2014 <sup>(1)</sup>
New stores (owned brands)	\$ 10,303	\$	41,509	\$	33,281	\$ 27,042
Laboratories, distribution centers and optometric						
equipment	5,040		17,996		15,264	7,592
Maintenance and infrastructure	5,360		30,521		28,612	17,387
Total	\$ 20,703	\$	90,026	\$	77,157	\$ 52,021

(1) Represents the combined capital expenditures of the Predecessor and the Successor periods for the full year 2014. This combination was performed by mathematical addition and is not a presentation made in accordance with GAAP. However, we believe it provides a meaningful method of comparison of capital expenditures for the full year 2014 to the other periods presented.

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## **Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments**

As of April 1, 2017, our lease commitments and contractual obligations are as follows:

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(\$ in thousands)	2017		 2018	 2019	 2020	 2021	Т	hereafter		Total
Term loans <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	6,235	\$ 8,315	\$ 8,315	\$ 8,315	\$ 775,340	\$	125,000	\$	931,520
Revolving credit facility <sup>(b)</sup>		_	_	_	_	_		_		_
Estimated interest <sup>(c)</sup>		39,875	51,983	50,503	49,496	17,769		1,922		211,548
Non-cancelable operating										
leases <sup>(d)</sup>		54,385	59,299	48,609	36,607	22,844		50,906		272,650
Capital leases <sup>(e)</sup>		1,076	1,355	877	567	449		1,986		6,310
Other commitments <sup>(f)</sup>		2,950	4,300	3,300	_	_		_		10,550
Total	\$	104,521	\$ 125,252	\$ 111,604	\$ 94,985	\$ 816,402	\$	179,814	\$1	,432,578

(a) The first lien credit agreement is payable in equal installments of \$2.1 million on the last business day of each of our fiscal quarters. No principal payments are required under the second lien credit agreement until all of our obligations under the first lien credit agreement have been discharged.

(b) As of April 1, 2017, we had no outstanding revolving loan obligation and had \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit under our first lien revolving credit facility.

(c) We have estimated our interest payments on our term loans based on our current interest elections described in "Liquidity and Capital Resources." Amounts and timing may be different from our estimated interest payments due to potential voluntary prepayments, borrowings and interest rate fluctuations. Contractual obligations include the impact of the Company's interest rate swaps based on LIBOR as of April 1, 2017.

(d) We lease our retail stores, optometric examination offices, distribution centers, office space, and all of our optical laboratories with the exception of our St. Cloud, Minnesota lab, which we own. The vast majority of our leases are classified as operating leases under current accounting guidance. Although rent expense on operating leases is recorded in SG&A on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, contractual obligations above represent required cash payments.

(e) For leases classified as capital leases, the capital lease asset is recorded as property and equipment and a corresponding amount is recorded as a long-term debt obligation in the consolidated balance sheets at an amount equal to the lesser of the net present value of minimum lease payments to be made over the lease term or the fair value of the property being leased. We allocate each lease payment between a reduction of the lease obligation and interest expense using the effective interest method. Capital lease amounts above represent required contractual cash payments in the periods presented.

(f) Other commitments include contributions made to our philanthropic endeavors and marketing and promotional agreements.

## **Off-balance Sheet Arrangements**

We follow U.S. GAAP in making the determination as to whether or not to record an asset or liability related to our arrangements with third parties. Consistent with current accounting guidance, we do not record an asset or liability associated with operating leases or with long-term marketing and promotional commitments. We have disclosed the amount of future commitments associated with these items in our consolidated financial statements. We are not a party to any other off-balance sheet arrangements.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect amounts reported in our consolidated financial statements and related notes, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Management evaluates our accounting policies, estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

Management evaluated the development and selection of our critical accounting policies and estimates and believes that the following involve a higher degree of judgment or complexity and are most significant to reporting our results of operations and financial position, and are therefore discussed as critical. The following critical accounting policies reflect the significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. With respect to critical accounting policies, even a relatively minor variance between actual and expected experience can potentially have a materially favorable or unfavorable impact on subsequent results of operations. More information on all of our significant accounting policies can be found in Note 1, *Business and Significant Accounting Policies*, to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment, or P&E, is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. When we retire or otherwise dispose of P&E, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and record any gain or loss on sale of such assets. Major replacements, remodeling, or betterments are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed.

### Goodwill and intangible assets

Indefinite-lived, non-amortizing intangible assets include goodwill and our tradenames. Goodwill and tradenames are not amortized and are evaluated annually for impairment.

Definite-lived, amortizing intangible assets primarily consist of our contracts and relationships with certain retailers, and also our customer database tool. We amortize definite-lived identifiable intangible assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, ranging from four to 23 years.

## Fair Value Measurement of Assets and Liabilities (Non-Recurring Basis)

Non-financial assets such as P&E, intangible assets, and goodwill are subject to nonrecurring fair value measurements if impairment indicators are present. Factors we consider important that could trigger an impairment review include a significant under-performance relative to expected operating results, a significant or adverse change in customer business climate, or a significant negative industry or economic trend.

## Impairment of P&E

We evaluate long-lived tangible store assets at an individual store level, which is the lowest level at which independent cash flows can be identified, when events or conditions indicate the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. If the store's projected undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the related assets over the remaining useful life are less than the carrying value of the related assets, we measure impairment based on a discounted cash flow model (Level 3 inputs) and record an impairment loss as the difference between carrying value and estimated fair value.

We assess non-store tangible assets, including capitalized software costs in use or under development, for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable.

### Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets

If impairment indicators related to amortizing intangible assets are present, we estimate cash flows expected to be generated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets based on current projections. If the projected undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the related assets, we measure impairment as the difference in carrying value and estimated fair value calculated using a discounted cash flow model.

We evaluate non-amortizing tradenames for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that those assets may be impaired. We use the relief-from-royalty method in our evaluations, whereby an estimated royalty rate is determined based on comparable licensing arrangements which is applied to the revenue projections for the applicable indefinite-lived tradename, and the estimated fair value is calculated using a discounted cash flow analysis. We record an impairment loss as the excess of carrying value over estimated fair value.

Historically, we have utilized a two-step process to test goodwill for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate goodwill may be impaired. We consider each of our operating segments to be separate reporting units. We calculate the fair value of our reporting units primarily utilizing the income approach. The income approach is based on a discounted cash flow analysis and calculates the fair value of reporting units by estimating after-tax cash flows attributable to the reporting units and then discounting the after-tax cash flows using the weighted average cost of capital. The cash flows utilized in the discounted cash flow analysis are based on financial forecasts developed internally by management and require significant judgment. In the first quarter 2017, we adopted new guidance that eliminates the second step in the goodwill impairment analysis. Accordingly, our policy now requires us to record goodwill impairment in an amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value not to exceed the carrying value of goodwill.

#### Revenue Recognition

Product revenues include sales of prescription and non-prescription eyewear, contact lenses and related accessories to retail customers and sales of inventory in which our customer is another retail entity. Revenues from services and plans include eye exams, discount club membership fees, product protection plans (i.e. warranties) and HMO membership fees. Service revenue also includes fees we earn for managing certain Vision Centers located in Walmart stores, for laboratory services to Walmart, and fulfillment fees earned by AC Lens.

Our retail customers generally make payments for prescription eyewear products at the time they place an order. Amounts we collect in advance for undelivered merchandise are reported as unearned revenue. Unearned revenue at the end of a reporting period is estimated based on delivery times throughout the concurrent month and generally ranges from four to ten days. For sales of instore non-prescription eyewear and related accessories, and paid eye exams, we generally recognize revenue at the point of sale. Revenue is recognized net of sales taxes and returns. The returns allowance is based on historical return patterns.

Under our legacy agreements, we earn management fees as a result of providing services to our legacy partner.

At our America's Best brand, our lead offer is two pairs of eyeglasses and a free eye exam for one low price ("two-pair deal"). We concluded the offer represents a multiple element arrangement. We have determined that the eye examinations sold to our America's Best customers within its two-pair deal represent a separate unit of accounting. However, the arrangement with the customer requires delivery of acceptable prescription eyeglasses, otherwise we refund the entire price of the two-pair deal. As a result, we do not allocate revenue to the eye exam associated with the two-pair deal, and we record all revenue associated with the two-pair deal in net product sales when the customer has received and accepted the product.

We offer extended warranty plans that generally provide for repair and replacement of eyeglasses for a one- or two-year period after purchase. We offer three- and five-year service programs to our contact lens customers. In California, we offer 12-month HMO memberships through our subsidiary, FirstSight. We recognize service revenue under these programs on a straight-line basis over the warranty or service period. Amounts collected in advance for these programs are reported as deferred revenue.

## Leases

We lease our owned & host stores, optometric examination offices, distribution centers, vehicles, office space and optical laboratories, with the exception of our St. Cloud, Minnesota lab, which we own. Rent expense on operating leases is recorded in SG&A on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, commencing on the date we take possession of the leased property. Generally, we are required to pay base rent, real estate taxes, maintenance and insurance. Certain of our lease agreements include rent holidays and rent escalation provisions and may include contingent rent provisions for percentage of sales in excess of specified levels. We recognize rent holidays, including the time period during which we have control of the property prior to the opening of the store, as well as escalating rent provisions, as deferred rent expense and amortize these balances on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

For leases classified as capital leases, the capital lease asset is recorded as P&E and a corresponding amount is recorded as a long-term debt obligation at an amount equal to the lesser of the net present value of minimum lease payments to be made over the lease term or the fair value of the property being leased. We allocate each lease payment between a reduction of the lease obligation and interest expense using the effective interest method.

Tenant improvement allowances, or TIAs, are contractual amounts received by a lessee from a lessor for improvements made to leased properties by the lessee, and are amortized against rent expense over the life of the respective leases.

In the event a leased store is closed before the expiration of the associated lease, the discounted remaining lease obligation less estimated sublease rental income, asset impairment charges related to improvements and fixtures, inventory write-downs, and other miscellaneous closing costs associated with the disposal activity are recognized when the store closes.

#### Income Taxes

We account for deferred income taxes based on the asset and liability method. We must make certain estimates and judgments in determining income tax expense. We are required to determine the aggregate amount of income tax expense to accrue and the amount which will be currently payable or refundable based upon tax statutes of each jurisdiction in which we do business. Deferred income taxes are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets also include future tax benefits to be derived from the utilization of tax loss carry-forwards and application of certain carry-forward credits. The net carrying amount of deferred income tax assets and liabilities is recorded in non-current deferred income tax liabilities.

Deferred income taxes are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which those differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred taxes from a change in the tax rate is recognized through continuing operations in the period that includes the enactment of the change. Changes in tax laws and rates could affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities in the future.

A valuation allowance is recorded if it is more-likely-than-not that some portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Valuation allowances are released as positive evidence of future taxable income sufficient to realize the underlying deferred tax assets becomes available.

We establish a liability for tax positions for which there is uncertainty as to whether the position will ultimately be sustained. We assess our tax positions by determining whether it is more-likely-than-not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by the appropriate taxing authorities, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation, based solely on the technical merits of the position. These calculations and assessments involve estimates and judgments because the ultimate tax outcomes are uncertain and future events are unpredictable.

## Inventories

The cost of inventory is determined using the weighted average cost method. Inventories at retail stores are comprised of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or estimated net realizable value, or NRV. Manufacturing inventories are valued using full absorption accounting which includes material, labor, other variable costs, and other applicable manufacturing overhead. Inventory values are adjusted for estimated obsolescence and written down to NRV based on estimates of current and anticipated demand, customer preference, merchandise age, planned promotional activities, technology developments, market conditions, and estimates of future retail sales prices. Reserves for shrinkage are estimated and recorded throughout the period as a percentage of cost of inventory based on historical results and current inventory levels. Actual shrinkage is recorded throughout the year based upon periodic physical counts.

## Self-Insurance Accruals

We are primarily self-insured for workers' compensation, employee health benefits, and general liability claims. We record selfinsurance liabilities based on claims filed, including the development of those claims, and an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported. Should a different amount of claims occur compared to what was estimated, or costs of the claims increase or decrease beyond what was anticipated, reserves may need to be adjusted accordingly. We determine our workers' compensation liability claims reserves based on available claims data, historical trends and experience, and projected ultimate costs of the claims. We periodically update our estimates and record such adjustments in the period in which such determination is made. Self-insurance reserves are recorded on an undiscounted basis.

## Derivative Financial Instruments

We use interest rate swaps to manage our exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates by converting a portion of our debt portfolio from a floating rate to a fixed rate. We designate our interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges and formally document our hedge relationships, including identification of the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as our risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transactions. We record all interest rate swaps in our consolidated balance sheets on a gross basis at fair value. We do not hold or enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.



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The effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivatives is reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The effective portion of the derivative represents the change in fair value of the hedge that offsets the change in fair value of the hedged item. To the extent changes in fair values of the instruments are not highly effective, the ineffective portion of the hedge is immediately recognized in earnings.

We perform periodic assessments of the effectiveness of our derivative contracts designated as hedges, including the possibility of counterparty default. We believe our derivative contracts will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flow attributable to floating interest rate risk.

To manage credit risk associated with our interest rate hedging program, we select counterparties based on their credit ratings and limit our exposure to any single counterparty. The counterparties to our derivative contracts are major domestic financial institutions with investment grade credit ratings. We periodically monitor the credit risk of our counterparties and adjust our hedging position as appropriate. The impact of credit risk, as well as the ability of each party to fulfill its obligations under our derivative financial instruments, is considered in determining the fair value of the contracts. Credit risk has not had a significant effect on the fair value of our derivative contracts. We do not have any credit risk-related contingent features or collateral requirements with our derivative financial instruments.

### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, to clarify the principles used to recognize revenue for all entities. ASU 2014-09 provides new guidance related to the core principle that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new guidance also will result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively, and improve guidance for multiple-element arrangements. During 2016, the FASB issued additional ASUs to clarify certain aspects of ASU 2014-09, including ASU 2016-08, Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net) in March 2016, and ASU 2016-10, Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing in April 2016. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. We will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018, and our transition method will be a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. The most significant components of the new guidance to the Company relate to performance obligations surrounding our two-pair deal and reporting revenue gross versus net related to our management and services agreement with our legacy partner. We expect adoption to result in additional disclosures relating to revenue. However, we do not expect significant changes in the timing or amounts of revenue recognized as a result of implementing the new guidance.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases. The new guidance establishes a right-of-use, or ROU, model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either financing or operating, with such classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of operations. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. A modified transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. We will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2019. We are evaluating the impact of implementation of this new guidance on our financial statements, but expect that adoption will have a material impact to our total assets and liabilities since we have a significant number of operating leases not currently recognized on our consolidated balance sheets.

For additional information on recently issued accounting pronouncements, see Note 1 to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

## Impact of Inflation

Our results of operations and financial condition are presented based on historical cost. While it is difficult to accurately measure the impact of inflation due to the imprecise nature of the estimates required, we believe the effects of inflation, if any, on our results of operations and financial condition have been immaterial.

## Quantitative and qualitative disclosure of market risk

## Interest rate risk

We have market risk exposure from changes in interest rates. We, when appropriate, use derivative financial instruments to mitigate the risk from such exposure. A discussion of our accounting policies for derivative financial instruments is included in Note 8, *Interest Rate Derivatives*, to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

A substantial portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates. If market interest rates increase, the interest rate on our variable rate debt will increase and will create higher debt service requirements, which would adversely affect our cash flow and could adversely impact our results of operations. We also have bank line of credit at variable interest rates. The general levels of LIBOR affect interest expense. We periodically use interest rate swaps to manage such risk. The net amounts to be paid or received under interest rate swap agreements are accrued as interest rates change, and are recognized over the life of the swap agreements as an adjustment to interest expense from the underlying debt to which the swap is designated. The related amounts payable to, or receivable from, the contract counterparties are included in accrued liabilities or accounts receivable.

As of April 1, 2017, all of our \$931.5 million in term loan debt was subject to variable interest rates, subject to a weighted average borrowing rate of 4.37%. After inclusion of the notional amount of \$500.0 million of interest rate swaps fixing a portion of the variable rate debt, \$431.5 million, or 46.3% of our debt is subject to variable rates. Including the impact of these interest rate swaps, the weighted average borrowing rate as of April 1, 2017 was 5.6%. Assuming an increase to market rates of 1% as of April 1, 2017, we would incur an annual increase to interest expense of approximately \$4.3 million related to debt subject to variable rates.

#### **BUSINESS**

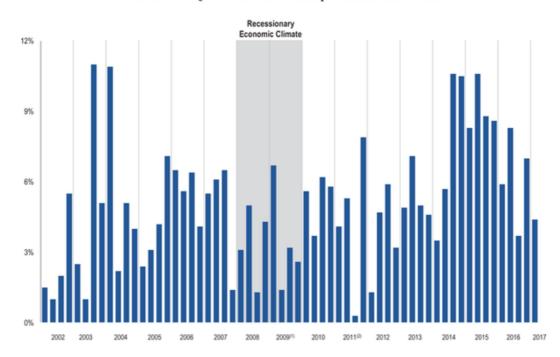
## **Our Company**

We are one of the largest and fastest growing optical retailers in the United States and a leader in the attractive value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry. We believe that vision is central to quality of life and that people deserve to see their best to live their best, no matter what their budget. Our mission is to make quality eye care and eyewear affordable and accessible to all Americans. We achieve this by providing eye exams, eyeglasses and contact lenses to cost-conscious and low-income consumers. We deliver exceptional value and convenience to our customers, with an opening price point that strives to be among the lowest in the industry, enabled by our low-cost operating platform. We reach our customers through a diverse portfolio of 962 retail stores across five brands and 19 consumer websites as of April 1, 2017.

We believe our focus on the value segment, breadth of product assortment, committed employees and consultative selling approach generate customer goodwill for our brands. By targeting the high-growth value segment, we have grown revenue at three times the rate of the U.S. optical retail industry over the past five years, gained significant market share and generated a record 61 consecutive quarters of positive comparable store sales growth. Our long-serving and motivated management team of optical retail experts has delivered a highly-consistent track record of strong results. The current team, averaging 28 years of optical or similar retail experience, has been a cohesive unit averaging 15 years at National Vision, with low senior management turnover.

The following chart depicts our comparable store sales growth:

#### 61 Consecutive Quarters of Positive Comparable Store Sales Growth



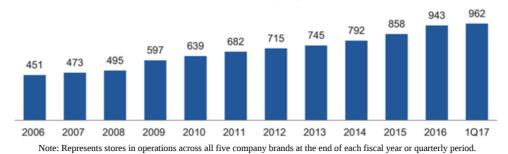
 2009 comparable store sales exclude sales from the Eyeglass World stores for the first six month "transition" period following our acquisition of Eyeglass World.

(2) Comparable store sales growth in the third quarter of fiscal year 2011 was impacted by the near U.S. federal government shutdown and subsequent adverse impact on the consumer environment.

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Our disciplined approach to new store openings, combined with our attractive store economics, has led to strong returns on investment and a sustainable business model. We believe these elements are the foundation for continued profitable growth from our existing store base, as well as a significant opportunity to deliver growth through new store openings. The following chart depicts our new store growth:

Proven Ability to Successfully Open New Stores



The fundamentals of our model are:

- Differentiated and Defensible Value Proposition. We believe our success is driven by our low prices, convenient
  locations, broad assortment of branded and private label merchandise and the high levels of in-store service provided by
  our well-trained and passionate store associates and vision care professionals. We believe that our value proposition will
  continue to drive comparable store sales growth as we attract new customers and increase loyalty with existing customers.
- *Recurring Revenue Characteristics.* Eye care purchases are predominantly a medical necessity and are therefore considered non-discretionary in nature. We estimate that optical consumers typically replace their eyeglasses every two to three years, while contact lens customers typically order new lenses every six to twelve months, reflecting the predictability of these recurring purchase behaviors. This is further demonstrated by the customer mix of our mature stores, with existing customers representing 68% of total customers in 2016 and new customers representing the remaining 32% of total customers in 2016.
- Attractive Store Economics and Embedded Earnings Growth. Over the last decade, we have opened 504 stores in the aggregate, including 480 stores under our America's Best and Eyeglass World retail brands. Our store economics are based on low capital investment, steady ramping of sales in new locations, low operating costs and consistent sales volume and earnings growth in mature stores, which result in attractive returns on capital. On average, our owned stores achieve profitability shortly after their first-year opening anniversary and pay back invested capital in less than four years.

By consistently replicating the key characteristics of our store model, we execute a formula-based approach to opening new stores and managing existing stores, which has delivered predictable store performance across vintages, diverse geographies and new and existing markets. Over the past five years, we have opened over 270 new stores that are currently at various stages of realizing full maturity. Historically, this maturation process has been consistent across our owned store base because of our systematic and replicated approach. We believe this leads to a high degree of visibility into the embedded earnings potential of our newly opened stores. For indicative purposes, assuming that each of our open but not mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores as of December 31, 2016 were able to attain the average fifth-year financial performance of our existing mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores, we would have generated an additional approximately \$67 million of revenues and approximately \$45 million of EBITDA for our owned & host segment in fiscal year 2016.

For fiscal years 2012 and 2013, full year 2014, fiscal year 2015 and fiscal year 2016, we generated total net revenue of \$717 million, \$840 million, \$933 million, \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively, representing a CAGR of approximately 14% from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2016. Our net income (loss) for these same periods was \$0.7 million, \$14 million, \$(24) million, \$4 million and \$15 million, respectively. Our Adjusted EBITDA for these same periods was \$80 million, \$89 million, \$82 million, \$113 million and \$138 million, respectively, representing a CAGR of approximately 15% from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2016. Our Adjusted Net Income for these same periods was \$9 million, \$9 million, \$26 million and



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#### **Our Mission and Philanthropic Efforts**

Our mission is to help people by making quality eye care and eyewear more affordable and accessible. Our financial success has helped fuel our ever-growing philanthropic engine. Through multiple charitable partnerships with organizations such as VisionSpring, RestoringVision and Vosh International, we have directly assisted approximately 700,000 individuals to see and have indirectly helped improve the vision of approximately 11.5 million individuals globally. In addition, we recently started a multi-year partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America to provide free vision screenings, eye exams and eyeglasses to thousands of young Americans. We also work diligently to help a portion of the world's population who live with uncorrected vision problems. Our philanthropic culture instills a sense of purpose and engagement in our employees, from in-store staff to senior management. Our employees feel pride in the positive work they are doing, which allows us to attract and retain both store associates and vision care professionals, thus improving the customer experience in our stores. In addition, our mission has been essential to the formation and retention of our cohesive management team, whose extensive experience and minimal turnover are unique components of our business success.

#### **Our Business**

We are well positioned to serve our new and existing customers through a diverse portfolio of 962 retail stores across five brands and 19 consumer websites as of April 1, 2017. We have two reportable segments: our owned & host segment and our legacy segment. Our owned & host segment includes our two owned brands, America's Best and Eyeglass World, and our Vista Optical locations in Fred Meyer stores. Within this segment, we also provide low-cost vision care products and services to American military service members by operating Vista Optical locations on military bases across the country. Our legacy segment consists of our 27-year strategic relationship with Walmart to operate Vision Centers in select Walmart stores. In addition, our wholly-owned subsidiary, FirstSight, arranges for the provision of optometric services at almost all of the optometric offices next to Walmart and Sam's Club stores in California. We support our owned brands and our Vista Optical military operations through our ever-evolving omni-channel offerings and we also have an established standalone e-commerce business. Our e-commerce platform serves our proprietary e-commerce websites and the e-commerce websites of third parties, including Walmart, Sam's Club and Giant Eagle. The following table provides an overview of our portfolio of brands:

#### **Owned & Host Brands** Legacy AMERICA'S BEST vista EYEQLASS WORLD vista Vision Center **Commissary Store** Lowest Price Eyewear Value Superstore Shop-Within-A-Shop Shop-Within-A-Shop 69% Great Deals Everywhere You Look \*Fantastic Military Pricing\* \*Everyday Low Price\* <sup>\$78</sup> free eve example Employed ODs Mostly Independent ODs Mostly Independent ODs Mostly Independent ODs Mostly Independent ODs 227 Stores 546 Stores 104 Stores 29 Stores 56 Stores ~1,800 sq. ft. ~3,500 sq. ft. ~800 sq. ft. ~4,500 sq. ft. ~1,000 sq. ft. ~1.250 SKUs ~2.250 SKUs ~700 SKUs ~850 SKUs ~800 SKUs Lab In Store / Centralized Lab Centralized Lab Centralized Lab Centralized Lab Centralized Lab OMNI-CHANNEL & E-COMMERCE (4% of Sales) Sister Sites (4) Proprietary Sites (7) Partner Sites (8) EYEQLASS WORLD AMERICA'S BEST vista Contaction Contaction Contaction Suns Club Contacts CVS Contraction of the second

### **Overview of Our Brands and Omni-channel & E-commerce Platform**

Note: Store count as of April 1, 2017. SKU figures refer to eyeglass frame SKUs. ODs are Doctors of Optometry.

(1) Vista Optical in Fred Meyers stores does not offer omni-channel services.

All of our brands leverage our highly-efficient centralized laboratory network and distribution system, which helps us minimize production and distribution costs. As one of the largest purchasers of eyeglass frames, optical lenses and contact lenses in the United States, we also benefit from centralized procurement efforts and purchasing economies of scale.

Our stores present our products in an inviting and engaging atmosphere. Our merchandise is showcased to highlight the products and maximize the appeal of our image and brands. Our stores are clean and spacious, with orderly merchandising and strategic product placements to optimize our selling space, increase productivity and optimize customer flow. We utilize display samples to foster customer interaction with products, while providing price transparency and simplicity. We provide a hands-on, solutions-based service approach and further enhance the customer's store experience with convenient, time-saving and value-added services.

*Our America's Best Brand.* America's Best strives to be the value leader in virtually every market in which it operates. Its signature offer of two pairs of eyeglasses for \$69.95, including a free eye exam, is typically priced significantly lower than the competition on a per-pair basis and provides customers with a wide selection of frame choices at this entry point. In America's Best stores, vision care services are provided by optometrists employed either by us or by independent professional corporations. This model facilitates the brand's bundled offer and its Eyecare Club programs, which offer two free eye exams per year for the duration of the membership plus a discount on replacement contact lenses and eyeglasses. By leveraging our efficient centralized laboratory network, America's Best stores are able to minimize processing costs and drive significant economies of scale. These stores typically stock approximately 1,250 eyeglass frame SKUs on average, including imports from low-cost overseas manufacturers, higher-margin private label brands and deeply discounted well-known frame brands. America's Best stores, which average 3,500 square feet, are primarily located in high-traffic strip centers next to similar off-price designer retailers, such as Marshalls stores.

*Our Eyeglass World Brand.* Eyeglass World also offers a value price point for customers, with an opening offer of "two pairs of eyeglasses for \$78" and eye exams starting at \$39. This brand is positioned as an eyeglass superstore that caters to a more cost-conscious customer base, with a broader selection of designer brands and price points, and offers more personalized levels of service. We source eyeglass frames for our Eyeglass World stores from leading designer brands, private label manufacturers, overstock inventories and low-cost overseas manufacturers. Eyeglass World locations offer eye exams, primarily from independent optometrists, and have on-site laboratories that enable stores to quickly fulfill customer orders and make repairs. On-site laboratories can process a variety of lens options, with same-day service. Lens orders that are not completed in-store are completed by our centralized laboratory network. Due to the wider brand selection and on-site laboratories, Eyeglass World stores are larger, averaging approximately 4,500 square feet and typically stocking approximately 2,250 eyeglass frame SKUs on average. These stores are primarily located in freestanding or in-line locations near high-foot-traffic shopping centers.

*Our Partner Brands.* We have three partner brands consisting of 227 Vision Centers in Walmart stores across the country, 56 Vista Optical locations on military bases and 29 Vista Optical locations within Fred Meyer stores as of April 1, 2017. We have strong, long-standing relationships with these partners. Our strategic relationship with Walmart extends over 27 years and our partnerships with Fred Meyer and the U.S. military have been maintained for over 18 years. Our partner brands all compete within the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry, with a starting price point for a pair of eyeglasses in the \$38 to \$99 range. These brands combine a broad selection of products and attentive customer service with the convenience of one-stop shopping. These brands also utilize our centralized laboratories and provide eye exams principally by independent optometrists in nearly all locations. Our partner brands are attractive businesses with relatively light capital requirements.

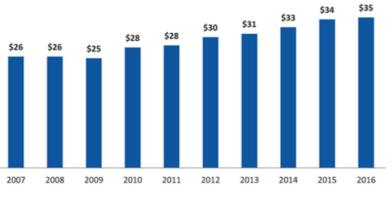
*Our Omni-Channel and E-Commerce Platforms.* We offer our customers an engaging digital shopping experience through an established platform of four store websites, three of which are omni-channel, and 15 dedicated e-commerce consumer websites. Our three omni-channel websites augment our America's Best, Eyeglass World and Vista Optical in military brands and provide a customer experience that extends across our in-store, mobile and e-commerce channels. We offer a range of services to customers, including eyeglass purchasing for our America's Best stores and Vista Optical locations on military bases, online scheduling and appointment reminders, contact lens purchasing, "buy-in-store and ship-to-home" capabilities, online frame browsing and virtual frame try-on, among others. Our omni-channel offerings work in concert with these brands to enhance the overall quality of the customer experience.

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Our 15 dedicated e-commerce websites are managed by our subsidiary, AC Lens. AC Lens operates seven proprietary branded websites, including aclens.com and discountcontacts.com. In addition, AC Lens operates and provides support services for eight third-party websites owned by other companies, including Walmart, Sam's Club and Giant Eagle. AC Lens handles site management, customer relationship management and order fulfillment and also sells a wide variety of contact lenses, eyeglasses and eye care accessories. In the aggregate, sales from our omni-channel and e-commerce platforms represented approximately 4% of our net revenue in fiscal year 2016.

## **Our Industry**

The U.S. optical retail industry, defined by Vision Monday to include optical retailers' revenues from the sales of products (including managed vision care benefit revenues and omni-channel and e-commerce sales) and eye care services provided by vision care professionals, including eye exams, is a \$35 billion industry that has exhibited consistent, stable growth across economic cycles. Over the period from 2007 to 2016, the industry grew from \$26 billion to \$35 billion in annual sales, representing a CAGR of 3.4%. The industry experienced only a modest decline of 3.8% during the 2008 to 2009 recession and rebounded with robust post-recession sales growth of 4.6% CAGR from 2009 to 2016. The steady growth of the industry and its resilience to economic cycles is due in large part to the medical, non-discretionary and recurring nature of eye care purchases.



## Size of U.S. Optical Retail Market (\$ in billion)

The majority of eyewear purchases are driven by need, with two primary drivers of demand: (i) diminishing eyesight with increasing age, causing new customers to buy corrective eyewear and (ii) a steady and consistent replacement cycle, as customers frequently replace or purchase new eyewear for a variety of reasons, including changes in prescriptions, fashion trends and necessity (e.g., lost or broken eyewear).

The need for eyesight correction is diagnosed through eye tests and eye exams. Generally, the need for vision correction results from one of a number of conditions, such as:

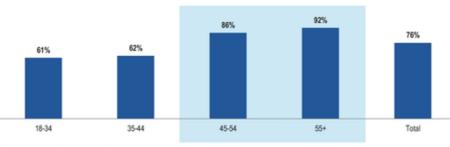
- *Myopia*, or nearsightedness, which is the most common refractive vision condition. Individuals with myopia struggle to identify objects at a distance.
- *Hyperopia*, or farsightedness, which is a condition in which objects at a distance can be seen with precision, but objects closer to the eye are difficult to discern.
- **Presbyopia**, which is an age-related condition that generally begins around the age of 40. People suffering from presbyopia struggle to read text at a close distance, for example, books, screens and newspapers.
- Astigmatism, which is a condition that causes blurred vision. It is caused by an irregularly shaped cornea.
- **UV Damage**, which occurs when the eyes are exposed to excessive amounts of ultraviolet radiation. UV rays can cause specific optical conditions such as cataracts, macular degeneration and other forms of vision loss.

Source: Vision Monday

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We anticipate that there are four key secular growth trends that will continue to contribute to the stability and growth of the U.S. optical retail industry:

Aging Population. Approximately 76% of adults in the United States used some form of vision correction as of September 2016. At age 45, the need for vision correction begins to increase significantly, with approximately 86% of adults in the United States between the ages of 45 and 54 and approximately 92% of adults in the United States aged 55 and older using vision correction. As the U.S. population ages and life expectancy increases, the pool of potential customers and opportunities for repeat purchases in the optical retail industry are anticipated to rise. In 2014, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that approximately 42% of the U.S. population would be 45 years old or older by 2020 (the 0.9% increase from 2015 population projections implies an additional 8.4 million adults will enter this 45-plus demographic by 2020). Given that eyesight deteriorates progressively with age, aging of the U.S. population should result in incremental sales of eyewear and related accessories.



U.S. Adults Using Vision Correction, Sorted by Age

12 months ended September 2016 Source: The Vision Council

- *Frequent Replacement Cycle*. The repetitive and predictable nature of customer behavior results in a significant volume of recurring revenue for the optical retail industry. The purchasing cycle of vision correction devices is closely tied to the frequency with which consumers obtain eye exams. Most optometrists recommend annual eye exams as a preventive measure against serious eye conditions and to help patients identify changes in their vision correction needs. An estimated 189 million people in the United States using vision correction devices in 2015 received nearly 114 million eye exams that year, implying an average interval between exams of 20 months. The interval between exams contributes to the industry's stability and shortening this interval represents an opportunity to increase the frequency of customer purchases. A collection of 21 optical industry leaders, including us, have supported the multi-million dollar national advertising campaign, "Think About Your Eyes," which is designed to encourage consumers to schedule an eye exam, among other things. According to The Vision Council, the national multimedia campaign generated more than 1.3 billion impressions in 2016 and the website received more than 2.8 million visitors since the campaign launched. According to the American Optometric Association, in 2015, nearly 828,500 additional eye exams were attributable to the campaign.
- *Increased Usage of Computer and Mobile Screens.* Due to the proliferation of smartphones, laptops and tablets, the U.S. population has experienced a dramatic increase in the amount of time spent viewing electronic screens. Almost 90% of Americans use digital devices for two or more hours each day, with almost 60% using them for five or more hours each day and approximately 70% using multiple devices simultaneously. This is anticipated to result in a larger percentage of the population suffering from screen-related vision problems, driving incremental sales of vision correction devices, such as traditional eyeglasses and contact lenses, as well as higher margin products designed specifically to counteract the effect of looking at screens for prolonged stretches of time.
- *Growing Focus on Health and Wellness*. The optical retail industry is poised to benefit from expansive trends underlying an increasing societal focus on health and wellness. Consumers want personalized solutions that allow them to make informed decisions about their health. Additionally, rising healthcare costs are driving a growing emphasis on preventative healthcare. Eye exams can detect a host of

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## **Optical Retail Market Participants**

Providing consumers with quality vision care and products involves multiple steps and several parties. In the process of purchasing vision care products a consumer will interact directly with eye care practitioners who prescribe (and may also dispense) products. Consumers may likewise interact with optical retail outlets who retail and dispense products, and may offer on-site optometry services to increase customers' convenience. Retailers also assist consumers in selecting and fitting vision care products, and directly or through third parties, manufacture and finish vision care products and their components. As part of the purchase, the consumer and retailer may interact with an insurance company or managed vision care provider. Further, vision care and optical retail require compliance with numerous regulations, which often vary by state. The industry experience and knowledge to initiate and maintain relationships across all of these parties is crucial to the success of optical retailers.

There are several types of optical retailers with differing approaches to fulfilling consumer needs at each step of the vision care process. The types of optical retailers include:

- **Independent eye care practitioners:** Optometrists and some ophthalmologists that practice independently often sell corrective lenses. They rely on relationships with outsourced optical laboratories and distributors that represent lens, frame and contact lens manufacturers. They source clients mainly through word-of-mouth, local advertising and managed care arrangements.
- *Multi-doctor purchasing alliances*: Multiple independent optometrists and/or ophthalmologists form an alliance to provide competitive advantages to each member of the network. The eye care practitioners in the network benefit from purchasing power synergies with vendors, network brand identification to drive new customer traffic, strategic marketing, best practice education and a number of other services. Leveraging these tools, each independent eye care practitioner can offer more comprehensive eye care to their patients.
- *National and regional optical retail chains*: Multiple optical retail chains operate freestanding and mall stores under one or more brands. These retailers are positioned to target a range of consumers across price points, from value to premium. This category includes smaller chains with stores concentrated in a particular geographic region, as well as national chains with store footprints across the United States.
- Mass merchant / Warehouse club retail chains: Frequently, mass merchant and warehouse club chains seek to offer vision care products in order to offer consumers a "one-stop shop" value proposition. These optical offerings are often set up as "shop-in-shop" host arrangements, whereby an optical retailer will operate its own store within the context of a larger mass merchandise or warehouse club store. These host arrangements fulfill customers' desire for convenience, customer service and competitive value and leverage the retail chain's scale and expertise to source desirable products from a wide range of corrective lens and frame manufacturers.
- *E-commerce*: Because of the prescription requirements, fit and fashion aspects of eyewear purchases, online purchases of eye care products represent a small portion of industry sales and the majority of e-commerce activity derives from recurring purchases such as daily use contact lenses. There are retailers that operate exclusively online, but many retail chains also offer some e-commerce capabilities to complement physical stores. E-commerce enables retailers to save on operating costs and capital expenditures associated with physical stores, and also to offer a wider selection of products as inventory can be centralized. E-commerce retailers most frequently use digital advertising strategies to attract customers.

Some optical retail chains, like us, have vertically integrated some or all of the sectors of the industry. However, the industry remains highly fragmented.

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Several key factors drive the changing dynamics across the optical retail market:

**Optical Retail Chains Gaining Market Share**. National and regional optical retail chains continue to gradually gain share from independent vision care providers, benefitting from economies of scale that are unavailable to smaller players. This includes benefits related to purchasing advantages, marketing advantages and leveraging management capabilities across a larger revenue base. Additionally, customers desire the convenience of a one-stop shop with a broad product selection, strong customer service and competitive prices. As a result of these factors, larger optical retailers have gained market share from independent practitioners over the past approximately 20 years, with total market share of the ten largest optical retailers in the United States increasing from 18% in 1992 to 32% in 2016, as shown in the chart below. Despite this growth, the top ten optical retailers still have a relatively small share of the overall market and the largest optical retailers are well-positioned to continue increasing their share.

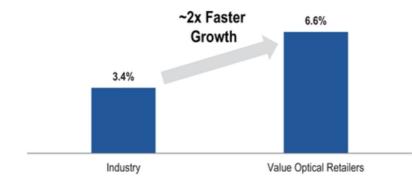
#### Market Share of Top Ten Optical Retailers



Sources: 20/20 Magazine, April 1993, and Vision Monday

**Attractive Value Segment**. From 2007 to 2016, the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry grew at a CAGR of 6.6%, nearly twice the rate of the broader optical retail industry. Increased consumer cost consciousness has shifted market share toward value optical retail chains and mass merchants that serve the value segment, as shown in the chart below. To the extent this trend continues, the value segment is expected to continue to outpace overall industry growth.

## Value Optical Segment Growth vs. Industry (2007-2016)



Source: Vision Monday

*E-commerce*. The optical retail industry is currently underpenetrated in the e-commerce channel relative to other categories of retail. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, e-commerce represented more than 8.1% of 2016 retail sales. The Vision Council estimates that in the 12-month period ended September 2016, U.S. e-commerce sales as a percentage of the total optical retail industry was only 4.4%, with approximately 4.1% of eyeglass purchases made online and approximately 18.9% of all contact lenses purchases made online. This is due to inherent penetration barriers that make optical retail better suited for omni-channel offerings rather than pure e-commerce. Eye exams typically require inperson visits to eye care practitioners or stores and customers generally want to try

National Vision Holdings, Inc. has requested confidential treatment of this registration statement and associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. eyeglasses on before purchasing as slight changes in style, size and color can make a meaningful difference to the functionality and visual appeal of the frame. Lastly, service and sales consultations are a key part of the vision corrective product purchase, which cannot be replicated online. Due to the more commoditized nature of contact lenses (i.e., every box with a certain prescription by a certain manufacturer is the same) and to the more frequent purchase cycle, contact lenses lend themselves more to online purchases than do eyeglasses. However, contact lens prescriptions are typically valid for only one or two years, depending on state law, and as such, contact lens users frequently need to return to eye care practitioners or stores for a prescription update. Such visits are an opportunity to sell an annual supply of contact lenses to the customer.

## **Optometrists, Ophthalmologists and Opticians**

Within the vision care industry, there are multiple providers of eye care and vision services, including optometrists, ophthalmologists and opticians.

- Optometrists are healthcare professionals who have received a four-year doctor of optometry, or OD, degree and are licensed to perform vision tests, prescribe and dispense vision correction devices such as eyeglasses and contact lenses, perform diagnostic eye exams and prescribe certain types of ocular medication. In a few states, optometrists may also perform surgery.
- **Ophthalmologists** are medical doctors specializing in vision and eye care. These doctors are licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery and may also perform eye exams and dispense vision correction products.
- **Opticians** are technicians who use prescriptions written by optometrists or ophthalmologists to dispense corrective eyeglasses and contact lenses. However, they are not licensed to diagnose or treat ocular conditions.

As of 2012, there were approximately 40,000 optometrists and approximately 18,000 opthalmologists in the United States. These approximately 40,000 optometrists worked in a variety of practice settings, ranging from independent practices to optical chain affiliation to government employment.

	Number (000's)	% of Total
Independent Practice	22.8	57%
Optical Chain Affiliation	9.6	24%
Ophthalmology Practice	3.3	8%
Other Medical	2.0	5%
Government	1.9	5%
Other	0.4	1%
Total	40.0	100%

### **Optometrists by Primary Practice Setting, 2012**

Source: American Optometric Association

Currently, there are 22 optometry schools in the United States. The 2016 graduating class of 1,666 represents an increase in size of approximately 7% from the 2015 graduating class of 1,557 and an increase of approximately 23% from the 2010 graduating class of 1,356. In addition, the number of optometry schools has been mostly flat in recent years.

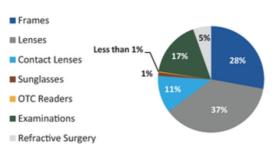
The ability to recruit sufficient optometry talent is crucial to success for optical retailers. We believe that the high cost of optometry programs will aid us in recruiting optometrists. In academic year 2016-2017, the average total cost for tuition, fees, books and instruments for a first-year non-resident student totaled \$48,426 for public schools and \$41,910 for private schools, and for a first-year resident student totaled \$30,614 for public schools and \$40,417 for private schools. This high cost of attendance has led to significant student debt burdens for many students graduating from optometry programs. As a result, we expect that an increasing number of optometry graduates will turn to corporate affiliations rather than independent practices for employment.

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### **Product Categories and Suppliers**

The optical retail market consists of multiple product categories, including vision correction devices such as eyeglass lenses, frames and contact lenses and other products and services, including sunglasses, eyeglass accessories and refractive surgery.





Source: The Vision Council VisionWatch

- **Eyeglass frames** are generally available in a wide range of materials, styles, designs and brands. The most common materials used to manufacture frames include plastic, cellulose acetate and metal. For many customers, eyeglasses are not only an eye care solution but also a fashion accessory, and therefore brand and aesthetics are important factors in customers' purchasing decisions. There are many recognized eyeglass frame brands, some of which are controlled by vertically-integrated optical retail chains. There are numerous suppliers that offer unbranded, white-label or generic eyeglass frames.
- *Eyeglass lenses* are manufactured using a range of standard and proprietary organic and inorganic materials. Customers generally have the option of selecting individualized features such as lightweight designs, photochromatic capabilities and special coatings for ultraviolet protection, anti-fog, anti-reflection, anti-scratch protection. There are several global manufacturers of lenses, with some additionally offering integrated lens finishing services through owned optical laboratories.
- Contact lenses are available in soft or rigid formats. Soft lenses are typically made from silicone hydrogels and are often characterized by the period of use (primarily daily disposable or monthly reusable). Rigid lenses are typically made with oxygen-permeable polymers and can often be used for several years without replacement. Contact lenses are primarily manufactured by a relatively concentrated group of four major suppliers. Re-useable contact lenses require the regular use of cleaning solutions. Demand for contact lenses is driven by structural growth, as more consumers come to recognize the benefits of the more comfortable modern lenses and existing contact lens users switch to monthly, weekly or daily disposable lenses. Despite the attractiveness of contact lens usage, most consumers do not rely exclusively on contact lenses, opting to also purchase traditional eyeglasses for secondary use.
- *Sunglasses* are also sold by many optical retailers. These sunglasses can come with or without prescription lenses, and are worn both for fashion and protection of the eyes from UV rays. Sunglasses are more of a discretionary purchase than prescription eyewear, and sales of sunglasses are therefore more sensitive to the economic environment. For most optical retailers (as opposed to non-prescription sunglass retailers), prescription sunglasses make up the majority of their sunglass sales.
- **Refractive surgery** offers a permanent solution to vision correction problems. The most common refractive surgical procedures are LASIK and PRK. Both technologies utilize lasers to reshape the curvature of the cornea. Due to the high cost, lack of insurance coverage, potential for side effects and invasive nature of the procedures, refractive surgery as a method of vision correction has low penetration relative to traditional eyeglasses or contact lenses.

## **Optical Laboratories**

Optical laboratories transform semi-finished and finished lenses to match the specifications from an optician or prescriber's order and fit them into the requested eyeglass frames. The process entails surfacing and polishing

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basis, offering economies of scale and expertise across a wide range of lens types and prescriptions.

### **Third Party Payors**

Similar to other healthcare services, optical retail chains often receive payment for services and products from third parties, including managed vision care programs, other insurance programs and government healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. Managed care has become increasingly important to the optical retail industry. Managed vision care programs provide benefits across all optical retail sales channels, including independent eye care practitioners and national and regional chains, though some managed care programs are affiliated with specific integrated optical retail chains. Managed care accounts for a substantial percentage of sales of prescription eyeglasses. In the 12 months ended September 30, 2016, approximately half of the U.S. adult population surveyed stated they were enrolled in vision care plans and the enrolled child population is increasing, as federal health care reform includes pediatric vision as a covered benefit. These trends could be reversed, however, if federal health care reform is repealed or its scope is reduced.

## **Our Competitive Advantages**

We are one of the largest and fastest growing optical retailers in the United States and a leader in the attractive value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry. We believe that a number of factors have established our market-leading position and differentiate us from our competitors. These include: our value positioning and compelling customer offers, decades of brand building, low-cost operating model, store network and portfolio of brands, size and scale, strong industry partnerships, highly-experienced management team and disciplined real estate strategy, among others.

Highly-differentiated and Defensible Value Proposition. Our value price positioning extends across our entire portfolio of brands. We offer among the lowest price points in the optical retail industry and this highly-compelling customer value positioning has been a critical driver of our outsized market share gains and revenue growth. Through its arrangements with individual optometrists or professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners, America's Best is able to offer customers two distinctive bundled eyewear pricing offers: (i) the two pairs of eyeglasses offer for \$69.95, including an eye exam, and (ii) the Eyecare Club program, which offers several years of eye exams plus a discount on products for a low price. In addition, Eyeglass World's opening price point offer of two pairs of eyeglasses for \$78.00 is among the lowest in our industry. Based on a recent study of leading optical retailers and based on these bundled offers, we believe that America's Best and Eyeglass World's opening price points for eyeglasses and an eye exam are currently 74% and 37% lower on a per-pair basis than the next lowest retailer surveyed and 82% and 56% lower than the average of independent retailers surveyed, respectively, each as indicated in the chart below:

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Note: One-pair price for "two-pair shops" calculated by dividing "two-pair price" by two and adding back exam price. For retailers who do not provide eye exams, the average exam price of the other retailers shown has been used. Source: Haynes and Company Research Study (2016). KKR Capstone analysis.

We are also committed to providing our customers with high levels of in-store customer service and a convenient and compelling shopping experience. On-site optometrists are fundamental to attracting customers and enable a convenient one-stop shop for the clinically-assisted sale of eye exams and eyewear. The quality care provided by vision care professionals is then complemented by our highly-trained in-store sales associates. Through one-on-one consultations, we can better understand the complete scope of our customers' needs and recommend the appropriate products and services. Our customers are then able to choose from a broad assortment of frames, including high-quality designer and private label frames, and contact lenses. We believe that the comprehensive proposition of our value pricing, the breadth and quality of our product mix and high levels of customer service drive repeat visits and customer loyalty, engagement and ambassadorship.

Our optical retail offerings are also more defensible to potential e-commerce pressure relative to other categories of retail. This is due to inherent penetration barriers that make optical retail better suited for omni-channel offerings rather than pure e-commerce. Eye exams typically require in-person visits to eye care practitioners or stores and customers generally want to try eyeglasses on before purchasing, as slight changes in style, size and color can make a meaningful difference to the functionality and visual appeal of the eyeglass frame. Lastly, the service and sales consultations provided by our on-site vision care professionals and in-store associates are a key part of the vision correction product purchase process, which cannot be replicated online.

*Leading Low-cost Operating Model*. Our low-cost structure allows us to provide low prices to our customers while generating attractive margins. This low-cost structure is a result of our highly-efficient laboratory network and manufacturing capabilities. Orders are routed via a centralized proprietary system to the appropriate processing laboratory, minimizing cost and delivery time. Through a combination of volume increases, continuous operating efficiency improvements and implementation of technological enhancements across our laboratory network, we have increased the number of orders processed through our laboratory network by more than 100% and reduced the cost per job by 13% from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2016.

Further, as one of the largest purchasers of eyeglass frames and contact lenses in the United States, we benefit from procurement and cost advantages. Additionally, we have enhanced our supply chain process and related vendor relationships to allow us to source high-quality frames at low prices. By strategically placing our

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associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. new stores in or near high traffic "strip centers" and shopping locations, we avoid paying the high rents associated with malls. Our real estate strategy clusters stores within the same markets, allowing us to leverage our advertising spend. We maintain a flexible instore labor cost structure that helps us achieve consistent profitability across a range of sales levels and a variety of markets. We also operate an efficient corporate office that centrally standardizes all major decisions related to merchandising, pricing, product assortment and allocation. As a result of these factors, we are able to drive attractive profitable growth while maintaining industrylow prices for our customers.

Best-in-class Management Team. Our company is led by a highly-accomplished and proven management team with deep expertise. The current team is one of the longest-tenured in the optical retail industry, averaging 28 years of optical or similar retail experience. Our management team has also been a cohesive unit, with an average of 15 years at National Vision and low senior management turnover. Collectively, this team has a wide range of experience across optical merchandising, store openings, customer engagement, operations, omni-channel platform and technology. Combining this operational expertise with a finely-tuned formulaic playbook, management has achieved an impressive long-term track record of significant industry outperformance and generated positive comparable store sales growth in every quarter since 2002, when today's management team took over, including during periods of economic contraction. Going forward, our management team is poised to continue growing the Company and capitalizing on the expected favorable growth trends.

Diverse Portfolio of Attractive Brands. We have a differentiated collection of five complementary brands, four of which are supported by either our omni-channel or e-commerce platform that all target the fast-growing value segment within the U.S. optical retail industry. With an aggregate 962 retail stores and 19 consumer websites as of April 1, 2017, the size and scale of our brand portfolio provide us high proximity to customers and allow us to engage customers across a variety of sales channels. Collectively, these brands constitute a portfolio with both attractive economics and growth potential. America's Best and Eyeglass World are our leading owned brands and have been the primary source of our store growth. Our partner brands (Vision Centers in Walmart and Vista Optical in Fred Meyer stores and on military bases) are based in well-known, high-traffic environments, exhibit low capital intensity and generate reliable cash flow. Our omni-channel and e-commerce platforms allow us to capture digital sales and serve as an educational resource for our customers. Our omni-channel platform also allows us to deliver several customer convenience capabilities, such as online scheduling and reminders for eye exams, purchases and shipping of contact lenses and eyeglasses, online frame browsing and virtual frame try-on, among others. In the aggregate, this diverse combination of brands exhibits a strong economic profile that combines robust growth potential with significant free cash flow generation.

Proven Real Estate Site Selection Process. We locate our owned stores in highly-desirable retail developments surrounded by dense concentrations of our target customers. We maintain a disciplined approach to new store growth and perform comprehensive market research before selecting a new site based on customer demographics and data from our existing customer database. Our data-driven approach, desirable locations and consistent new store model have resulted in strong performance across our store base. We have rarely closed or relocated a store due to underperformance, and our five-year rolling average new store success ratedefined as the percentage of stores opened in the last five years that are still open—was 99% as of April 1, 2017. We have longstanding relationships with many leading commercial real estate firms and believe that we are a preferred tenant given our brands and the high volume of customers that visit our stores. As a result, we believe we will continue to have access to desirable retail sites.

Strong Partnerships. We have developed extensive and long-term strategic relationships with our frame and lens suppliers, our host and legacy partners and managed vision care companies. Our highly-experienced procurement team leverages long-standing relationships with our vendors to source all of our products. Our strong vendor relationships and scale allow us to maintain broad, on-trend assortments, competitive pricing and favorable payment terms. We have maintained and broadened relationships with our host and legacy partners over several decades. For example, in 2012, we expanded our relationship with Walmart to manage walmartcontacts.com and samsclubcontacts.com and to undertake the back-end logistics and fulfilment services for Walmart's "ship-to-home" contact lens sales and for virtually all of Sam's Club contact lens orders. Our host and legacy partnerships enjoy operational efficiencies, which rely on our centralized laboratory network and best practices implemented over the course of these long partnerships. We have also developed strong relationships with managed vision care companies through our network of stores, efficient billing and focus on value. We

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continually seek to partner with additional managed vision care payors, and to increase participation in our partners' networks. We believe that our above-market growth is also an attractive growth driver for our business partners and positions us as a preferred retailer for key vendors and industry partners.

**Deep Experience with the Regulatory Complexity of the Optical Industry**. There are extensive and diverse sets of laws and regulations governing the provision of vision care. As a result, regulatory compliance for optical retailers in the United States is complicated and time-consuming, involving many regulatory bodies and licensing agencies at both the federal and state levels. We believe that our deep knowledge of the optical regulatory framework and our significant compliance experience provide us with an important competitive advantage. We also believe that these compliance and licensure requirements, and related costs, serve as a significant hurdle for potential new entrants into the optical retail industry.

## **Our Growth Strategies**

Our history of profitable growth is founded on a commitment to a relatively simple business model: providing exceptional value and convenience to customers, enabled by our low-cost operating platform. We believe that we have the right strategy and execution capabilities to capitalize on the substantial growth opportunities afforded by our business model. We intend to further drive growth from five distinct sources: growing our store base, increasing comparable store sales, optimizing our existing business, leveraging technology and exploiting strategic opportunities.

Grow Our Store Base. We believe that our expansion opportunities in the United States are significant. We have adopted a disciplined expansion strategy designed to leverage the strengths of our compelling and distinct value proposition and recognized America's Best and Eyeglass World brand names to develop new stores successfully in an array of markets that are primed for growth, including new, existing, small and large markets. We believe that our consistent track record of successfully opening stores across vintages, geographies and markets demonstrates our ability to further increase our store count. In the aggregate, we have opened 504 stores over the last decade and, following the KKR Acquisition, we have increased our new store growth to 75 new stores per annum. Historically, we have self-funded our new store growth from operating cash flows. Our rigorous analytical approach to site selection combines detailed customer demographic data with other store-specific variables and maps this data against existing store performance. We have an established partnership with a third party to evaluate potential new America's Best and Eyeglass World stores and our analysis suggests that we can grow America's Best to at least 1,000 stores and Eyeglass World to at least 850 stores. These two brands can grow from 650 stores at present to a total of at least 1,850 stores, with similar economics to the existing store base. In the near term, our primary focus will be to open new America's Best stores, most notably in California, with a longer-term focus on expanding our Eyeglass World store footprint. To successfully open and operate these stores, we will need to attract a sufficient number of optometrists. Our management team includes a network of seasoned professionals with substantial experience in recruitment of optometrists. Our recruitment efforts have kept pace with our store growth. As a result, we believe that our current level of new store growth of 75 stores per annum is sustainable for the foreseeable future.

Drive Comparable Store Sales Growth. We expect that our value proposition will generate profitable comparable store sales growth. The typical eyewear replacement cycle of two to three years creates substantial opportunity for us to increase sales from our existing customer base. We continually improve our in-store shopping experience and enhance our solutions-based service approach to increase the volume of customer traffic to our stores. We also expect to increase customer traffic by improving marketing programs and omni-channel offerings. For instance, we began purchasing national television advertising for our America's Best brand in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. Further, we expect to continue expanding our participation in managed vision care programs. We are currently underpenetrated in the managed vision care market relative to the broader optical retail industry. We expect that these collective initiatives will help us to attract new customers to our stores and increase the frequency of purchases by our existing customers.

*Improve Operating Productivity*. We believe that our continued growth will provide further opportunities to improve operating margin over time. Growth, both in revenue and stores, will enable us to leverage corporate overhead, our centralized laboratory network and our advertising spend. In conjunction with America's Best's 2016 entry into the California market, we expect to benefit from launching a national network television advertising campaign, which we believe is more cost effective than our current local market campaigns. We expect that this national campaign will raise our brand awareness in both existing and new markets, allowing us

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Following the KKR Acquisition, we have accelerated store openings of America's Best and Eyeglass World to 75 stores per annum. Based on the consistency and predictability of the maturation process for our existing store base, we believe that there are significant embedded earnings in these maturing stores. For indicative purposes, assuming that each of our open but not mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores as of December 31, 2016 were able to attain the average fifth-year financial performance of our existing mature America's Best and Eyeglass World stores, we would have generated an additional approximately \$67 million of revenues and approximately \$45 million of EBITDA for our owned & host segment in fiscal year 2016.

*Leverage Technology to Optimize and Expand the Business.* Our experienced management team has consistently leveraged innovative strategies to grow our business and remain at the forefront of technological development in the optical retail industry. We have invested significantly in technological improvements to position us for future growth. Several strategies that will continue to leverage and grow our technology leadership include:

- *Further development of our omni-channel platform*: We have invested in our omni-channel platform to offer our America's Best, Eyeglass World and Vista Optical military customers a wide range of services, including online exam scheduling, appointment reminders, "buy-in-store and ship-to-home" contact lens and eyeglass purchasing, online frame browsing and virtual frame try-on, among others. We are implementing additional software solutions that will allow all omni-channel purchases to be linked to a single customer profile that will be leveraged to develop a "single view of the customer" and to offer a seamless experience across our in-store, mobile and e-commerce channels. These solutions facilitate improved functionality and processes that are expected to enhance our omni-channel capabilities and deliver a more dynamic experience to our customers. Specifically, the omni-channel platform will be enabled to deliver personalized content and targeted promotions and to provide enhanced search experience and a streamlined checkout process. Our bolstered omni-channel platform has been designed to enable stronger customer communication and to drive traffic to our stores and websites.
- *Enhanced customer engagement*: We intend to improve customer engagement and retention using next generation data analysis and customer relationship management solutions. We intend to utilize these solutions to develop a single view of our customers and to deliver personalized recommendations and targeted promotions in real-time. We believe that the tailored nature of customer engagement will increase the conversion of our multi-touch marketing campaigns, expand cross-sell opportunities and increase transaction volume across our websites and retail locations. Given the necessary and recurring nature of eye care purchases, as well as the amount of personal data we are required to collect from our customers, we possess a significant amount of high quality customer data that we believe increases the effectiveness of these solutions.
- *Continued investment in new eye exam technology*: We leverage technology to make the eye exam process accurate and efficient for our customers and optometrists. Over the past few years, we have invested in cutting-edge ophthalmic technology, such as digital phoropters and retinal cameras. Going forward, we will continue to invest in these and other technologies to improve the quality of the in-store eye exam experience for both our customers and optometrists who provide vision care services. Since eye exams are a critical service element of our business, we believe that investing in technology to improve this experience will aid in retention of both customers and optometric talent.
- *Leverage seed investments in emerging companies.* Our leading position in the optical retail industry connects us with other participants across the industry, including innovative companies. As one of the fastest-growing optical retail chains in the United States, we are a preferred partner for growing optical technology companies and we endeavor to engage in dialogue with technological innovators in our industry. As such, we have made seed investments in several emerging venture-backed optical technologies, including \$7.1 million invested since June 2014 in Ditto (virtual glasses try-on), PQ Eyewear (custom fit, 3D-printed glasses) and Smart Vision Labs (handheld eye exam refraction

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*Explore Strategic Opportunities.* We will selectively evaluate strategic acquisition opportunities from time to time as part of our growth strategy.

# **Our Products and Services**

Within our two reportable segments, we primarily offer two products and one service: eyeglasses, contact lenses and eye exams. Nonetheless, our diverse product portfolio encompasses many brand names and thousands of SKUs. Depending on the brand, our stores display approximately 700 to 2,250 eyeglass frame SKUs on average, covering all age groups. Offerings include both brand name designers, like Ray-Ban, Guess and Calvin Klein, as well as private label options at attractive prices. Our frames are manufactured by market leaders such as Luxottica, Marchon and Zyloware, as well as private label brands made for us in Asia. We also offer a broad portfolio of lenses, including single vision and bifocal lenses, with a variety of treatments to enhance vision. Through one-on-one consultative-selling, our sales associates have a number of opportunities to share information about value-added lenses, including thinner lenses and photochromatic options, which carry higher margins. In fiscal year 2016, approximately 82% of America's Best customers and 93% of Eyeglass World customers who purchased eyeglasses chose upgraded lenses and/or frames instead of each brand's base offer. We also offer contact lenses and accessories from all major contact lens manufacturers, including our own private label brand (Sofmed, made by CooperVision) that is offered in our America's Best and Eyeglass World stores. Collectively, our broad product offerings deliver consistent financial results and reduce our reliance on any individual product, style or trend.

In both of our reportable segments, eye exam services are provided by optometrists employed by us or by professional corporations owned by eye care practitioners with whom we have contractual arrangements.

Within our owned & host segment, America's Best offers its Eyecare Club programs primarily to its contact lens customers. As of April 1, 2017, the Eyecare Club had 1.2 million active members. Benefits of the Eyecare Club include two free eye exams per year for the duration of the multi-year membership, 10% off all replacement contact lenses and eyeglasses and other periodic benefits and discounts, such as free samples of contact lens solutions. Memberships can be purchased in stores or on our America's Best website. Two separate club memberships are available: the three-year Silver membership, which costs \$99, and the five-year Gold membership, which costs \$139. By comparison, the cost of a contact lens exam, exclusive of the Eyecare Club, is \$79. There is a high adoption rate of Eyecare Club membership by America's Best customers who are not part of a managed care program and who visited an America's Best store for contact lens examination. The disposable nature of contact lenses means that customers must replenish their contacts frequently, and in order to refill their prescriptions, contact lens users must have a current prescription. For a prescription to be current, customers generally need to have an eye exam every one or two years, depending on the state in which they reside. The multiyear nature of these memberships facilitates repeat traffic to America's Best stores for exams and contact lens purchases and builds customer loyalty. The Eyecare Club also has attractive working capital characteristics, as customers pay the full membership cost at the time that they join.

## **Our Customers**

Our customers need to see their best to perform their jobs, care for their families and contribute to their communities. Purchasing decisions are based on value, quality of service, fashion, location and eye health, among others. Based on a variety of third-party research studies, we have found that our customers typically prioritize value and convenience above other considerations. Value encompasses a combination of eye health with quality products and services, all offered at a fair price. Convenience encompasses multiple vectors: (i) retail locations near where our customers work and shop, with easy, convenient parking, (ii) store hours that fit their lifestyles, (iii) product selection that achieves aesthetic and/or fashion goals, (iv) availability of on-site eye exams and (v) acceptance of certain vision insurance benefits.

For our two owned brands, we have developed specific customer demographic profiles. More specifically, we estimate that our typical America's Best customer has a household income between \$35,000 to \$100,000, is a high school graduate, holds a blue collar job and is between 35 to 64 years old, while our typical Eyeglass World

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customer is slightly more affluent, has a college degree or higher, holds a professional or technical job and is between 35 to 79 years old. These profiles demonstrate that, even within the same market, our America's Best and Eyeglass World brands appeal to and attract a different consumer, which speaks favorably to our growth potential and our ability to open new stores of both brands in the same markets.

# Sales and Marketing

Based on the in-depth knowledge we have of our customers, we have built an effective marketing strategy. Our brands are positioned to stand for low prices and great value, which resonate with our target consumers and leave a lasting impression that is distinct from the competition.



We believe that television is a key channel for connecting with our customers. Approximately three-quarters of America's Best and Eyeglass World's advertising expenditures are on traffic-driving television advertisements, which we leverage broadly across multiple stores in each television market to gain a larger share of voice, and, in turn, drive traffic and margins. Our recent America's Best expansion into California has allowed us to shift from local campaigns to purchasing television advertising nationally, starting in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017, which we believe is more cost effective. We expect that this national campaign will raise our brand awareness in both existing and new markets, allowing us to save advertising spend when entering new markets.

In 2015, we engaged an outside advertising agency to help develop and sharpen America's Best's brand-positioning message and create a new television advertising campaign, ultimately based on a new owl icon. The "Owl" campaign focuses on showcasing America's Best's low prices and detailing the benefits to our



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customers. This campaign has been running since mid-2015 and we believe that this memorable advertising has raised brand awareness and has generated sales by both new and existing customers. We also engaged this advertising agency to design a new brand-positioning campaign for our Eyeglass World brand, including a brand refresh with updated imagery.

For our host and legacy brands, we rely on our host and legacy partners' marketing initiatives to drive traffic into their stores, and then we develop and execute highly targeted local marketing campaigns within stores to create awareness of our service and product offerings.

Our Customer Relationship Management, or CRM, system contains data on more than 14 million active customers who have purchased from us within the last five years. The customer demographic data that we capture includes age, mailing address, email addresses and phone number at the time of purchase. We utilize this information to know both when our customers buy from us and what items they purchase. With this information and the third-party data that we use to supplement the customer information, we create targeted mailing lists (both direct mail and email) to send communications to our customers based on their vision needs and interests to help improve retention of our existing customers.

In addition to our CRM program, digital advertising is a critical component of our media mix, as we believe both of these programs generate a high rate of return. Potential customers gain awareness of our brands through paid and organic digital efforts via content, video and social media that lead them to our websites. Such efforts enable us to direct the customer to the specific information they are seeking on our websites, which has dramatically improved conversion of digital visitors to customers by enabling them to find a store, schedule an exam or make a purchase.

We believe that our brands have compelling marketing messages and that our advanced media tactics help maintain awareness of our consumers, leading to increased store visits and sales.

# **Our Sourcing and Supplier Relationships**

We purchase our merchandise from a wide variety of vendors, with no vendor accounting for more than 20% of our total cost of products sold. We are a large customer for all of our suppliers and we strive to form meaningful, long-lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with our vendors. We have long-term contracts with certain of our key suppliers, including Essilor and CooperVision. We are collaborative in our vendor negotiations so as to develop a partnership with our vendors and, in time, a sense of loyalty to National Vision. Each of our top ten vendors has been with us for at least ten years, and several of these vendors have been with us since our inception in 1990. We focus on sourcing low-cost products, including discounted closeouts of well-known frame brands, secondary frame brands, direct import frames and private label contact lenses under our Sofmed label. By investing in our sourcing operations, we have increased our direct importation of eyeglass frames, as a percentage of eyeglass frames units sold, from 50% in 2012 to 73% in 2016, which has enabled us to offer high quality frames at low prices while also generating strong gross margins.

## **Our Optical Laboratories**

We use a highly-efficient mix of three domestic, company-operated processing facilities and two international, outsourced facilities. We have state-of-the-art lens processing capabilities in our three, geographically-diverse company-operated production facilities in Lawrenceville, Georgia, St. Cloud, Minnesota and Salt Lake City, Utah. Our centralized optical laboratories handle all aspects of customizing eyeglass lenses, and have digital capabilities for grinding, coating and edging to customer prescription and eyeglass frame specifications. We have developed a high-volume, low-cost lens processing model to provide seven-day turnaround service through our domestic owned laboratories and our international partner laboratories. This network was created through significant investment by us, and is leveraged across our portfolio of brands in both segments to provide efficiency and scale. We route eyeglass orders to both our owned and outsourced laboratories through an automated decision tree that incorporates information on (i) the nature of the job; (ii) the technical capabilities of each laboratory; (iii) the capacity of each laboratory; (iv) the inventory at each laboratory; and (v) the cost of that particular type of job at each laboratory. This architecture is integrated with the point-of-sale system and enables us to minimize our processing costs, while ensuring on-time deliveries. The processing system is designed such that the more eyeglasses we sell, the more efficient the laboratories become, creating significant cost savings over time. From fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2016, the number of orders processed through our laboratory network increased by more than 100%, while the cost per job decreased 13%.

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In addition, our Eyeglass World stores are equipped with on-site laboratories, which typically process less complicated customer orders with same-day service. On-site laboratories can process a variety of lens options. For fiscal year 2016, over half of Eyeglass World in-store customer orders were processed entirely in the store. All lens orders that are not processed or completed instore are processed or completed by our centralized laboratory network.

## **Our Distribution Network**

Our approximately 99,000 square foot distribution center in Lawrenceville, Georgia is located near our corporate offices in Duluth, Georgia. We utilize third-party carriers to transport all of our products from this distribution center to our stores.

Our approximately 52,000 square foot distribution center in Columbus, Ohio is located close to the headquarters of our AC Lens subsidiary. We utilize third-party carriers to transport our products from this distribution center directly to customers and to store locations for our partners.

We believe that the size and scalability of our distribution centers is more than sufficient to support our future expansion over the next four to five years.

## **Our Properties and Store Footprint**

We lease all of our America's Best and Eyeglass World retail stores. Our leases generally have a term of five to ten years, with renewal options that generally range from five to 15 years. Most leases for these retail stores provide for a minimum rent, typically with escalating rent increases. In certain circumstances we pay a percentage rent based upon sales after certain minimum thresholds are achieved. These leases generally require us to pay insurance, utilities, real estate taxes and repair and maintenance expenses.

We occupy our host locations through master agreements with our host partners, which contain standard terms and conditions, such as fixed and percentage-based payments. We occupy our legacy locations through master agreements with standard terms and conditions, such as percentage-based payments.

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A summary of our stores by location as of April 1, 2017 is as follows:

State	America's Best	Eyeglass World	Legacy	Other		State	America's Best	Eyeglass World	Legacy	Other
AL	9	1	3	2		MT		-	1	
AK			1	7	LΓ	NE	3	1		1
AZ	16	4	9	2		NV		3	2	1
AR		-		1	LΓ	NH		-	3	-
CA	15	13	43	4		NJ	15	-	4	1
со	19	1	7	3	LΓ	NM		1	6	3
CT			7	-		NY	13	-	13	1
DE					LΓ	NC	10		36	3
FL	50	32	2	2		ND	-	-	-	-
GA	31	3	25	5	LΓ	OH	22	1	-	1
HI		-	3	-		OK		-	-	-
ID	5				LΓ	OR	9	-	3	9
IL	44	2	-	-		PA	28	2	13	
IN	10	10			LΓ	RI		-	-	
IA	6	1	-	-		SC	10	1	6	1
KS		1	8	2	LΓ	SD		-	1	
KY	2	1	-	2		TN	16	2	-	-
LA	11		1	1		TX	74	5	3	6
ME		-	-	-		UT	9	3	-	1
MD	17		1	1	LΓ	VT		-		
MA			2	-		VA	25		16	2
MI	27	14			LΓ	WA	11	1	1	19
MN	13		-	-		WV		-	6	-
MS				2	LΓ	WI	7			
MO	18	1	-	1		WY	-	-	1	-

Note: 'Other' includes Vista Optical in Fred Meyer stores and on military bases. There is one America's Best location in Washington, D.C. and one Vista Optical location in Puerto Rico.

We lease laboratories in Georgia and Utah and distribution centers in Georgia and Ohio, and we own our laboratory in Minnesota.

Our corporate offices are located in approximately 73,000 square feet of leased space in Duluth, Georgia. In addition, we lease approximately 27,000 square feet of office space for our AC Lens corporate office in Columbus, Ohio, and we lease approximately 3,000 square feet of office space for our FirstSight corporate office in Upland, California.

## **Our Employees**

As of April 1, 2017, we had 10,229 full-time and part-time employees, inclusive of employees of the professional corporations with which we contract. We are not a party to any collective bargaining agreements. We have never experienced a strike or work stoppage, and we believe that our relations with employees are excellent.

We believe that the recruitment, training and knowledge of our employees and the consistency and quality of the service they deliver are central to our success. We believe our employee-customer interactions are important to build the trust and rapport necessary to execute our selling approach. The recruiting team relies on external sourcing, employee recommendations and our website to facilitate recruitment of future employees.

We dedicate substantial resources to training our employees. Each new full-time store employee receives more than 48 hours of formal training in their first year alone, including product, leadership, cultural and operational training. Our sales associates are trained to interact, inquire and listen to customers so that they can understand the complete scope of each customer's situation. This consultative selling approach allows us to sell a broad range of products and deliver a differentiated experience to our customers, which we believe results in a

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quality transaction, repeat visits, frequent referrals and overall customer satisfaction. In addition, every employee promoted to store manager participates in a centralized training program at our corporate office to ensure consistency and alignment with our store-level corporate objectives.

We believe that communication is vital to the culture of the business and engages and empowers our workforce. Our strategic initiatives and organizational successes are communicated to employees at all levels. We also pride ourselves on our compensation policy as a retention tool. We offer flexible work schedules, comprehensive benefits and competitive compensation to both full-time and part-time employees. As a result, we have an average employee turnover rate of approximately 35% annually across our five store brands, compared to the retail industry average of approximately 60%.

# **Managed Vision Care**

We are currently underpenetrated in the managed care market relative to the broader optical retail industry, and we believe that this represents an important opportunity for us in the future. Although we have relationships with many of the major insurance and vision care companies, we believe that there are opportunities for us to expand existing relationships as well as to create new ones. We strive to create a high-quality, high-satisfaction experience for both our in-store customers and managed care partners. Through our point-of-sale system and our back-office electronic data interchange, or EDI, capabilities, we create a seamless transactional experience for our in-store managed care customers. Additionally, we have assisted a number of our larger vision care insurance payors to either implement or improve their EDI claim systems. We monitor both industry and national healthcare changes and are well-positioned to take advantage of these changes due to our low-cost offerings and strong electronic infrastructure. We expect to continue to grow the managed care component of our business through our relationships and partnership initiatives with managed care payors.

### **Our Competition**

The optical retail industry is highly competitive. Competition is generally based upon brand name recognition, price, convenience, selection, service and product quality.

We operate within the value segment of the U.S. optical retail industry, which emphasizes price and value. This segment is fragmented. We compete with mass merchants and warehouse club stores, specialty retail chains and independent eye care practitioners and opticians. In the broader optical retail industry, we also compete with large national retailers such as (in alphabetical order) LensCrafters, Pearle Vision and Visionworks. This competition takes place both in physical retail locations and online.

We also compete with online sellers of contact lenses and eyewear. The online sale of contact lenses has steadily increased in particular since the passage of the FCLCA. The online sale of eyeglasses has not developed as quickly, but a number of firms are focused on this market, including Warby Parker and Zenni Optical. We also face potential competition from companies that employ emerging technologies in the optical industry, including, for example, online vision exams and 3D printing of eyewear.

We also compete to be a provider under managed care contracts, which can provide us with access to new customers and also allow us to better serve our customers who are covered by managed care by filing claims directly with the payor and collecting only the applicable co-pay amount from these customers. Competition is based on many factors, including price and the density of the provider network. Several large managed care payors are vertically integrated, with substantial retail networks. We have, in the past, and may, in the future, experience heightened challenges to be admitted as a provider to these networks or to maintain our status in them.

### Seasonality

Our business is moderately seasonal in nature. Historically, our business has realized a higher portion of revenue, operating income and cash flows from operations in the first fiscal quarter, and a lower portion of net revenue, operating income and cash flows from operations in the fourth fiscal quarter. The seasonally larger first quarter is attributable primarily to the timing of our customers' income tax refunds and annual health insurance program start/reset periods. Our target market, which consists of cost-conscious and low-income consumers, relies on tax refunds to pay for eyewear and eye care. A delay in the issuance of tax refunds can accordingly have a negative impact on our financial results. Consumers could also alter how they utilize tax refund proceeds.



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With respect to our fourth quarter results, compared to other retailers, our products and services are less likely to be included in consumer's holiday spending budgets, therefore reducing spending on personal vision correction during the weeks preceding December 25 of each year. Additionally, although the period between December 25 and the end of our fiscal year is typically a high-volume period, the net revenue associated with substantially all orders of prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses during that period is deferred until January due to our policy of recognizing revenue only after the product has been accepted by the customer, further contributing to higher first quarter results. Our quarterly results may also be affected by the timing of new store openings and store closings, the amount of sales contributed by new and existing stores, as well as the timing of certain holidays.

## Information Technology

Information technology systems are critical to our day-to-day operations as well as to our long-term growth strategies. Our systems are designed to deliver a consistent, scalable, high-performing and secure experience for our customers and partners. We utilize a combination of co-location data center and cloud-based solutions for our infrastructure and the majority of our applications consist of standard, integrated software solutions. Our systems provide the data analysis and automation necessary to support our marketing, merchandising, inventory, distribution, store operations and point-of-sale, e-commerce, finance, accounting and human resources initiatives. We believe our current systems allow us to identify and respond to operating trends in our business.

Since 2011, we have modernized our point-of-sale system, upgraded multiple financial package components and are currently implementing software systems to enhance the growth of our omni-channel and customer engagement efforts. We believe this implementation, along with maintenance of our existing information technology capabilities, will provide the flexibility and capacity to accommodate our future growth plans.

## **Intellectual Property**

We own many trademarks, including America's Best, America's Best & Design, America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses & Design, America's Best Vision Plan, America's Best owl mascot image, "It's not just a better deal. It's America's Best.," Eyeglass World, Eyeglass World logos, "See yourself smile. See yourself save.," AC Lens, FirstSight, Vista Optical, Eyecare Club, Sofmed, Digimax, Neverglare, Neverglare Advantage and Neverglare Advantage & Design. We have registered or applied to register a variety of our trademarks and service marks used throughout our business in the United States, as well as domain names.

### Legal Proceedings

We are currently and may in the future become subject to various claims and pending or threatened lawsuits in the normal course of our business. Our subsidiary, FirstSight, is a defendant, along with Walmart, in a purported class action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California that alleges that FirstSight and Walmart participated in arrangements that caused the illegal delivery of eye examinations to the plaintiffs and that FirstSight thereby violated, among others, the corporate practice of optometry and the unfair competition and false advertising laws of California. The lawsuit was filed in 2013 and FirstSight was added as a defendant in 2016. On March 24, 2017, the Court granted the defendants' motions to dismiss and dismissed the complaint with prejudice. Plaintiffs appealed this decision in April 2017. We intend to continue to defend the litigation vigorously. We believe that the claims alleged are without merit. In May 2017, a complaint was filed against us and other defendants alleging, on behalf of a proposed class of consumers who purchased contact lenses online, that 1-800 Contacts, Inc. entered into a series of agreements with the other defendants, including our subsidiary AC Lens, to suppress certain online advertising and that each defendant thereby engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. We have settled this litigation for \$7.0 million, without admitting liability. The settlement agreement is subject to the approval of the court. Accordingly, we will record a \$7.0 million charge to accrue for this settlement in the second quarter of 2017. We are not currently party to any other legal proceedings that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

## **Regulatory Overview**

Our operations are subject to extensive federal, state and local laws and regulations. Because of the various facets of our business, the scope and extent of laws and regulations applicable to our business are always subject to the risk of material increase.

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### Corporate Practice of Medicine/Optometry and Similar Laws

Many states prohibit the corporate practice of medicine/optometry where a business corporation practices medicine or employs a physician to provide professional medical services. Many states interpret the corporate practice of medicine/optometry rules broadly to prohibit employment of eye care practitioners by corporations like us and to prohibit various financial arrangements, such as fee-splitting, between eye care practitioners and other entities. A number of states that permit these relationships nevertheless regulate them extensively. For example, some states prohibit a common entrance to a retail optical location and an optometric office. These laws and regulations can vary significantly by state, requiring us to tailor our operations in each state to the particular laws of such state. Many of these laws and regulations are vague and are subject to the interpretation of regulators and enforcement authorities, which may change over time. States periodically revisit these laws and regulations and we are subject to the ongoing risk that the regulatory scheme in any state can change in ways adverse to us. We strive to structure our arrangements with eye care practitioners in accordance with these state laws. Our America's Best operations, which feature a bundled offer of eyeglasses and an eye examination, are particularly implicated by these laws. Our failure to comply with these laws could threaten our ability to operate in a particular state.

## Professional Licensure and Regulation

Our operations are also subject to state licensing laws. All states license the practice of ophthalmology and optometry and many states license opticians. The dispensing of prescription eyewear is further regulated in most states in which we do business. In some states, we are also required to register our stores. Our failure, or the failure of vision care professionals who are our employees or with whom we have arrangements, to obtain and maintain appropriate licenses could result in the unavailability of vision care professionals in or near our stores, loss of sales and/or the closure of our stores without licensed professionals.

## Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act

In connection with our sales of contact lens, we must also comply with the FCLCA, and its implementing regulations, which establish a national uniform standard in the United States with regard to releasing and verifying contact lens prescriptions. This law also contains a "passive verification" requirement pursuant to which a prescription is deemed verified if a prescriber fails to respond within eight business hours to a request by a seller for confirmation of the accuracy of the prescription.

## Managed Care Regulation

We are engaged in managed vision care, both as a managed care entity and as a provider to managed care payors and insurers. In California, our subsidiary, FirstSight, as an HMO, is subject to the managed care laws of the State of California and is licensed and comprehensively regulated by the DMHC. These regulations contain operating, disclosure, reporting, and financial viability requirements, among others. In the event of a violation of these regulations, the DMHC has, depending on the nature and extent of the violation, the authority to suspend or revoke FirstSight's license, to seek civil penalties, and to seek other remedies, including the appointment of a receiver. Material changes to the operations of FirstSight, including the opening of America's Best locations outside of defined service areas, must be approved by the DMHC. This approval process can be complex and can cause delays in the projected opening of our stores.

We also offer Eyecare Club programs pursuant to which, in exchange for a fixed payment, individuals can obtain eye examinations and discounts on eyeglasses, contact lenses and accessories during the program period. These programs may be subject to regulation under managed care and related state laws, including those of California, where these programs are offered by FirstSight. In addition, our Eyecare Club programs may subject us to state statutes regulating discount medical plans. These laws, which have been adopted in a number of states, require the licensing or registration of organizations that provide discounted access to health care providers. It is possible that state regulators could determine that we are operating as a discount medical plan and as such are subject to the various registration, disclosure and solvency requirements. We could incur increased compliance costs as a result. We would also be subject to the risk of cease and desist orders and monetary penalties.

### Service Contract Regulations

We offer product protection plans for our eyeglasses; in certain states, service contract and similar laws regulate these plans. These laws, which vary by state, mandate that sellers of such contracts comply with various

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registration, disclosure and financial requirements. It is possible that regulators in certain states could determine that our extended warranty plans should be subject to these laws. In such event, we would be required to incur enhanced compliance costs, as well as the risk of cease and desist orders and monetary penalties.

## **Privacy and Security**

We directly collect, use, access, disclose, transmit and/or store PHI and PII in connection with the sales of our products and services, customer service, billing and employment practices. As a health care provider and as a business associate to health care providers, we are subject to federal and comparable state laws governing privacy and security, including HIPAA and its implementing regulations, such as the Privacy Rule, the Security Rule and the Breach Notification Rule. The HITECH Act extends the Privacy Rule and the Security Rule directly to business associates.

The Privacy Rule regulates the use, disclosure and protection of PHI by health plans, healthcare clearinghouses and health care providers that submit certain covered transactions electronically, or collectively covered entities, and their business associates. The Security Rule requires the adoption of administrative, physical, and technical safeguards, including written security policies and procedures. The Breach Notification Rule requires covered entities to notify affected individuals without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery of the breach if their unsecured PHI is subject to an unauthorized access, use or disclosure. If a breach affects 500 patients or more, covered entities must report it to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or HHS, and local media without unreasonable delay, and HHS will post the name of the breaching entity on its public website. If a breach affects fewer than 500 individuals, the covered entity must log it and notify HHS at least annually. Business associates are required to notify their covered entity clients without unreasonable delay and in no case later than 60 calendar days after discovery of the breach.

HHS may impose penalties for HIPAA violations up to \$55,910 per violation, and up to \$1.68 million per violation of the same standard per calendar year. A single breach incident can result in violations of multiple standards, resulting in possible penalties potentially in excess of \$1.68 million. If a person knowingly or intentionally obtains or discloses PHI in violation of HIPAA requirements, criminal penalties may also be imposed.

HIPAA authorizes state attorneys general to file suit under HIPAA on behalf of state residents. Courts can award damages, costs and attorneys' fees related to violations of HIPAA in such cases. While HIPAA does not create a private right of action allowing individuals to sue us in civil court for HIPAA violations, its standards have been used as the basis for a duty of care claim in state civil suits such as those for negligence or recklessness in the misuse or breach of PHI.

We are also subject to comparable state health privacy laws to the extent they are more protective of individual privacy than the Privacy Rule. Nearly all states have adopted their own data breach laws with comparable (and sometimes conflicting) standards and requirements. These state laws apply to breaches of specified elements of personal information.

The HITECH Act also restricts third-party funded communications using PHI and the receipt of remuneration in exchange for PHI. We must therefore structure our participation in any promotional programs of our vendors to comply with these restrictions.

Additionally, because we accept debit and credit cards for payment, we are subject to the PCI Standard, which contains compliance guidelines with regard to our security surrounding the physical and electronic storage, processing and transmission of cardholder data. Compliance with the PCI Standard and implementing related procedures, technology and information security measures requires significant resources and ongoing attention.

## Laws Related to Reimbursement by Government Programs

Our participation in federal reimbursement programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, subjects us to federal anti-kickback, false claims, self-referral and similar laws.

The federal Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, paying, receiving or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, to induce, or in exchange for, the referral of an individual or purchasing, furnishing, recommending or arranging for a good or service for which payment may be made under a federal healthcare program, such as Medicare or Medicaid. The definition



National Vision Holdings, Inc. has requested confidential treatment of this registration statement and associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. of "remuneration" has been broadly interpreted to include anything of value, including, for example, gifts, certain discounts, the furnishing of free supplies, equipment or services, credit arrangements, payment of cash and waivers of payments. Several courts have found a violation of the statute's intent requirement if a single purpose of an arrangement involving remuneration is to induce referrals of federal healthcare covered businesses. There are also a number of healthcare fraud statutes that impose criminal and civil liability for, among other things, knowingly and willfully executing, or attempting to execute, a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program, or knowingly and willfully falsifying, concealing or covering up a material fact or making any materially false statement, in connection with the delivery of, or payment for, healthcare benefits, items or services. A person or entity does not need to have actual knowledge of the Anti-Kickback Statute or healthcare fraud statutes, or specific intent to violate them in order to have committed a violation. Penalties for violations include criminal and civil sanctions such as fines, imprisonment and possible exclusion from Medicare, Medicaid and other federal healthcare programs. Many states have adopted similar laws that apply to any third-party payors including commercial plans.

A person who offers or transfers to a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary any remuneration, including the transfer of items or services for free or other than fair market value, that the person knows or should know is likely to influence the beneficiary's selection of a particular provider, practitioner or supplier of Medicare or Medicaid payable items or services may be liable for significant civil monetary penalties. Although this prohibition applies only to federal healthcare program beneficiaries, the provision of free items and services to patients covered by commercial payors may implicate applicable state laws related to, among other things, unlawful schemes to defraud, excessive fees for services, tortious interference with patient contracts and statutory or common law fraud.

In addition, the federal Anti-Kickback Statute provides that any claim for government reimbursement in violation of the statute also violates the FCA. The FCA prohibits intentionally submitting, conspiring to submit, or causing to be submitted, false or otherwise improper claims, records or statements to the federal government, or intentionally failing to return overpayments, in connection with reimbursement by federal government programs. Most states have enacted false claims laws analogous to the FCA, and both federal and state false claims laws permit private individuals to file *qui tam* or "whistleblower" lawsuits on behalf of the federal or state government. The Social Security Act also imposes significant penalties for false or improper Medicare and Medicaid billings.

The U.S. Physician Self-Referral Law, or the Stark Law, generally prohibits physicians (which the Stark Law defines to also include optometrists) from referring, for certain services, Medicare or Medicaid beneficiaries to any entity with which the physician or an immediate family member of the physician has a financial relationship. This law further prohibits the entity receiving a prohibited referral from presenting a claim for reimbursement by Medicare or Medicaid for services furnished pursuant to the prohibited referral. Many states have adopted similar self-referral laws which are not limited to Medicare or Medicaid reimbursed services. In some cases, the rental of space constitutes a financial relationship under this law.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 required that federal agencies make annual inflation adjustments to civil monetary penalties and to penalties under the FCA. Each of the DOJ and the HHS has recently announced such adjustments, which materially increase the size of these penalties. Penalties under the FCA increased from a minimum of \$5,500 and a maximum of \$11,000 to a minimum of \$10,957 and a maximum of \$21,916. Civil monetary penalties for violations of the Anti-Kickback Statute increased from \$50,000 to \$74,792. Penalties have increased under other laws, including HIPAA.

## FDA Regulation

The FDA generally has authority to, among other things, regulate the manufacture, distribution, sale and labeling of medical devices, including contact and spectacle lenses. Under the FDC Act, medical devices must meet a number of regulatory requirements. We engage in certain manufacturing, repackaging and relabeling activities at our optical laboratories and at certain Eyeglass World stores, which subject us to the FDA's registration, listing, and quality requirements. We are required to register our laboratories with the FDA. If we, or any of the manufacturers of our medical device products, fail to comply with applicable requirements, we or they may be subject to legal action by the DOJ on behalf of the FDA and/or various forms of FDA enforcement and compliance actions, which include, but are not limited to, recalls, fines, penalties, injunctions, seizures, prosecutions, adverse publicity (such as FDA press releases) or other adverse actions.

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### **Consumer Protection Laws**

Federal and state consumer protection laws and regulations can apply to our operations and retail offers. Some of our promotions, such as our America's Best offer of a "free" eye exam, are subject to compliance with laws and regulations governing use of this term. The FTC has authority under Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, or the FTC Act, to investigate and prosecute practices that are "unfair trade practices," "deceptive trade practices," or "unfair methods of competition." State attorneys general typically have comparable authority. In addition, many states permit private plaintiffs to bring actions on the basis of these laws.

State regulators or boards of optometry may challenge our promotional practices, including America's Best's bundled offers, as, among other things, violating applicable state laws regarding unfair competition or false advertising to consumers. To the extent our promotional programs are found to be inconsistent with applicable laws, we may be required to restructure or discontinue such programs, or be subject to other significant penalties.

## **E-commerce Laws**

Our e-commerce business, operated by our subsidiary AC Lens, must comply with various federal and state laws, most notably the FCLCA, and its implementing regulation, the Contact Lens Rule, adopted by the FTC. This law and Rule require that, before we sell contact lenses online, we verify the prescriptions we receive from our customers. A violation of the Contact Lens Rule constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the FTC Act. Our online business must also be registered in various states.

Our international sales online can also implicate other laws, particularly the requirements under the OFAC, which prohibit us from engaging in transactions with certain individuals and companies designated by OFAC.

# **Environmental and Safety Regulation**

Our three optical laboratories in the United States and our in-store laboratories in our Eyeglass World locations subject us to various federal, state and local laws, regulations and other requirements pertaining to protection of the environment, public health and employee safety, including, for example, regulations governing the management of hazardous substances, and the maintenance of safe working conditions. These laws also apply generally to all our properties. Our failure to comply with these laws can subject us to criminal and civil liabilities.

### **Foreign Corrupt Practices Act**

We source a significant portion of our products from outside the United States. The FCPA and other similar anti-bribery and anti-kickback laws and regulations generally prohibit companies and their intermediaries from making improper payments or offering anything of value to non-U.S. officials for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business. Our policies and our code of conduct mandate compliance with applicable law, including these laws and regulations.

## Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard sets forth standards for the secure handling by merchants of credit card data. Certain states have incorporated these requirements into state law. Our credit card agreements with our banks require that we comply with this standard and pay for any fines and assessments imposed by the credit card companies in the event of a compromise of card data. Such fines and assessments can be material.

### **Insurance and Risk Management**

We use a combination of insurance and self-insurance for workers' compensation, general liability, property insurance, director and officers' liability insurance, vehicle liability and employee health-care benefits, among others. Liabilities associated with the risks that are retained by us are estimated, in part, by considering historical claims experience, demographic factors, severity factors and other actuarial assumptions. Where we have retained risk through self-insurance or similar arrangements, we utilize third-party firms to assist management in assessing the financial impact of risk retention.

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### MANAGEMENT

# **Executive Officers and Directors**

Below is a list of our executive officers and directors and their respective ages as of June 1, 2017 and a brief account of the business experience of each of them.

Name	Age	Position
L. Reade Fahs	57	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Nathaniel H. Taylor	40	Director
Felix Gernburd	30	Director
D. Randolph Peeler	52	Director
J. Bruce Steffey*	70	President
Patrick R. Moore	53	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Mitchell Goodman	63	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
John Vaught	63	Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer
Jeff Busbee	56	Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer
Chris Beasley	47	Senior Vice President, Accounting, and Controller
Charlie Foell	67	Senior Vice President, Manufacturing & Distribution
Jeff McAllister*	58	Chief Operating Officer

\* Mr. Steffey has notified us of his intention to retire in September 2017. We expect that Mr. McAllister will become our Chief Operating Officer upon Mr. Steffey's retirement.

# Directors

L. Reade Fahs has served as the Chief Executive Officer of NVI since January 2003, having joined NVI in April 2002 as the President and Chief Operating Officer, and was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in March 2014. Mr. Fahs has also served as our director since March 2014. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Fahs served as the Chief Executive Officer of First Tuesday and was Managing Director of Vision Express U.K. Previously, Mr. Fahs worked at LensCrafters, which he joined in 1986 for a decade of their most rapid growth. Mr. Fahs is the chairman of the board of directors of VisionSpring and co-founder of Frames for the World. Mr. Fahs also serves on the boards of RestoringVision, Ditto Technologies, Inc., Affordable Care, Inc. and Atlanta's Alliance Theatre. Mr. Fahs holds a B.A. degree in English Literature from Harvard College.

**Nathaniel H. Taylor** has been a director since February 2014. Mr. Taylor joined KKR in 2005. Mr. Taylor currently sits on the board of directors of Academy Sports + Outdoors, Channel Control Merchants, LLC, Mills Fleet Farm, Toys 'R' Us Inc. and US Foods Holding Corp. Before joining KKR, Mr. Taylor was with Bain Capital, where he was involved in the execution of investments in the retail, health care and technology sectors. Mr. Taylor holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.B.A. from Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

**Felix Gernburd** has been a director since September 2015. Mr. Gernburd joined KKR in 2010. He currently sits on the board of directors of Channel Control Merchants, LLC, Lemonade Restaurant Group and Mills Fleet Farm. Before joining KKR, Mr. Gernburd was with Goldman, Sachs & Co., where he was involved in a variety of merger, acquisition and financing transactions in the consumer, retail and industrials sectors. Mr. Gernburd holds an Honors B.A. with distinction from the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario.

**D. Randolph Peeler** has been a director since March 2014. Mr. Peeler joined Berkshire in 1996 and became a Managing Director in 2000. Before joining Berkshire, Mr. Peeler co-founded a privately-owned healthcare services company and also served as Special Assistant for the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy in the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Mr. Peeler previously worked as a consultant with Cannon Associates and Bain & Co. Mr. Peeler is or has been a director of several Berkshire portfolio companies, including Affordable Care, Inc., Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd. and Lightower Fiber Networks. Mr. Peeler has an A.B. from Duke University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

# **Executive Officers**

**J. Bruce Steffey** has served as the President of NVI since September 2012 and as its Chief Operating Officer since March 2004, having previously served as its Senior Vice President of Retail Operations since

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October 2002, and was appointed the President of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in April 2016. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Steffey was Senior Vice President of Store Operations for Zale's Corporation from 1994 through 2002. Prior to joining Zale's, Mr. Steffey served as a Senior Vice President for Service Merchandise. Mr. Steffey holds a B.B.A. degree in Marketing, Management and Finance from Wake Forest University.

**Patrick R. Moore** has served as the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of NVI since September 2014, and was appointed the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in February 2015. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Moore served in both divisional and group chief financial officer roles for Fiserv, Inc. (where he served as Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the Digital Solutions Group from March 2014 until September 2014), First Data Corporation (where he served as Senior Vice President, Business Transformation from August 2013 until February 2014 and Division Chief Financial Officer/Senior Vice President of First Data North America from October 2009 until July 2013), Fluor Corporation and BellSouth Corporation (now AT&T). Mr. Moore began his career with BellSouth Corporation, serving in roles involving engineering, operations, finance, strategy, investor relations and merger integration. Mr. Moore holds a B.A. in Mechanical Engineering, as well as an MBA from the University of Alabama. Mr. Moore also attended the Stanford Executive program in 2002.

**Mitchell Goodman** has served as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of NVI since May 1998, and was appointed the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in March 2014. Mr. Goodman joined NVI in 1992 as General Counsel and was named a Vice President in November 1993. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Goodman was Vice President, General Counsel for NuVision, Inc. Mr. Goodman holds a B.A. degree in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.Litt. in philosophy from Oxford University, and a J.D. degree from Wayne State University Law School.

**John Vaught** has served as the Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer of NVI since joining National Vision in 2005, and was appointed the Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in June 2017. Mr. Vaught has been involved in all acquisition integrations and growth at National Vision beginning with the acquisition of America's Best in 2005. Mr. Vaught has 45 years of retail and manufacturing information technology experience, and has held technical and IT management positions at Revco Drug Stores (CVS), Invacare, and Office Depot.

**Jeff Busbee** has served as the Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer of NVI since January 2010, and was appointed the Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in June 2017. Mr. Busbee joined NVI in November 1995 as Director, Human Resources. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Busbee held various positions at General Motors Company, Hitachi, Ltd., Delta Airlines and the Coca Cola Export Corporation, Belgium. Mr. Busbee holds a B.B.A degree in Management from Georgia State University.

**Chris Beasley** has served as the Senior Vice President, Accounting of NVI since July 2015 and as the Controller since May 2017, and was appointed the Senior Vice President, Accounting of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in April 2016 and as the Controller in May 2017. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Beasley served as Chief Financial Officer of Sierra-Cedar Holdings Inc., a private equity owned information technology consulting company, from July 2014 to July 2015. Prior to that role, Mr. Beasley served as Sierra-Cedar's Global Controller and Vice President of Finance from January 2012 to July 2014. Prior to joining Sierra-Cedar, Mr. Beasley served as Corporate Controller at Eclipsys Corporation and Director of Financial Reporting for BellSouth Corporation (now AT&T). Mr. Beasley began his career with PricewaterhouseCoopers as an audit manager. Mr. Beasley holds a B.B.A. in Accounting from the University of Georgia and is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Charlie Foell** has served as the Senior Vice President, Manufacturing and Distribution of NVI since April 2009, and was appointed the Senior Vice President, Manufacturing and Distribution of National Vision Holdings, Inc. in June 2017. Mr. Foell joined NVI in 1998 as Director of Distribution and was appointed to Vice President, Manufacturing and Distribution of NVI in 2003. Prior to joining NVI, Mr. Foell spent 25 years in various management roles supporting independently owned retail locations. Mr. Foell holds a Business Logistics degree from Penn State University.

**Jeff McAllister** is expected to begin serving as the Chief Operating Officer of NVI and National Vision Holdings, Inc. effective September 2017 upon Mr. Steffey's retirement. Mr. McAllister currently serves as Senior Vice President, Next Generation Supply Chain for Walmart U.S., a position he has held since January 2015. A Navy Veteran, Mr. McAllister joined Walmart in 1998 as Vice President of Logistics Engineering and Planning,

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and he has since served in a variety of supply chain and operations capacities, including Vice President of Walmart's Global Supply Chain, Chief Operating Officer for Walmart Japan, and Senior Vice President for Optical. In addition, he has led operations for Walmart's Health and Wellness Group. Immediately prior to his current role, Mr. McAllister served as Senior Vice President, Store Operations, Texas and then as Senior Vice President, Innovations from February 2011 until January 2015. Prior to joining Walmart, Mr. McAllister managed logistics for Saks Fifth Avenue and The May Department Stores Company. Mr. McAllister holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Michigan.

There are no family relationships among our directors and executive officers.

## **Composition of the Board of Directors**

Our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board of Directors. In connection with this offering, we will be amending and restating our certificate of incorporation to provide for a classified board of directors, with directors in Class I (expected to be ), directors in Class II (expected to be ) and directors in Class III (expected to be ). See "Description of Capital Stock—Anti-Takeover Effects of Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws and Certain Provisions of Delaware Law—Classified Board."

In addition, pursuant to the stockholders agreement we expect to enter into in connection with this offering, each of KKR and Berkshire will have the right to designate nominees to our Board of Directors subject to the maintenance of certain ownership requirements in us. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Stockholders Agreement."

Prior to the completion of this offering, we intend to appoint at least one additional director to our Board of Directors that will qualify as an independent director under the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange.

# **Background and Experience of Directors**

When considering whether directors and nominees have the experience, qualifications, attributes or skills, taken as a whole, to enable our Board of Directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively in light of our business and structure, the Board of Directors focused primarily on each person's background and experience as reflected in the information discussed in each of the directors' individual biographies set forth above. We believe that our directors provide an appropriate mix of experience and skills relevant to the size and nature of our business.

In particular, the members of our Board of Directors considered the following important characteristics: (i) L. Reade Fahs, our Chief Executive Officer, has many years of executive experience in the optical retail industry, (ii) Nathaniel H. Taylor and Felix Gernburd have significant financial, investment and operational experience from their involvement in KKR's investment in numerous portfolio companies and have played active roles in overseeing those businesses, and (iii) D. Randolph Peeler has significant experience and expertise in private equity investments through his involvement in Berkshire's investments.

# Leadership Structure of our Board of Directors

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide our Board of Directors with flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with its determination that utilizing one or the other structure would be in the best interests of our Company. Upon completion of this offering, will serve as Chairman of the Board. L. Reade Fahs, our Chief Executive Officer, also serves as a director.

Our Board of Directors has concluded that our current leadership structure is appropriate at this time. However, our Board of Directors will continue to periodically review our leadership structure and may make such changes in the future as it deems appropriate.

# **Role of Board of Directors in Risk Oversight**

Our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers will regularly report to the non-executive directors and the audit committee to ensure effective and efficient oversight of our activities and to assist in proper risk

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management and the ongoing evaluation of management controls. Internal audit will report functionally and administratively to our Chief Financial Officer and directly to the audit committee. We believe that the leadership structure of our Board of Directors provides appropriate risk oversight of our activities given the controlling interests held by the Sponsors.

# **Controlled Company Exception**

After the completion of this offering, the Sponsors will continue to beneficially own shares representing more than 50% of the voting power of our shares eligible to vote in the election of directors. As a result, we will be a "controlled company" within the meaning of the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange. Under such corporate governance standards, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power is held by an individual, group or another company is a "controlled company" and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance standards, including (1) the requirement that a majority of the Board of Directors consist of independent directors, (2) the requirement that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities, (3) the requirement that we have a nominating/corporate governance committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the requirement for an annual performance evaluation of the nominating/corporate governance and compensation committees.

Following this offering, we intend to utilize these exemptions. As a result, following this offering, we will not have a majority of independent directors on our Board of Directors, will not have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors and will have no nominating/corporate governance committee. Also, our compensation committee will not be subject to annual performance evaluations. Accordingly, our stockholders will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of the applicable stock exchange. In the event that we cease to be a "controlled company," we will be required to comply with these provisions within the transition periods specified in the corporate governance rules of the applicable stock exchange.

# **Committees of our Board of Directors**

Upon the listing of our shares on , our Board of Directors will have an audit committee and a compensation committee, each of which will operate under a charter that has been approved by our Board of Directors. Upon the listing of our shares on , copies of each committee's charter will be posted on our website, *www.nationalvision.com*. The reference to our website address does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained at or available through our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus.

## Audit Committee

Upon the completion of this offering, we expect to have an audit committee, consisting of at least one director who qualifies as an independent director under the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange and the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act. To the extent that our audit committee is not already composed of a majority of independent directors, our Board of Directors will appoint one or more additional independent directors to the audit committee within 90 days of the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and, to the extent our audit committee is not then already entirely composed of independent directors, again within one year of the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The non-independent members of the audit committee will resign from the audit committee as the additional independent directors are added, so that, within one year of the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, all of our audit committee members will be independent as such term is defined in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act and under the corporate governance standards of the applicable stock exchange. Our Board of Directors has determined that qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

The purpose of the audit committee will be to prepare the audit committee report required by the SEC to be included in our proxy statement and to assist our Board of Directors in overseeing and monitoring (1) the quality and integrity of our financial statements, (2) our independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence and (3) the performance of our independent registered public accounting firm.



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### Compensation Committee

Upon the completion of the offering, we expect to have a compensation committee consisting of . The purpose of the compensation committee is to assist our Board of Directors in discharging its responsibilities relating to (1) setting our compensation program and compensation of our executive officers and directors, (2) monitoring our incentive and equity-based compensation plans and (3) preparing the compensation committee report required to be included in our proxy statement under the rules and regulations of the SEC.

## **Code of Ethics**

We will adopt a written code of ethics that applies to our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. This code will be a "code of ethics," as defined in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. Upon completion of this offering, the code will be available on our website, *www.nationalvision.com*. We will make any legally required disclosures regarding amendments to, or waivers of, provisions of our code of ethics on our Internet website. The reference to our website address does not constitute incorporation by reference of the information contained at or available through our website, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus.

## **Director Compensation**

None of our directors received compensation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Our directors are reimbursed for any expenses incurred in connection with their service. Upon completion of this offering, we intend to establish a policy for non-management director compensation.

### **Executive Compensation**

## **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The information presented in this section does not reflect the prior to the consummation of this offering.

### Section Overview

Our executive compensation program is designed to attract and retain individuals with the skills and qualifications to manage and lead the Company effectively. The overarching goal of our programs is to motivate our leaders to contribute to the achievement of our financial goals and to focus on long-term value creation for our stockholders.

-for-one reverse split of our common stock, which will occur

This section contains a discussion of the material elements of compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our named executive officers, or NEOs, which include our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and each of our three other most highly compensated executive officers who served in such capacities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. Our NEOs for 2016 were:

Name	Position
L. Reade Fahs	Chief Executive Officer
J. Bruce Steffey*	President
Patrick R. Moore	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Mitchell Goodman	Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
John Vaught	Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer

\* Mr. Steffey has notified us of his intention to retire in September 2017.

### **Executive Summary**

*Compensation Philosophy and Approach.* We expect our executive team to possess and demonstrate strong leadership and management capabilities. To reward and retain our leaders, including our NEOs, we have designed a total compensation approach that rewards both short-term and long-term success.

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Compensation Objectives. Our compensation program for executives is currently designed to support the following objectives:

- align executive compensation with achievement of our overall business goals;
- provide overall levels of compensation that are competitive to attract, retain and motivate highly-qualified executives to continue to enhance long-term equity value; and
- foster a strong relationship between stockholder value and executive compensation by having a portion of compensation composed of equity-based incentive awards.

*Program Design.* Our executive compensation program has three main components: (1) base salary; (2) annual cash incentive compensation; and (3) long-term incentive awards. Each component is designed to be consistent with the Company's compensation philosophy.

Our compensation packages are designed to promote integrity, leadership, teamwork, ownership and initiative by our employees whose performance and responsibilities directly affect our results of operations. We strive to create competitive compensation packages for all employees that encourage them to achieve our long-term business goals without taking unnecessary risks. We believe that, to attract and retain senior executives, we must provide them with a competitive level of predictable compensation that rewards their continued service. We also believe that performance-based compensation plays a significant role in aligning senior executives' interests with those of our stockholders, and should be emphasized in the overall program structure. We motivate and reward NEOs for successfully executing our business strategy, and believe that a combination of both short-term and long-term compensation creates an optimal pay-for-performance environment.

As we transition from being privately held to publicly traded, we intend to critically evaluate our executive compensation program as frequently as circumstances require, to ensure that we maintain a competitive environment for talent and that our incentive programs are achieving their desired results. Consistent with prior practice, we do not intend to adhere to rigid formulas or react to short-term changes in business performance in determining the amount and mix of compensation elements.

## **Our Annual Compensation-Setting Process**

*Role of Our Board of Directors and the NVI Board.* Our executive compensation and related issues are administered by our full Board of Directors and the board of NVI, or the NVI Board, which are composed of the same directors. Our Board of Directors is responsible for determining and approving equity compensation grants while the NVI Board determines other aspects of our compensation, including base salaries, and administers our Management Incentive Plan, or MIP. Our Board of Directors and the NVI Board are responsible for determining the compensation of our CEO and for reviewing and approving the compensation of other executive officers, as recommended by our CEO and Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer, or our Chief Human Resources Officer. At the beginning of each performance cycle, our Board of Directors or the NVI Board, as applicable, approve financial goals designed to align executive pay with company performance and stockholder interests, provide competitive pay opportunities dependent on performance, retain talent, create optimal stockholder value and mitigate material risk.

In connection with this offering, our Board of Directors will establish a compensation committee that will assume responsibility for overseeing key aspects of the executive compensation program, including (but not limited to) executive salaries, goals and payouts under the MIP, the size and structure of equity awards and any executive perquisites or other benefits.

Except where the context requires otherwise, the term "Board of Directors" as used in this "Executive Compensation" section refers to the Board of Directors of National Vision Holdings, Inc.

*Role of Management.* In setting executive compensation for 2016, our CEO and our Chief Human Resources Officer worked closely with the NVI Board in managing the executive compensation program and attended meetings of our Board of Directors. Our CEO made recommendations to the NVI Board regarding compensation for the executive officers other than himself. Our CEO and CFO also provided input in discussions regarding the financial goals for which annual incentive payouts under our MIP could be earned. Following this offering, the compensation committee of our Board of Directors will assume the responsibility that the NVI Board had in approving compensation decisions with respect to our NEOs.

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*Role of the Compensation Consultant*. In early 2016, our Board of Directors retained Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC, or Meridian, an independent compensation consulting firm, to assist our Board of Directors regarding various executive compensation matters. During the year, Meridian assisted with development of an initial peer group for executive benchmarking purposes, conducted a study of compensation for our senior executives using the peer group and survey data, and consulted on various matters related to the annual and long-term incentive programs.

*Use of Comparative Market Data.* We aim to compensate our executive officers competitively in the market for executive talent. To gain a general understanding of current market compensation practices, our Board of Directors reviewed the findings as presented in the market study conducted by Meridian. The external market data reviewed during 2016 included proxy data from the peer group companies described below, which we refer to as the "Initial Peer Group," and a broad cross-section of general industry survey data from the executive compensation database of Aon Hewitt, a firm that provides, among other services, human capital and management consulting services.

The criteria used to select the Initial Peer Group focused on industry, business model, scope of operations (as measured by annual revenue and market capitalization), and performance results (as indicated by various earnings metrics). Because our business model spans both the retail and healthcare industries, the Initial Peer Group included companies in both segments.

The Initial Peer Group included the following 20 companies:

AAC Holdings, Inc.	Five Below, Inc.
Acadia Healthcare Company, Inc.	Gildan Activewear Inc.
Alere Inc.	Haemonetics Corp.
Align Technology Inc.	Lululemon Athletica Inc.
Brookdale Senior Living Inc.	Perfumania Holdings, Inc.
Cabelas Inc.	Surgery Partners, Inc.
Capital Senior Living Corp.	Ulta Salon, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc.
Carters Inc.	Under Armour, Inc.
Cooper Companies Inc.	VCA Inc.
Dentsply International Inc.	West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.

As more fully described below under "—Compensation Elements," the NVI Board reviewed the compensation data provided by Meridian and set total compensation for our NEOs accordingly. The NVI Board did not target a specific percentile with respect to the Initial Peer Group in determining our NEOs' total compensation, nor did it establish a prescribed mix of pay for our executives.

Adoption of New Peer Group in October 2016. In September 2016, our Board of Directors concluded that our ongoing peer group should emphasize the health care aspects of our business yet still retain a "retail" component. In connection therewith, our Board of Directors asked Meridian to suggest revisions to the current peer group. After reviewing alternatives, our Board of Directors approved a new peer group in October 2016, which we refer to as the "New Peer Group." Other than the health care industry emphasis, the size and performance criteria used to select the New Peer Group were the same as those used to develop the Initial Peer Group.

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The New Peer Group consists of the following 15 companies, nine of which are also in the Initial Peer Group:

Alere Inc.\* Align Technology Inc.\* Amsurg Corp. Columbia Sportswear Co. Cooper Companies Inc.\* Container Store Group Dentsply Sirona Inc.\* Five Below Inc.\*

Surgery Partners Inc.\* Surgical Care Affiliates Inc. Ulta Salon Cosmetics and Fragrances\* U.S. Physical Therapy Inc. VCA Inc.\* West Pharmaceutical Services Inc.\*

<sup>\*</sup> Represents companies that are also in the Initial Peer Group.

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We expect to use the New Peer Group to benchmark total compensation for our NEOs, and to also serve as a baseline for reviewing the designs of our annual and long-term incentive programs, and our severance arrangements.

### **Compensation Elements**

# Base Salary

We believe it is important to provide a competitive fixed level of pay to attract and retain experienced and successful executives. In determining the amount of base salary that each NEO receives, we look to the executive's current compensation, time in position, any change in the executive's position or responsibilities, including complexity and scope and the relation of his or her position to those of other executives within the Company and in similar positions at peer companies. Base salaries are reviewed annually or at other times when appropriate and may be increased from time to time pursuant to such review.

Consistent with this approach, in April 2016, we adjusted the base salaries of each of our NEOs as follows:

	C	riginal		Adjusted	
Named Executive Officer	Ba	se Salary	Base Salary		
L. Reade Fahs	\$	592,250	\$	610,000	
J. Bruce Steffey	\$	515,000	\$	566,500	
Patrick R. Moore	\$	356,100	\$	380,000	
Mitchell Goodman	\$	310,000	\$	330,000	
John Vaught	\$	241,000	\$	280,000	

The base salaries of each of our NEOs were increased in April 2016, and Mr. Moore's base salary was further increased in September 2016 to \$400,000, to align with market pay levels.

# Management Incentive Plan

We sponsor the MIP, which is an annual cash incentive program. The primary purpose of the MIP is to focus management on key measures that drive financial performance and to provide competitive bonus opportunities tied to the achievement of our financial and strategic growth objectives.

We believe that tying the NEOs' bonuses to company-wide performance goals encourages collaboration across the executive leadership team. For fiscal 2016, MIP awards were based on achievement of an EBITDA goal (with EBITDA for purposes of the MIP defined as Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in "Prospectus Summary—Summary Historical Consolidated Financial and Other Data"), plus MIP expense, change in the margin on unearned revenue, change in deferred revenue, interest income and parent company items, less new store pre-opening expenses and non-cash rent). The NVI Board has reserved the ability to adjust the actual EBITDA results to exclude the effects of unplanned or unusual items (whether favorable or unfavorable).

Each NEO's target annual bonus under the MIP is expressed as a percentage of his base salary and the target bonuses range from 32.5% to 60% of base salary. Actual MIP awards were calculated by multiplying each NEO's base salary by his payout percentage. MIP awards are earned at 100% of target if the Company achieved 2016 EBITDA of \$146.7 million. For fiscal 2016, there was a threshold level and seven additional levels of EBITDA achievement under the MIP, with Tier I being the target achievement level and Tier VII the maximum achievement level. Awards could be earned at more or less than target based on the pre-established scale set forth in the following table:

	Threshold	Tier I (Target)	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV	Tier V	Tier VI	Tier VII (Maximum)			
		% Attainment of EBITDA Target									
	94.1%	100%	102.7%	106.9%	112.2%	118.5%	125.2%	131.9%			
Named Executive Officer	Named Executive Officer Payout Percentages										
L. Reade Fahs	15%	60%	70%	90%	110%	130%	150%	170%			
J. Bruce Steffey	15%	60%	70%	90%	110%	130%	150%	170%			
Patrick R. Moore	13.125%	50%	58.75%	76.25%	93.75%	111.25%	128.75%	146.25%			
Mitchell Goodman	13.125%	50%	58.75%	76.25%	93.75%	111.25%	128.75%	146.25%			
John Vaught	11.25%	32.5%	40%	55%	70%	85%	100%	115%			

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For performance percentages between the specified threshold, target, and other tier levels, payouts were interpolated on a straight-line basis.

Notwithstanding the establishment of the EBITDA goal and the scale for determining the resulting MIP awards earned, as described above, the NVI Board had the ability to exercise positive or negative discretion and award a greater or lesser amount to our NEOs than the amount determined by the scale above if it determined that circumstances so warranted. The NVI Board did not exercise such discretion in fiscal 2016.

For fiscal 2016, the Company's EBITDA achieved was \$154.8 million, resulting in a payout percentage of 83% of base salary for each of Messrs. Fahs and Steffey, 70% of base salary for each of Messrs. Moore and Goodman and 50% of base salary for Mr. Vaught. Each of the NEOs earned MIP awards for fiscal 2016 as follows, which are included in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the "Summary Compensation Table" below.

Named Executive Officer	2	2016 Base Salary	Bonus Target Percentage	I	Bonus Target Amount	Achievement Factor as a Percentage of Target Amount	1	Actual MIP Award
L. Reade Fahs	\$	605,221	60%	\$	363,133	139%	\$	503,074
J. Bruce Steffey	\$	552,635	60%	\$	331,581	139%	\$	459,363
Patrick R. Moore	\$	378,950	50%	\$	189,475	140%	\$	266,144
Mitchell Goodman	\$	324,615	50%	\$	162,308	140%	\$	227,984
John Vaught	\$	267,250	32.5%	\$	86,856	153%	\$	133,202

### Long-Term Incentive Awards

In 2014, our Board of Directors and stockholders of the Company approved the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan for Key Employees of Nautilus Parent, Inc. and its Subsidiaries, or the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. The principal purpose of the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan is to promote our long term financial interests and growth by attracting and retaining management and other employees and key service providers, motivate management by means of growth-related incentives to achieve long range goals and further align interests of participants with those of our stockholders. As of December 31, 2016, only stock options have been granted to any of the NEOs under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. See "—Equity Incentive Plans—2014 Stock Incentive Plan" for a description of the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan.

*Full 2014 Grants.* Each of our NEOs received option grants in full year 2014, which we refer to as the "2014 Options." On March 13, 2014, our Board of Directors granted each of Messrs. Fahs, Steffey, Goodman and Vaught an option to purchase 3,000,000, 1,500,000, 700,000 and 330,000 shares of our common stock, respectively. In connection with being hired by us, on September 16, 2014, our Board of Directors granted Mr. Moore an option to purchase 525,000 shares of our common stock. Both the March and September grants were made pursuant to our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share, which the Board of Directors determined was at least equal to the fair market value on the date of grant. The 2014 Options consist of 40% time-based and 60% performance-based options. For additional information regarding the 2014 Options, see "Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards—Equity Awards" below.

Payments for Pre-Acquisition Options and Rollover Options. Certain outstanding options to acquire stock that were issued prior to our acquisition by KKR, whether or not fully vested, became fully vested immediately prior to such acquisition and were either rolled over into options to purchase shares of our common stock or canceled and converted into cash payments, based on the difference between the change in control price and the option's exercise price.

Certain of our executives, including Mr. Vaught, rolled over a portion of their pre-acquisition outstanding options into options to purchase shares of our common stock. These "rollover options" were fully vested as of their date of grant and remain outstanding in accordance with the terms of the governing stock incentive plans and grant agreements and a separate rollover option agreement entered into with each of the individual option holders, including Mr. Vaught. However, in connection with our acquisition by KKR, the exercise price and

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number of shares underlying the rollover options were adjusted as a result of the acquisition, including for Mr. Vaught, whose exercise price for such options was adjusted to \$1.23 per option. For additional information regarding the options, see "Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards—Equity Awards" below.

As provided under the plan and related award agreements, the exercise price of options is subject to reduction to reflect cash dividends paid after the grant date. In connection with extraordinary dividends paid in June 2015 and February 2017, the exercise prices of the options granted to our NEOs were reduced. In February 2017, our Board of Directors approved a cash dividend payable to holders of our common stock, which we refer to as the "2017 Dividend," of \$1.514 per share, which we refer to as the "2017 Dividend Amount." To equitably reflect the impact of the 2017 Dividend on the holders of outstanding options, our Board of Directors approved cash payments to be made with respect to rollover options and vested options and approved reductions of the exercise price for unvested options as follows. Holders of vested options and rollover options received a one-time cash payment equal to the number of rollover options and/or vested options held by such holder, as applicable, multiplied by an amount equal to the 2017 Dividend Amount, less any applicable withholding taxes. The per share exercise prices of unvested options were reduced by an amount equal to the 2017 Dividend Amount to the extent the per share exercise price could be reduced under applicable tax rules.

For additional information regarding the options, see "Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards—Equity Awards" below.

## Perquisites and Other Benefits

Our team members, including the NEOs, are eligible for specified benefits, such as group health, dental, disability and life insurance. These benefits are intended to provide competitive and adequate protection in case of sickness and the NEOs participate in these plans on the same basis as all other team members.

We provide specified perquisites to our NEOs when appropriate, including relocation as required. We also provide our executives, including our NEOs, with additional basic life insurance coverage and supplemental long-term disability insurance. In addition, we provide our CEO with tax accounting services and a Young Presidents' Organization, or YPO, membership. These perquisites are intended to enable us to attract and retain highly qualified employees for key positions and are believed to be reasonable and consistent with our overall compensation program. The value of these perquisites and other personal benefits are reflected in the "All Other Compensation" column to the "Summary Compensation Table" and the accompanying footnotes.

### **Retirement Benefits**

Our eligible U.S. employees, including our NEOs, participate in the National Vision, Inc. 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan, or the 401(k) Plan. Eligible employees are eligible to enroll in the 401(k) Plan during the first month following three months of service with the Company. Under the 401(k) Plan, we match 50% of the first 3% of a participant's contributions. The Company's matching contributions vest pro rata over each of the following four years of employment with the Company.

## Severance Benefits

The Company provides severance benefits to its executives in order to offer competitive total compensation packages and to be competitive in the Company's executive attraction and retention efforts. The National Vision, Inc. Severance Plan, or the Severance Plan, in which all of our NEOs participate, provides for severance payments and benefits to executives upon a qualifying termination of employment. In addition, Messrs. Fahs, Steffey and Goodman participate in the Executive Supplement to the Severance Plan. Mr. Moore also became eligible to participate in the Executive Supplement in March 2017.

In the event of a qualifying termination (as defined in the Severance Plan), participating executives are generally eligible to receive severance in an amount equal to 12 months of such executive's annual base salary, payable over a 12-month period. Executives who participate in the Executive Supplement are eligible to receive extended severance of 24-months of annual base salary, plus an additional payment equal to 30% of annual base salary, all payable over a 24-month period. The Severance Plan also provides for payments of COBRA premiums for up to a 12-month period following a qualifying termination.

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As a condition to receiving any severance payments and benefits under the Severance Plan, executives are required to execute a severance agreement which includes a release of claims against the Company and certain restrictive covenants.

See "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control," which describes the payments to which each of the NEOs may be entitled under the Severance Plan and the Executive Supplement.

## Tax and Accounting Considerations

We consider the effect of tax, accounting and other regulatory requirements in designing and implementing compensation programs so that our programs meet regulatory requirements and efficiently deliver compensation. While these factors may impact plan designs, ultimately, decisions reflect the pay strategy of the Company and the program intent.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, generally disallows tax deductions to publiclyheld companies for individual compensation over \$1 million paid to certain executive officers in a taxable year. Compensation above \$1 million may be deducted if it is "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of the Code. This rule does not yet apply to us, but will after our initial public offering following the transition period outlined below.

Following this offering, we expect to be able to claim the benefit of a special exemption rule that applies to compensation paid (or compensation in respect of equity awards such as stock options or restricted stock granted) during a specified transition period under Section 162(m). This transition period may extend until the first annual stockholders meeting that occurs after the end of the third calendar year following the calendar year in which this offering occurs, unless the transition period is terminated earlier under the Section 162(m) post-offering transition rules. At such time as we are subject to the deduction limitations of Section 162(m), we expect that the compensation committee will take the deductibility limitations of Section 162(m) into account in its compensation decisions; however, the compensation committee may, in its judgment, authorize compensation payments that are not exempt under Section 162(m) when it believes that such payments are appropriate to attract or retain talent.

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## **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table presents summary information regarding the total compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to each of our NEOs for services rendered in all capacities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Name and Principal Position L. Reade Fahs Chief Executive Officer	<u>Year</u> 2016	Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup> 605,221	Bonus (\$) —	Stock Awards 	Option Awards (\$) —	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) 503,074	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(2)</sup> 16,911	Total (\$) 1,125,206
J. Bruce Steffey President	2016	552,635	—	—	—	459,363	_	7,093	1,019,091
Patrick R. Moore Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2016	378,950	_	—	_	266,144	_	9,380	654,474
Mitchell Goodman Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2016	324,615	—	—	_	227,984	_	11,728	564,327
John Vaught Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer	2016	267,250	_	—	—	133,202	_	8,422	408,874

(1) Amounts in this column reflect the salary earned during the fiscal year. In April 2016, base salaries of each of Messrs. Fahs, Steffey, Goodman and Vaught were increased. Mr. Moore's base salary was increased on April 3, 2016 as well as on September 18, 2016. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Compensation Elements—Base Salary" above.

(2) All Other Compensation for 2016 includes:

NEO	Employer 401(k) Matching Contributions (\$)(a)	Tax Services Reimbursement (\$)(b)	Life Insurance Premiums (\$)(c)	Disability Insurance Premiums (\$)(d)	Other (\$)(e)	Total (\$)
L. Reade Fahs	3,799	5,355	360	2,397	5,000	16,911
J. Bruce Steffey	4,694	_	360	2,039	_	7,093
Patrick R. Moore	9,020	—	360	—	—	9,380
Mitchell Goodman	6,089	_	360	5,279	_	11,728
John Vaught	4,009	—	360	4,053	—	8,422

(a) Our 401(k) plan provides for a 50% matching contribution on the first 3% of participants' pre-tax contributions up to IRS limits.

(b) With respect to each calendar year of employment, Mr. Fahs is entitled to be reimbursed by us for the reasonable cost of tax accounting services.

(c) Each of our NEOs is entitled to basic life insurance coverage of up to two times base salary up to \$500,000.

(d) Each of our NEOs is entitled to supplemental long-term disability insurance coverage. The total benefit maximum of both the basic and supplemental disability insurance coverage is \$10,000.

(e) Represents fees paid for Mr. Reade's YPO membership.

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### 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table sets forth information concerning grants of plan-based awards to the NEOs during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

	Estimated Possible Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(1)</sup>				
Name	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)		
L. Reade Fahs	90,783	363,133	1,028,876		
J. Bruce Steffey	82,895	331,581	939,479		
Patrick R. Moore	49,737	189,475	554,214		
Mitchell Goodman	42,606	162,308	474,750		
John Vaught	30,066	86,856	307,388		

(1) Reflects the possible payouts of cash incentive compensation under the MIP. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Compensation Elements— Management Incentive Plan" above for a description of the MIP. The actual amounts paid are described in the "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column of the "Summary Compensation Table."

## Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

## Equity Awards

Each of our NEOs is party to a Management Stockholder's Agreement with us. The Management Stockholder's Agreement, along with a Sale Participation Agreement, an Option Agreement and, with respect to Mr. Vaught, an Option Rollover Agreement, generally govern each NEO's rights with respect to shares of common stock of the Company held by such NEO, such NEO's 2014 Options and, with respect to Mr. Vaught, his rollover options, and contain certain rights and obligations of the parties thereto with respect to vesting, transfer restrictions, put and call rights, tag-along rights, drag-along rights, registration rights and rights of first refusal, and certain other matters.

# Vesting Terms

The 2014 Options granted to our NEOs consist of 40% time-based and 60% performance-based options. The time-based options vest as to 20% of the shares subject to such option on each anniversary of the closing date of our acquisition by KKR, such that all of the shares subject to such time-based options will be vested and exercisable on March 13, 2019, the fifth anniversary of the closing date of our acquisition by KKR, subject to the holder continuing to provide services through such vesting date. The performance-based options are eligible to vest upon (i) a change in control (as defined in our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan), (ii) extraordinary dividend payment(s), (iii) a sale of shares by KKR into the public market (including the sale of shares by KKR in connection with this initial public offering) or (iv) any other event or transaction (or series of events or transactions) wherein KKR receives cash, on a cumulative basis, in respect of its shares, which we refer to as a "Realization Event." Upon each date that a Realization Event occurs, a percentage of the performance-based options will vest if KKR receives proceeds that result in the achievement of a cumulative internal rate of return equal to at least 20% and:

- If the multiple of invested capital, or MOIC, achieved is less than two times, no portion of the performance-based options will vest;
- If the MOIC achieved is equal to two times, then 25% of the performance-based options will vest; and
- If the MOIC achieved is greater than two times, then an additional percentage of the performance-based options above 25% will vest with up to 100% of the performance-based options becoming vested upon the achievement of a MOIC equal to or greater than 5x based on the following formula: the product of (x)(1) the actual MOIC received as of the given Realization Event minus (2) the MOIC equal to two, and (y) 25%.

Mr. Vaught's rollover options were fully vested as of their date of grant.



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## Put Rights.

Prior to the later of (1) March 13, 2019 and (2) a change of control (as defined in the Management Stockholder's Agreement), if an NEO's employment is terminated as a result of death or disability, then such NEO has a right, subject to specified limitations and for a specified period following such termination, to cause the Company to repurchase all or any vested options for an amount equal to the product of (x) the excess, if any, of fair market value on the repurchase calculation date (as defined in the Management Stockholder's Agreement) of a share underlying the option over the exercise price and (y) the number of options. We refer to this calculation as the "Option Formula."

# Call Rights Regarding the NEOs' Vested 2014 Options.

Prior to the later of (1) March 13, 2019 and (2) a change of control, if an NEO's employment is terminated for any reason, or in the event of a breach by an NEO of the Management Stockholder's Agreement, including a restrictive covenant violation, the Company has the right, for a specified period following the termination of such NEO's employment, to purchase all of such NEO's vested options as follows:

Triggering Event	Call Price
Death or Disability	Option Formula
Termination for Cause	Options are terminated without payment
Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason	Option Formula
Termination Without Good Reason Prior to March 13, 2017 (other than due to death or Disability)	Options are terminated without payment
Termination Without Good Reason on or After March 13, 2017 (other than due to death or Disability)	Option Formula
Material Breach of Management Stockholder's Agreement	Options are terminated without payment

Call Rights Regarding Mr. Vaught's Rollover Options.

Prior to the later of (1) March 13, 2019 and (2) a change of control, if Mr. Vaught's employment is terminated for any reason, or in the event of a breach by Mr. Vaught of the Management Stockholder's Agreement, including a restrictive covenant violation, the Company has the right, for a specified period following the termination of such NEO's employment, to purchase all of Mr. Vaught's vested rollover options as follows:

Triggering Event	Call Price
Death or Disability	Option Formula
Termination for Cause	Option Formula
Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason	Option Formula
Termination Without Good Reason Prior to March 13, 2017 (other than due to death or Disability)	Option Formula
Termination Without Good Reason on or After March 13, 2017 (other than due to death or Disability)	Option Formula
Material Breach of Management Stockholder's Agreement	Option Formula

### Restrictive Covenants

In addition, our NEOs have agreed to specified restrictive covenants, including an indefinite confidentiality covenant, and covenants related to non-disparagement, non-competition and non-solicitation of our employees, consultants and independent contractors at all times during the NEO's employment, and for eighteen months thereafter.

Additional terms regarding the equity awards are summarized above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis— Compensation Elements—Long-Term Incentive Awards" and under "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control" below. See also "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" for additional information regarding the Management Stockholder's Agreements.

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## Outstanding Equity Awards at 2016 Fiscal Year End

The following table sets forth information regarding outstanding equity awards made to our NEOs as of December 31, 2016.

		Option Awards				
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable <sup>(2)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Option Exercise Price (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Option Expiration Date <sup>(5)</sup>
L. Reade Fahs	3/13/14		720,000	1,800,000	3.68	3/13/24
J. Bruce Steffey	3/13/14	120,000	360,000	900,000	3.68	3/13/24
	3/13/14	120,000	—	—	4.18	3/13/24
Patrick R. Moore	9/16/14	42,000	126,000	315,000	3.68	9/16/24
	9/16/14	18,000	—	—	4.18	9/16/24
Mitchell Goodman	3/13/14	56,000	168,000	420,000	3.68	3/13/24
	3/13/14	56,000			4.18	3/13/24
John Vaught	4/11/13(6)	26,525	—	—	0.84	4/11/23
	3/13/14	26,400	79,200	198,000	3.68	3/13/24
	3/13/14	26,400	_	_	4.18	3/13/24

(1) The numbers in this column represent vested and exercisable time-based options and, for Mr. Vaught, also represent vested and exercisable rollover options.

(2) The numbers in this column represent unvested outstanding time-based options, which ordinarily vest as to 20% of the shares subject to such options on each anniversary of March 13, 2014, the closing date of the KKR Acquisition. The first 20% of the time-based options granted in 2014 vested on March 13, 2015 and the second 20% vested on March 13, 2016.

Vesting of the time-based options will be accelerated upon a change in control that occurs while the executive is still employed by us, as described under "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control—2014 Options" below.

(3) The numbers in this column represent unvested outstanding performance-based options, which ordinarily become vested pursuant to the vesting schedule described above under "Narrative to Summary Compensation Table and 2016 Grants of Plan-Based Awards—Equity Awards—Vesting Terms." None of the outstanding performance-based options have vested.

(4) In connection with our acquisition by KKR, the exercise price of Mr. Vaught's rollover options was adjusted to \$1.23 per option. The exercise price for Mr. Vaught's rollover options was further adjusted in 2015 as a result of an extraordinary dividend payment to \$0.84 per option. The exercise prices for outstanding time-based and performance-based options were also adjusted as a result of the 2015 extraordinary dividend payment as follows: unvested time-based and performance-based options were adjusted to \$3.68 per option and vested time-based options were adjusted to \$4.18 per option. As described under "Long-Term Incentive Awards—Payments for Pre-Acquisition Options and Rollover Options" above, the exercise prices for outstanding unvested time-based and performance-based options were further adjusted in 2017 to \$2.16 per option as a result of an extraordinary dividend payment.

(5) The expiration date shown is the normal expiration date occurring on the tenth anniversary of the grant date. Options may terminate earlier in certain circumstances, such as in connection with an NEO's termination of employment or in connection with certain corporate transactions, including a change in control of the Company.

(6) Represents the original grant date of Mr. Vaught's rollover options. See "—Compensation Discussion and Analysis—Compensation Elements—Long-Term Incentive Awards."

## 2016 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information regarding options exercised by the NEOs during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

	Option Awards		
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	
L. Reade Fahs	240,000	244,028	
J. Bruce Steffey	—		
Patrick R. Moore			
Mitchell Goodman			
John Vaught	—	—	

(1) Represents the difference between the fair market value of the shares acquired on exercise, as determined by the most current valuation of our common stock prior to such exercise, and the exercise price of the option.

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### 2016 Pension Benefits

We have no defined pension benefit plans for our executive officers.

### 2016 Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

We have no non-qualified defined contribution or other non-qualified deferred compensation plans for our executive officers.

### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

The following section describes the payments and benefits that may become payable to the NEOs in connection with their termination of employment and/or a change in control. All such payments and benefits will be paid or provided by us or National Vision, Inc. For purposes of this section, we have assumed that (1) the price per share of our common stock on December 30, 2016, the last business day of fiscal 2016, is equal to \$7.57, the valuation of our common stock as of September 30, 2016, which is the date of the most current valuation prior to December 31, 2016, (2) we do not exercise any discretion to accelerate the vesting of outstanding options in connection with a change in control, and (3) the value of any stock options that may be accelerated is equal to the full value of such awards (i.e., the full "spread" value for stock options as of December 31, 2016).

## Severance Plan

The Severance Plan provides for severance payments and benefits to eligible employees, including our NEOs, upon a qualifying termination of employment, which includes a termination of employment for one or more of the following reasons, as determined by the Company: (1) lack of work, (2) reorganization, (3) business necessity, (4) economic condition, (5) termination of employment by us without "Cause" or (6) termination of employment by the executive for "Good Reason." In the event of a qualifying termination of employment, the Severance Plan provides for the following payments and benefits:

- Severance in an amount equal to 12 months of the executive's annual base salary, payable over the 12-month period following the date of such qualifying termination; and
- If the executive has executed a non-compete and restrictive covenant agreement, which we refer to as the "Non-Compete Agreement," with the Company on or after July 21, 2011, has not violated the Non-Compete Agreement and has properly elected COBRA continuation coverage, Company-paid COBRA premiums for up to 12 months, which we refer to as the "COBRA Benefit."

Certain executives who are designated by our Board of Directors and participate in the Company's MIP are eligible for certain severance payments and benefits in lieu of the severance payments and benefits described above in the event of a qualifying termination of employment pursuant to an Executive Supplement to the Severance Plan. As of December 31, 2016, Messrs. Fahs, Steffey and Goodman were eligible to participate in the Executive Supplement to the Severance Plan. In March 2017, the Board of Directors also approved Mr. Moore's participation in the Executive Supplement. The payments and benefits under the Executive Supplement to the Severance Plan in the event of a qualifying termination of employment include the following:

- Severance in an amount equal to 24 months of the executive's annual base salary, payable over the 24-month period following the date of such qualifying termination;
- An amount equal to 30% of the executive's annual base salary, payable over the 24-month period following the date of such qualifying termination; and
- The COBRA Benefit.

As a condition to receiving severance payments and benefits under the Severance Plan, executives are required to execute a severance agreement which includes a release of claims against the Company and certain restrictive covenants. Such restrictive covenants include prohibiting the executive from:

- Disparaging the Company or any officer, director or employee of the Company;
- · Disclosing or using any confidential information or trade secrets of the Company; and
- Engaging in any activities, directly or indirectly, which have the effect of disrupting the Company's operations or harming the Company's reputation with its customers, suppliers or employees.



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If an executive is found to have violated the terms of the Severance Plan, severance agreement or Non-Compete Agreement, the Company may initiate proceedings to recover any severance payments the executive received under the Severance Plan.

# Under the Severance Plan:

"Cause" generally means the following act(s) by an executive, after written notification to the executive by the Company of its demand for the executive to cure such act(s), and a failure by the executive to cure such act(s):

- Commission of an act or acts of fraud, dishonesty, gross negligence or willful misconduct of his or her duties that does, or could, if continued or repeated, result directly or indirectly in significant gain or personal enrichment to the executive at the expense of the Company or in injury to the Company;
- Commission of an act or acts constituting any felony or any criminal act involving moral turpitude, or any other criminal act involving dishonesty, disloyalty, fraud or theft with respect to the Company; or
- Material breach of any agreement under which he or she has committed to confidentiality, nondisclosure or nonsolicitation protections for the Company.

"Good Reason" generally means a termination of employment upon the occurrence (without express written consent of the executive) of any of the following acts by the Company, or failure by the Company to act, and such act or failure to act has not been corrected within thirty (30) days after the executive provides written notice to the Company of such act or failure to act:

- A significant, adverse change by the Company in the executive's employment responsibilities;
- A reduction in base salary;
- Relocation without the executive's consent to a location more than fifty (50) miles from the executive's principal office in the Atlanta metropolitan area, except for required travel on the Company's business; or
- Failure by the Company, without the executive's consent, to pay any portion of the executive's current compensation or any portion of an installment of deferred compensation within seven days of the date such compensation is due.

## 2014 Options

# Effect of Change in Control on Vesting of Time-Based and Performance-Based Options

Upon a change in control (as defined below under "Equity Incentive Plans—2014 Stock Incentive Plan"), unvested time options would become immediately vested and exercisable. Upon a change in control, performance options would become vested and exercisable up to the following percentage (to the extent not already vested up to or in excess of the following percentage):

- If the MOIC is less than two times, no portion of the performance-based options will vest;
- If the MOIC achieved is at least equal to two times, then 25% of the performance-based options will vest; and
- If the MOIC achieved is greater than two times, then an additional percentage of the performance-based options above 25% will vest with up to 100% of the performance-based options becoming vested upon the achievement of a MOIC equal to or greater than 4x based on the following formula: the product of (x)(i) the actual MOIC achieved on the change in control minus (ii) the MOIC equal to two, and (y) 37.5%.

Any portion of the performance-based options that do not vest on a change in control will immediately expire on the date of such change in control.

# Effect of Death or Disability on Vesting of Time-Based Options

Upon a termination of an NEO's employment with the Company by reason of death or disability, the 20% portion of the timebased options that would have become exercisable on the next vesting date following the date of such termination of employment will become vested and exercisable.

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## Effect of Other Terminations of Employment on 2014 Options

Except as set forth above with respect to the effect of death or disability on vesting of time-based options, none of the unvested options held by the NEOs will become vested and exercisable following termination of employment with us for any reason and any option that is unvested as of the date of termination of employment will immediately expire.

The following table lists the payments and benefits that would have been triggered for each of our NEOs under the circumstances described below assuming that the applicable triggering event occurred on December 31, 2016.

	Severance Benefit	Continuation of Health Benefits	Value of Accelerated Stock Options
Named Executive Officer	(\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	(\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	(\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
L. Reade Fahs			
Qualifying Termination of Employment	1,403,000	—	_
Change in Control	—	—	2,798,485
Termination Upon Death or Disability	_	_	932,828
J. Bruce Steffey			
Qualifying Termination of Employment	1,302,950	16,341	—
Change in Control	—	—	1,399,243
Termination Upon Death or Disability	—	—	466,414
Patrick R. Moore			
Qualifying Termination of Employment	380,000	—	—
Change in Control	—	—	489,735
Termination Upon Death or Disability	_	_	163,245
Mitchell Goodman			
Qualifying Termination of Employment	759,000	15,397	—
Change in Control	—	—	652,980
Termination Upon Death or Disability	—	—	217,660
John Vaught			
Qualifying Termination of Employment	280,000	15,397	
Change in Control	_	_	307,833
Termination Upon Death or Disability	—	—	102,611

(1) Amounts reported for Messrs. Fahs, Steffey and Goodman represent 24 months of the executive's annual base salary plus an amount equal to 30% of the executive's annual base salary. Amounts reported for Messrs. Moore and Vaught represent 12 months of the executive's annual base salary. In March 2017, our Board of Directors approved Mr. Moore's participation in the Executive Supplement to the Severance Plan. Mr. Moore would have been entitled to a severance benefit of \$874,000 in the event of a qualifying termination of employment on December 31, 2016 if he had participated in the Executive Supplement as of such date.

(2) The amounts reported represent the cost of providing each applicable NEO with COBRA continuation coverage for group health benefits for a period of 12 months following the date of termination.

(3) The amounts reported represent accelerated vesting of unvested options as described above under "--2014 Options," and are based on our common stock having a fair market value of \$7.57 per share on September 30, 2016, the date of the most current valuation of our common stock prior to December 31, 2016. The amounts reported reflect the "spread" value of \$3.89 per share for the 2014 Options with an exercise price of \$3.68, representing the difference between the fair market value and the exercise price.

## **Equity Incentive Plans**

The principal features of our equity incentive plans are summarized below. These summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the text of the plans or agreements, which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement.

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### 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan

We intend to adopt a 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan, or the 2017 Plan, which will be effective immediately prior to the closing of this offering. The principal purpose of the 2017 Plan will be to attract and retain key personnel and to provide a means whereby our directors, officers, employees, consultants and advisors can acquire and maintain an equity interest in us, or be paid incentive compensation, thereby strengthening their commitment to our welfare and aligning their interests with those of our stockholders.

## 2014 Stock Incentive Plan

Our Board of Directors initially adopted the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan on March 13, 2014 and it was approved by our stockholders on March 13, 2014. The principal purpose of the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan is to promote our long term financial interests and growth by attracting and retaining management and other employees and key service providers, motivate management by means of growth-related incentives to achieve long range goals and further the alignment of interests of participants with those of our stockholders.

*Types of awards.* The 2014 Stock Incentive Plan provides for the grant of stock options and other stock-based awards to employees, non-employee members of our Board of Directors, consultants, and other persons having a service relationship with us.

*Share reserve.* We have reserved an aggregate of 19,407,000 shares of our common stock for issuance under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. As of December 31, 2016, options to purchase a total of 18,273,889 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding (excluding rollover options), 696,634 shares of common stock had been issued upon the exercise of options granted under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and 436,477 shares remained available for future grants.

Administration. Our Board of Directors or, to the extent appointed by the Board of Directors, a committee thereof, which we refer to as the "Administrator," administers our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. The Administrator may delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and to other senior officers (if any) its duties under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, subject to applicable law and such conditions and limitations as the Administrator prescribes, except that only the Administrator may designate and make grants to participants.

*Awards.* Our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan provides that the Administrator may grant or issue stock options or other stock-based awards. Each award will be set forth in a separate agreement with the person receiving the award and will set forth the terms, conditions and limitations applicable to the award.

- Stock options provide for the right to purchase shares of our common stock at a specified price, which may not be less than fair market value on the date of grant, and usually will become exercisable (at the discretion of the Administrator) in one or more installments after the grant date, subject to the participant's continued employment or service with us and/or subject to the satisfaction of performance targets established by the Administrator. Stock options may be granted for any term specified by the Administrator that does not exceed ten years from the grant date.
- Other stock-based awards may include awards of shares, awards of restricted shares and/or awards that are valued by
  reference to, or otherwise based on the fair market value of, shares (including, without limitation, restricted stock units,
  stock appreciation rights, and dividend equivalent rights).

*Payment.* The exercise price of stock options granted under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan may be paid for in cash, by wire transfer, or if the participant so elects and, if applicable, with the consent of the Administrator, in shares the participant has held for such period of time as required by the Company's accountants or through the withholding of shares otherwise issuable upon the exercise of the stock option (in each case, any such shares valued at fair market value on the date of exercise).

*Transfer*. Our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan does not allow for the transfer of awards other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution.

*Certain events*. In the event of any stock split, spin-off, share combination, reclassification, change of the legal form, recapitalization, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization, merger, payment of a dividend (other than a cash dividend paid as part of a regular dividend program) or other similar transaction or occurrence, the Administrator shall make appropriate adjustments to the number and kind of shares available under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, the share prices related to outstanding grants, and/or such other action as it deems necessary to address the effect of the applicable corporate event.

Change in control. In the event of a "change in control" (as defined below), unless otherwise provided in an applicable grant agreement, the Administrator (in its sole discretion) may provide that all outstanding awards that are unexercisable or otherwise unvested or subject to lapse restrictions as of immediately prior to such change in control may automatically become fully exercisable or otherwise vested or no longer subject to lapse restrictions, as the case may be. In addition, the Administrator (in its sole discretion) may: (i) provide that awards shall be canceled for fair market value, (ii) provide for the issuance of substitute awards that will preserve in no less favorable a manner the otherwise applicable terms of any affected grants, and/or (iii) provide that for a period of at least ten business days prior to the change in control, any stock options and stock appreciation rights shall be exercisable as to all shares subject thereto and that upon the occurrence of the change in control, such stock options and stock appreciation rights shall terminate. The treatment of grants is not required to be uniform among participants or types of grants outstanding. "Change in control" under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan means (i) the sale of all or substantially all of our assets or the assets of National Vision, Inc. (in one transaction or a series of related transactions) to any person (or group of persons acting in concert), other than to (x) KKR and its affiliated funds (the "KKR Sponsors") or (y) any employee benefit plan (or trust forming a part thereof) maintained by us or any of our controlled affiliates; or (ii) a merger, recapitalization or other sale of our common stock by us, KKR Vision Aggregator LP, KKR Sponsors or any of their affiliates, to any person (or group of persons acting in concert) that results in more than 50% of our common stock (or any resulting company after a merger) being held by a person (or group of persons acting in concert), that does not include (x) KKR Sponsors or their controlled affiliates or (y) an employee benefit plan (or trust forming a part hereof) maintained by us or our controlled affiliates; and in any event of clause (i) or (ii), which results in KKR Sponsors and their controlled affiliates or such employee benefit plan ceasing to hold the ability to elect a majority of the members of our Board of Directors or the Board of Directors of National Vision, Inc.

*Amendment; termination.* Our Board of Directors may amend, suspend or terminate our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, but no amendment, suspension or termination may be materially disadvantageous to a holder of an outstanding grant without the holder's consent. In addition, other than with respect to certain actions in connection with adjustments or a change in control, no such action may be taken which would, without approval of our stockholders, increase the aggregate number of shares reserved for issuance under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan, decrease the exercise price of outstanding options or stock appreciation rights, change the requirements relating to the Administrator, or extend the term of the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan. Unless terminated sooner by our Board of Directors, our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan will terminate on March 13, 2024. No awards may be granted under our 2014 Stock Incentive Plan after it is terminated, but the terms of grants made on or before such termination shall extend beyond such termination in accordance with their terms.

#### United States Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a general summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the grant, vesting, settlement and exercise of certain awards under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and the disposition of shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of such awards. This summary is intended to reflect the current provisions of the Code and is neither intended to be a complete statement of applicable law, nor does it address foreign, state, local or payroll tax considerations. This summary assumes that all awards granted under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan are exempt from, or comply with, the rules under Section 409A of the Code related to non-qualified deferred compensation. Moreover, the U.S. federal income tax consequences to any particular holder may differ from those described herein by reason of, among other things, the particular circumstances of such holder.

**Incentive Stock Options.** An option granted as an "incentive stock option," or ISO, under Section 422 of the Code may qualify for special tax treatment. The Code requires that, for treatment of an option as an ISO, common stock acquired through the exercise of the option cannot be disposed of before the later of: (i) two years from the date of grant of the option or (ii) one year from the date of exercise. Holders of ISOs will generally incur no federal income tax liability at the time of grant or upon exercise of those options. However, the option "spread value" at the time of exercise will be an "item of tax preference," which may give rise to "alternative minimum tax" liability for the taxable year in which the exercise occurs. If the holder does not dispose of the shares before two years following the date of grant and one year following the date of exercise, the difference between the exercise price and the amount realized upon disposition of the shares will constitute long-term capital gain or loss, as applicable. Assuming both holding periods are satisfied, we will not be allowed a deduction for federal

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- Non-qualified Stock Options. In general, in the case of a non-qualified stock option, the holder has no federal income tax liability at the time of grant but realizes ordinary income upon exercise of the option in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the shares acquired upon exercise over the exercise price. We will be able to deduct this same amount for federal income tax purposes, but such deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for compensation paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the shares is treated as capital gain or loss, as applicable, for which we are not entitled to a deduction.
- **Stock Appreciation Rights.** No federal income tax liability will be realized by a holder upon the grant of a stock appreciation right, or SAR. Upon the exercise of a SAR, the holder will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares of stock or cash payment received in respect of the SAR. We will be able to deduct this same amount for federal income tax purposes, but such deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for compensation paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the shares is treated as capital gain or loss, as applicable, for which we are not entitled to a deduction.
- **Restricted Stock.** A holder will not have any federal income tax liability upon the grant of an award of restricted stock unless the holder otherwise elects to be taxed at the time of grant pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code. On the date an award of restricted stock becomes transferable or is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture, the holder will have ordinary income equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on that date over the amount the holder paid for such shares, if any, unless the holder made an election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed at the time of grant. If the holder makes an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, the holder will have ordinary income at the time of grant equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant over the amount the holder paid for such shares, if any. Any future appreciation in the common stock will be taxable to the holder at capital gains rates. However, if the restricted stock award is later forfeited, the holder will not be able to recover the tax previously paid pursuant to his Section 83(b) election. We will be able to deduct, at the same time as it is recognized by the holder, the amount of ordinary income to the holder for federal income tax purposes, but such deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for compensation paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Special rules apply to the receipt and disposition of restricted stock received by officers and directors who are subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.
- **Restricted Stock Units.** A holder will not have any federal income tax liability at the time a restricted stock unit is granted. Rather, upon the delivery of shares (or cash) pursuant to a restricted stock unit award, the holder will have ordinary income equal to the fair market value of the number of shares (or the amount of cash) the holder actually receives with respect to the award. We will be able to deduct the amount of ordinary income to the holder for federal income tax purposes, but the deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for ordinary income paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the stock (if settled in stock) is treated as capital gain or loss for which we are not entitled to a deduction.

- **Stock Bonus Awards.** A holder will have ordinary income equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date the common stock subject to the award is transferred to the holder over the amount the holder paid for such shares, if any. We will be able to deduct, at the same time as it is recognized by the holder, the amount of ordinary income to the holder for federal income tax purposes, but such deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for compensation paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the stock is treated as capital gain or loss for which we are not entitled to a deduction.
- **Other Stock-Based Awards.** A holder will have ordinary income equal to the difference between the fair market value of the shares on the date the common stock subject to another stock-based award is transferred to the holder over the amount the holder paid for such shares, if any. We will be able to deduct, at the same time as it is recognized by the holder, the amount of ordinary income to the holder for federal income tax purposes, but such deduction may be limited under Sections 280G and 162(m) of the Code for compensation paid to certain executives designated in those Sections. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or exchange of the stock is treated as capital gain or loss for which we are not entitled to a deduction.
- *Section 162(m).* In general, Section 162(m) of the Code denies a publicly held corporation a deduction for federal income tax purposes for compensation in excess of \$1 million per year per person to its principal executive officer, and the three other officers (other than the principal executive officer and principal financial officer) whose compensation is disclosed in its prospectus or proxy statement as a result of their total compensation, subject to certain exceptions, including the "performance-based compensation" exception. Finally, under a special Code Section 162(m) exception, any compensation paid pursuant to a compensation plan in existence before the effective date of this offering will not be subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation until the earliest of: (1) the expiration of the compensation plan, (2) a material modification of the compensation plan (as determined under Code Section 162(m)), (3) the issuance of all the employer stock and other compensation allocated under the compensation plan, or (4) the first meeting of stockholders at which directors are elected after the close of the third calendar year following the year in which the offering occurs.

## PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table and accompanying footnotes set forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of June 21, 2017 by (1) each individual or entity known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, (2) each of our named executive officers, (3) each of our directors and (4) all of our directors and our executive officers as a group.

A person is a "beneficial owner" of a security if that person has or shares "voting power," which includes the power to vote or to direct the voting of the security, or "investment power," which includes the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of the security or has the right to acquire such powers within 60 days.

To our knowledge, unless otherwise noted in the footnotes to the following table, and subject to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to their beneficially owned common stock.

Securities subject to option grants that have vested or will vest within 60 days are deemed outstanding for calculating the percentage ownership of the person holding the options, but are not deemed outstanding for calculating the percentage ownership of any other person.

The percentages of shares outstanding provided in the tables are based on shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding as of June 21, 2017.

Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes below, the address of each beneficial owner is c/o National Vision Holdings, Inc., 2435 Commerce Avenue, Bldg. 2200, Duluth, Georgia 30096.

			Shares Beneficially Ow	ned After the Offering
		eneficially Owned	Assuming No Exercise of the Underwriters' Option	Assuming Full Exercise of the Underwriters' Option
Name of Beneficial Owner	Number	Percentage of Total Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Total Common Stock	Percentage of Total Common Stock
Greater than 5% Stockholders:				
KKR Vision Aggregator L.P. <sup>(2)</sup>		77%	%	%
Investment funds affiliated with Berkshire <sup>(3)</sup>		18%	%	%
Named Executive Officers and Directors:				
L. Reade Fahs <sup>(4)</sup>		1.7%	%	%
J. Bruce Steffey		*	%	%
Patrick R. Moore		*	%	%
Mitchell Goodman		*	%	%
John Vaught		*	%	%
Nathaniel H. Taylor <sup>(2)</sup>			%	%
Felix Gernburd <sup>(2)</sup>		_	%	%
D. Randolph Peeler <sup>(3)</sup>		_	%	%
All directors and executive officers as a group (11				
persons)		3.5%	%	%

Less than one percent.

(1) The number of shares reported includes shares covered by options that are exercisable within 60 days as follows: Mr. Fahs, ; Mr. Steffey, ; Mr. Moore, ; Mr. Goodman, ; Mr. Vaught, ; and all directors and executive officers as a group, .

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes shares directly owned by KKR Vision Aggregator L.P. KKR Vision Aggregator GP LLC, as the general partner of KKR Vision Aggregator L.P., KKR North America Fund XI L.P., as the sole member of KKR Vision Aggregator GP LLC, KKR Associates North America XI L.P., as the general partner of KKR North America Fund XI L.P., KKR North America XI Limited, as the general partner of KKR Associates North America XI L.P., KKR Fund Holdings L.P., as the sole shareholder of KKR North America XI Limited, as the general partner of KKR Sociates North America XI L.P., KKR Fund Holdings L.P., KKR Fund Holdings C Limited, as the general partner of KKR Sociates North America XI L.P., KKR Fund Holdings L.P., KKR Group Holdings L.P., KKR Group Holdings L.P., KKR Group Holdings L.P., KKR Group Limited, as the general partner of KKR Fund Holdings L.P., KKR Group Holdings L.P., KKR & Co. L.P., as the sole shareholder of KKR Group Limited, as the general partner of KKR Management LLC, as the general partner of KKR & Co. L.P., and Messrs. Henry R. Kravis and George R. Roberts, as the designated members of KKR Management LLC, may be deemed to be the beneficial owners having shared voting and investment power with respect to the shares described in this footnote. The principal business address of each of the entities and persons identified in this paragraph, except Mr. Roberts, is c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 9 West 57th Street, Suite 4200, New York, NY 10019. The principal business

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address for Mr. Roberts is c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 2800 Sand Hill Road, Suite 200, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Each of Messrs. Taylor and Gernburd is a member of our Board of Directors and serves as an executive of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and/or one or more of its affiliates. Each of Messrs. Taylor and Gernburd disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by KKR Vision Aggregator L.P. The principal business address of each of Messrs. Taylor and Gernburd is c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 9 West 57th Street, New York, New York 10019.

(3) Represents (i) shares of common stock held by Berkshire Fund VI, Limited Partnership, or Fund VI, (ii) shares of common stock held by Berkshire Investors LLC, or Berkshire Investors, and (iii) shares of common stock held by Berkshire Investors III LLC, or Berkshire Investors III. Sixth Berkshire Associates LLC, or 6BA, is the general partner of Fund VI. 6BA is managed by a number of individuals who are managing directors of Berkshire, including D. Randolph Peeler who serves as one of our directors. Certain of the managing directors of Berkshire, including Mr. Peeler, are also the managing members of Berkshire Investors and Berkshire Investors III. Fund VI, Berkshire Investors and Berkshire Investors III often make acquisitions in, and dispose of, securities of an issuer on the same terms and conditions and at the same time. Berkshire is the investment adviser to Fund VI. Berkshire Investors and Berkshire Investors III are to BPSP, L.P., or BPSP, which is the managing member of Berkshire. BPH, BPSP, Berkshire, Fund VI, 6BA, Berkshire Investors and Berkshire Investors III may be deemed to constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act although they do not admit to being part of a group nor have they agreed to act as part of a group. By virtue of the relationships described above, each of BPH, BPSP and 6BA may be deemed to share beneficial ownership with respect to the shares of common stock held by Fund VI. The principal business address of each of the entities identified in this paragraph is c/o Berkshire Partners LLC, 200 Clarendon St., 35th Floor, Boston, MA 02116.

(4) Includes shares held by the Fahs Family Trust.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## **Stockholders Agreement**

In connection with offering, we intend to enter into a stockholders agreement with the Sponsors. We intend to describe the material terms of this agreement in a subsequent pre-effective amendment to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## **Registration Rights Agreement**

In connection with the KKR Acquisition, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the Sponsors and with other persons who may become party thereto. Subject to certain conditions, the registration rights agreement provides certain affiliates of KKR with an unlimited number of "demand" registrations, and provides certain affiliates of Berkshire with two "demand" registrations following an initial public offering. Under the registration rights agreement, all holders of registrable securities party thereto are provided with customary "piggyback" registration rights following an initial public offering, with certain exceptions. The registration rights agreement also provides that we will pay certain expenses of these holders relating to such registrations and indemnify them against certain liabilities which may arise under the Securities Act.

## **Monitoring Agreement**

In connection with the KKR Acquisition, NVI entered into a monitoring agreement, or the Monitoring Agreement, with the Sponsors pursuant to which the Sponsors provide management and advisory services to NVI and receive fees and reimbursements of related out-of-pocket expenses. The Monitoring Agreement terminates automatically upon the consummation of an initial public offering, including this offering, unless NVI elects otherwise. In the event of such a termination, we would be required to pay to each of the Sponsors a termination fee based on the net present value of future payment obligations through December 31, 2023 under the Monitoring Agreement.

We recorded the following expenses related to management and/or advisory fees: we paid management and/or advisory fees of \$0.8 million to KKR and \$0.2 million to Berkshire in fiscal year 2016, \$3.5 million to KKR and \$0.2 million to Berkshire in fiscal year 2015 and \$1.7 million to KKR and \$0.2 million to Berkshire in the 2014 Successor period. In addition, we paid management and/or advisory fees of \$0.2 million to KKR and \$35,000 to Berkshire in the 2014 Predecessor period and paid advisory fees of \$0.5 million per year to Berkshire in fiscal year 2013 and fiscal year 2012. Fees paid to the Sponsors include retainer fees and certain other ongoing project-oriented initiatives and are presented in selling, general and administrative expenses in our consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), with the exception of \$2.1 million in fees paid to KKR for expenses related to new debt issuance costs in our consolidated statements of operating and comprehensive income (loss).

#### **Transaction Fee Agreements**

In March 2014, we entered into transaction fee letter agreements with each of KKR and Berkshire, pursuant to which we paid approximately \$9.1 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, for consultation services rendered in connection with the KKR Acquisition.

## **Indemnification Agreement**

In connection with the KKR Acquisition, we and certain of our subsidiaries entered into an indemnification agreement, or the Indemnification Agreement, with the Sponsors, whereby the parties agreed to customary exculpation and indemnification provisions in favor of the Sponsors in connection with certain transactions, including in connection with the services provided under the Monitoring Agreement and transaction fee agreements.

## **Relationship with KKR Capital Markets**

KKR Capital Markets LLC, an affiliate of KKR, acted as an arranger and bookrunner for various financing transactions under our first lien and second lien credit agreements, and received underwriter and transaction fees totaling \$2.2 million, \$2.1 million and \$2.3 million in full year 2014, fiscal year 2015 and the three months ended April 1, 2017, respectively.

## **Relationship with KKR Credit**

Since 2014, investment funds or accounts managed or advised by the global credit business of KKR, or, collectively, KKR Credit, were participating lenders under our first lien and second lien credit agreements, and as of April 1, 2017, had received in aggregate principal payments of approximately \$14 million and interest payments of approximately \$2 million. As of April 1, 2017, investment funds or accounts advised by KKR Credit held a portion of the outstanding principal balance of our first lien term loans.

## **Relationship with KKR Capstone**

We have utilized and may continue to utilize KKR Capstone Americas LLC and/or its affiliates, or KKR Capstone, a consulting company that works exclusively with KKR's portfolio companies for consulting services, and have paid to KKR Capstone related fees and expenses. KKR Capstone is not a subsidiary or affiliate of KKR. KKR Capstone operates under several consulting agreements with KKR and uses the "KKR" name under license from KKR.

## **Management Stockholder's Agreements**

In connection with the KKR Acquisition, we entered into management stockholder's agreements, or Management Stockholder's Agreements, with certain of our senior executive officers and other employees who made an equity investment in us.

The Management Stockholder's Agreements impose significant restrictions on transfers of shares of our common stock held by management stockholders. Generally, shares will be nontransferable by any means at any time prior to the earlier of a "Change in Control" (as defined in the applicable Management Stockholder's Agreement) or the fifth anniversary of the closing date of the KKR Acquisition, or March 13, 2019, except (i) a sale of shares of common stock pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act filed by the Company in accordance with the applicable Management Stockholder's Agreement, (ii) certain transfers to a management stockholder's trust in accordance with the applicable Management Stockholder's Agreement, (iii) transfers approved by our Board of Directors in writing (such approval being in the sole discretion of our Board of Directors) or (iv) transfers to us or our designee.

The Management Stockholder's Agreements also provide for management stockholders' ability to cause us to repurchase their outstanding stock and options in the event of their death or disability, and for our ability to cause a management stockholder to sell his or her stock or options back to the Company upon certain termination events.

Additionally, following the initial public offering of our common stock, management stockholders will have limited "piggyback" registration rights with respect to their shares of common stock.

### Sale Participation Agreements

The Sale Participation Agreements grant management stockholders the right to participate in any private direct or indirect sale of shares of common stock by certain affiliates of KKR (such right being referred to herein as the "Tag-Along Right"), and require such management stockholders to participate in any such private sale if so elected by such affiliates of KKR in the event that they are proposing to sell stock in a transaction that would constitute a Change in Control (as defined in the Management Stockholder's Agreements, as applicable) (such right being referred to herein as the "Drag-Along Right"). The number of shares of common stock which would be required to be sold by such management stockholders pursuant to the exercise of the Drag-Along Right would be the sum of the number of shares of common stock then owned by such stockholder and his or her affiliates plus all shares of common stock such stockholder is entitled to acquire under any unexercised options (to the extent such options are exercisable or would become exercisable as a result of the consummation of the proposed sale), multiplied by a fraction (x) the numerator of which shall be the aggregate number of shares of common stock proposed to be transferred by certain affiliates of KKR in the proposed sale and (y) the denominator of which shall be the total number of shares of common stock owned by such affiliates of KKR. Such management stockholders would bear their pro rata share of any fees, commissions, adjustments to purchase price, expenses or indemnities in connection with any sale under the Sale Participation Agreement. Upon completion of this offering, the Sale Participation Agreements will be terminated in accordance with their terms.

## Agreements with Officers

In addition, we have certain agreements with our officers which are described in the section entitled "Management—Executive Compensation."

## **Related Persons Transaction Policy**

Our Board of Directors intends to adopt a written related person transaction policy, to be effective upon the consummation of this offering, to set forth the policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of related person transactions. This policy will cover, with certain exceptions set forth in Item 404 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, any transaction, arrangement or relationship, or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, in which we were or are to be a participant, where the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and a related person had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, including, without limitation, purchases of goods or services by or from the related person or entities in which the related person has a material interest, indebtedness, guarantees of indebtedness and employment by us of a related person.

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## **DESCRIPTION OF INDEBTEDNESS**

## **First Lien Credit Agreement**

On March 13, 2014, in connection with the KKR Acquisition, Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., or Holdings, and NVI entered into a first lien credit agreement with Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the administrative agent, collateral agent, swingline lender and a lender, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., as the letter of credit issuer, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners, and the lending institutions from time to time parties thereto. This first lien credit agreement was amended on May 29, 2015 pursuant to a joinder and amendment agreement to, among other things, establish \$150.0 million of new incremental term loans and add KKR Corporate Lending LLC as a new term loan lender. Pursuant to a joinder agreement dated as of February 3, 2017, \$175.0 million of additional new term loans were established. The description of our first lien term loans below gives effect to both May 2015 and February 2017 incremental term loans.

Our borrowings under the first lien credit agreement consist of \$500.0 million initial term loans and \$325.0 million incremental term loans, each maturing on March 13, 2021. Of these first lien term loans, \$806.5 million was outstanding as of April 1, 2017. The first lien credit agreement also provides for a \$75.0 million revolving credit facility, which matures on March 13, 2019. A portion of the revolving credit facility is available for letters of credit and swingline loans, of which \$5.5 million and \$0, respectively, was utilized as of April 1, 2017. Including letters of credit and swingline loans, there was \$5.5 million of borrowings outstanding under the revolving credit facility as of April 1, 2017. If the Company draws more than 30% of the revolver (including non-cash collateralized letters of credit in excess of \$10 million), the revolver is subject to a springing first lien leverage covenant pursuant to which the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio (as defined in the first lien credit agreement) must not exceed 7.75 to 1.

## **Interest Rate and Fees**

Borrowings under the first lien credit agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to, at our option, either (a) a LIBOR rate determined by reference to the Reuters LIBOR rate for dollar deposits with a term equivalent to the interest period relevant to such borrowing, plus an applicable margin or (b) an alternative base rate, or ABR, determined by reference to the highest of (i) 0.50% above the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the rate of interest established by the administrative agent as its "prime rate" and (iii) 1.0% above the LIBOR rate for dollar deposits with a one-month term commencing that day, plus an applicable margin. Swingline loans bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ABR plus an applicable margin. With respect to the first lien term loans that bear interest by reference to a LIBOR rate, the applicable margin is 3.00% and with respect to the first lien term loans that bear interest by reference to an ABR, the applicable margin is 2.00%. The applicable margin for the borrowings under the revolving credit facility (including any swingline loans) varies depending on a consolidated first lien secured debt to consolidated EBITDA ratio calculated pursuant to the first lien credit agreement, or the first lien secured leverage ratio, and was 3.00% in the case of LIBOR rate loans and 2.00% in the case of ABR loans as of April 1, 2017. With respect to the first lien term loans, the LIBOR rate is subject to a floor of 1.00%, and the ABR is subject to a floor of 2.00%.

In addition, we pay certain recurring fees with respect to the first lien credit agreement, including (i) a fee for the unused commitments of the lenders under the revolving credit facility, accruing at a rate equal to 0.50% per annum, which may be reduced to 0.375% if the first lien secured leverage ratio is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00, (ii) letter of credit fees, including a fronting fee and processing fees to each issuing bank, which vary depending on the first lien secured leverage ratio and (iii) administration fees. We paid \$0.8 million of such fees for fiscal year 2016.

## **Voluntary Prepayments**

We may prepay, in full or in part, borrowings under the first lien credit agreement without premium or penalty, subject to notice requirements, minimum prepayment amounts and increment limitations, *provided* that prepayments on all LIBOR loans will be subject to customary "breakage" costs.

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#### Mandatory Prepayments

The first lien credit agreement requires us to prepay outstanding first lien term loans, subject to certain exceptions, with:

- 50% (which percentage will be reduced to 25% if the first lien secured leverage ratio is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 but greater than 4.00 to 1.00 and to 0% if the first lien secured leverage ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00) of our annual excess cash flow;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of all issuance or incurrence by Holdings or certain of its subsidiaries of any indebtedness (except for permitted debt (other than refinancing debt)); and
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of all non-ordinary course asset sales or other dispositions of property, or any loss, damage, condemnation or government taking of property for which insurance proceeds or a condemnation award is received, if we do not reinvest or commit to reinvest those proceeds in assets to be used in our business or to make certain other permitted investments within 450 days as long as such reinvestment is completed within 180 days from the date of any such commitment to reinvest, with certain exceptions; *provided* that, solely with respect to any collateral, NVI may use a portion of such net cash proceeds to prepay or repurchase certain permitted other indebtedness with a lien in accordance with the terms of the first lien credit agreement.

We are also required to prepay the amount by which we exceed the revolving credit commitment.

#### Amortization

We are required to repay installments on the first lien term loans in quarterly installments equal to 0.25% of the product of (x) the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of the initial term loan facility outstanding immediately prior to the funding date, as defined in the joinder and amendment agreement, and (ii) the original principal amount of the new term loan facility, and (y) a fraction, rounded to the nearest dollar, the numerator of which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the initial term loan facility funded on March 13, 2014 and the denominator of which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of the initial term loan facility outstanding under the first lien credit agreement immediately prior to the funding date, with the remaining amount payable on the applicable maturity date with respect to such term loans.

Principal amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility are due and payable in full at maturity.

## Guarantee and Security

All obligations under the first lien credit agreement are unconditionally guaranteed by substantially all existing and future, direct and indirect, wholly-owned material domestic subsidiaries of NVI, subject to certain exceptions.

All obligations under the first lien credit agreement, and the guarantees of such obligations, are secured, subject to permitted liens and other exceptions, by the shares of NVI and substantially all of NVI's and the assets of certain of its subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions.

## Certain Covenants and Events of Default

The first lien credit agreement contains a number of covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create or incur liens;
- engage in certain fundamental changes, including mergers or consolidations;
- sell or transfer assets;
- pay dividends and distributions on our subsidiaries' capital stock;
- make acquisitions, investments, loans or advances;
- pay or modify the terms of certain indebtedness;

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- engage in certain transactions with affiliates; and
- enter into negative pledge clauses and clauses restricting subsidiary distributions.

If the Company draws more than 30% of the revolver (including non-cash collateralized letters of credit in excess of \$10 million), the revolver is subject to a springing first lien leverage covenant pursuant to which the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio (as defined in the first lien credit agreement) must not exceed 7.75 to 1. The first lien credit agreement also contains certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the first lien credit agreement will be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of amounts due under the first lien credit agreement and all actions permitted to be taken by a secured creditor.

## Second Lien Credit Agreement

On March 13, 2014, in connection with the KKR Acquisition, Holdings and NVI also entered into a second lien credit agreement with Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners.

The second lien credit agreement provides for \$125.0 million term loan facility that matures on March 13, 2022 of which \$125.0 million was outstanding as of April 1, 2017.

#### **Interest Rate and Fees**

Borrowings under the second lien credit agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to, at our option, either (a) a LIBOR rate determined by reference to the Reuters LIBOR rate for dollar deposits with a term equivalent to the interest period relevant to such borrowing, plus an applicable margin or (b) an ABR determined by reference to the highest of (i) 0.50% above the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the rate of interest established by the administrative agent as its "prime rate" and (iii) 1.0% above the LIBOR rate for dollar deposits with a one-month term commencing that day, plus an applicable margin. With respect to the second lien term loans that bear interest by reference to an LIBOR rate, the applicable margin is 5.75% and with respect to the second lien term loans that bear interest by reference to an ABR, the applicable margin is 4.75%. The LIBOR rate is subject to a floor of 1.00%, and the ABR is subject to a floor of 2.00%.

In addition, we pay certain administration fees with respect to the second lien credit agreement.

## Voluntary Prepayments

We may prepay, in full or in part, borrowings under the second lien credit agreement without premium or penalty, subject to notice requirements, minimum prepayment amounts and increment limitations, *provided* that prepayments on all LIBOR loans will be subject to customary "breakage" costs.

## Mandatory Prepayments

Subject to the mandatory prepayments under the first lien credit agreement, the second lien credit agreement requires us to prepay outstanding second lien term loans, subject to certain exceptions, with:

- 50% (which percentage will be reduced to 25% if the first lien secured leverage ratio is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 but greater than 4.00 to 1.00 and to 0% if the first lien secured leverage ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00) of our annual excess cash flow;
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of all issuance or incurrence by Holdings or certain of its subsidiaries of any indebtedness (except for permitted debt (other than refinancing debt)); and
- 100% of the net cash proceeds of all non-ordinary course asset sales or other dispositions of property, or any loss, damage, condemnation or government taking of property for which insurance proceeds or a condemnation award is received, if we do not reinvest or commit to reinvest those proceeds in assets to be used in our business or to make certain other permitted investments within 450 days as long as such reinvestment is completed within 180 days from the date of any such commitment to reinvest, with

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## **Guarantee and Security**

All obligations under the second lien credit agreement are unconditionally guaranteed by substantially all existing and future, direct and indirect, wholly-owned material domestic subsidiaries of NVI, subject to certain exceptions.

Subject to the intercreditor agreement which provides that liens under the second lien credit agreement are junior to the liens under the first lien credit agreement, all obligations under the second lien credit agreement, and the guarantees of such obligations, are secured, subject to permitted liens and other exceptions, by the shares of NVI and substantially all of NVI's and the assets of certain of its subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions.

## Certain Covenants and Events of Default

The second lien credit agreement contains a number of covenants that restrict, subject to certain exceptions, our ability to, among other things:

- incur additional indebtedness;
- create liens;
- engage in mergers or consolidations;
- sell or transfer assets;
- pay dividends and distributions on our subsidiaries' capital stock;
- make investments, loans or advances;
- prepay or repurchase certain indebtedness;
- make certain acquisitions; and
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

The second lien credit agreement also contains certain customary affirmative covenants and events of default, including a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the second lien credit agreement will be entitled to take various actions, including the acceleration of amounts due under the second lien credit agreement and all actions permitted to be taken by a secured creditor.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of, and is qualified in its entirety by, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, each of which will be in effect upon the consummation of this offering, the forms of which are filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

Our purpose is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may now or hereafter be organized under the DGCL. Upon the consummation of this offering, our authorized capital stock will consist of shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share and shares of preferred stock, par value \$ per share. No shares of preferred stock will be issued or outstanding immediately after the public offering contemplated by this prospectus. Unless our Board of Directors determines otherwise, we will issue all shares of our capital stock in uncertificated form.

## **Common Stock**

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters on which stockholders are entitled to vote generally, including the election or removal of directors, subject to certain limitations. The holders of our common stock do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets and after payment in full of all amounts required to be paid to creditors and to the holders of preferred stock having liquidation preferences, if any, the holders of our common stock will be entitled to receive our remaining assets available for distribution on a pro rata basis. Holders of our common stock do not have preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The common stock will not be subject to further calls or assessment by us. There will be no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All shares of our common stock that will be outstanding at the time of the completion of the offering will be fully paid and non-assessable. The rights, powers, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock we may authorize and issue in the future.

## **Preferred Stock**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will authorize our Board of Directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock (including convertible preferred stock). Unless required by law or by the applicable stock exchange, the authorized shares of preferred stock will be available for issuance without further action by you. Our Board of Directors is able to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of that series, including:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares of the series, which our Board of Directors may, except where otherwise provided in the preferred stock designation, increase (but not above the total number of authorized shares of the class) or decrease (but not below the number of shares then outstanding);
- whether dividends, if any, will be cumulative or non-cumulative and the dividend rate of the series;
- the dates at which dividends, if any, will be payable;
- the redemption rights and price or prices, if any, for shares of the series;
- the terms and amounts of any sinking fund provided for the purchase or redemption of shares of the series;
- the amounts payable on shares of the series in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the affairs of our company;
- whether the shares of the series will be convertible into shares of any other class or series, or any other security, of our company or any other corporation, and, if so, the specification of the other class or series or other security, the conversion price or prices or rate or rates, any rate adjustments, the date or dates as of which the shares will be convertible and all other terms and conditions upon which the conversion may be made;

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- restrictions on the issuance of shares of the same series or of any other class or series; and
- the voting rights, if any, of the holders of the series.

We could issue a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of the series, impede or discourage an acquisition attempt or other transaction that some, or a majority, of you might believe to be in your best interests or in which you might receive a premium for your common stock over the market price of the common stock. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may adversely affect the holders of our common stock by restricting dividends on the common stock, diluting the voting power of the common stock or subordinating the liquidation rights of the common stock. As a result of these or other factors, the issuance of preferred stock could have an adverse impact on the market price of our common stock.

## Dividends

The DGCL permits a corporation to declare and pay dividends out of "surplus" or, if there is no "surplus," out of its net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year. "Surplus" is defined as the excess of the net assets of the corporation over the amount determined to be the capital of the corporation by the board of directors. The capital of the corporation is typically calculated to be (and cannot be less than) the aggregate par value of all issued shares of capital stock. Net assets equal the fair value of the total assets minus total liabilities. The DGCL also provides that dividends may not be paid out of net profits if, after the payment of the dividend, capital is less than the capital represented by the outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets.

Declaration and payment of any dividend will be subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors. The time and amount of dividends will be dependent upon our financial condition, operations, cash requirements and availability, debt repayment obligations, capital expenditure needs and restrictions in our debt instruments, industry trends, the provisions of Delaware law affecting the payment of dividends to stockholders and any other factors our Board of Directors may consider relevant.

## Anti-Takeover Effects of Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws and Certain Provisions of Delaware Law

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, amended and restated bylaws and the DGCL, which are summarized in the following paragraphs, contain provisions that are intended to enhance the likelihood of continuity and stability in the composition of our Board of Directors. These provisions are intended to avoid costly takeover battles, reduce our vulnerability to a hostile change of control and enhance the ability of our Board of Directors to maximize stockholder value in connection with any unsolicited offer to acquire us. However, these provisions may have an anti-takeover effect and may delay, deter or prevent a merger or acquisition of our company by means of a tender offer, a proxy contest or other takeover attempt that a stockholder might consider is in its best interest, including those attempts that might result in a premium over the prevailing market price for the shares of common stock held by stockholders.

## Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

Delaware law does not require stockholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of the applicable stock exchange, which would apply if and so long as our common stock remains listed on the applicable stock exchange, require stockholder approval of certain issuances equal to or exceeding 20% of the then outstanding voting power or then outstanding number of shares of common stock. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

Our Board of Directors may issue shares of preferred stock on terms calculated to discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or the removal of our management. Moreover, our authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock will be available for future issuances without stockholder approval and could be utilized for a variety of corporate purposes, including future offerings to raise additional capital, acquisitions and employee benefit plans.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock or preferred stock may be to enable our Board of Directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could



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render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive our stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares of common stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

## **Classified Board**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that our Board of Directors will be divided into three classes of directors, with the classes to be as nearly equal in number as possible, and with the directors serving three-year terms. As a result, approximately one-third of our Board of Directors will be elected each year. The classification of directors will have the effect of making it more difficult for stockholders to change the composition of our Board of Directors. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws will provide that, subject to any rights of holders of preferred stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the number of directors will be fixed from time to time exclusively pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **Business Combinations**

We have opted out of Section 203 of the DGCL; however, our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will contain similar provisions providing that we may not engage in certain "business combinations" with any "interested stockholder" for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder, unless:

- prior to such time, our Board of Directors approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of our voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding certain shares; or
- at or subsequent to that time, the business combination is approved by our Board of Directors and by the affirmative vote
  of holders of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with that person's affiliates and associates, owns, or within the previous three years owned, 15% or more of our voting stock. For purposes of this section only, "voting stock" has the meaning given to it in Section 203 of the DGCL.

Under certain circumstances, this provision will make it more difficult for a person who would be an "interested stockholder" to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. This provision may encourage companies interested in acquiring our company to negotiate in advance with our Board of Directors because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our Board of Directors approves either the business combination or the transaction which results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our Board of Directors and may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions which stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that the Sponsors and their affiliates and any of their respective direct or indirect transferees and any group as to which such persons are a party do not constitute "interested stockholders" for purposes of this provision.

## Removal of Directors; Vacancies

Under the DGCL, unless otherwise provided in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, directors serving on a classified board may be removed by the stockholders only for cause. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws will provide that directors may be removed with or without cause upon the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class; *provided, however*, at any time when the Sponsors and their affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, less than 40% of the voting power



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#### No Cumulative Voting

Under Delaware law, the right to vote cumulatively does not exist unless the certificate of incorporation specifically authorizes cumulative voting. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will not authorize cumulative voting. Therefore, stockholders holding a majority in voting power of the shares of our stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors will be able to elect all our directors.

### Special Stockholder Meetings

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called at any time only by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or the chairman of the Board of Directors; *provided, however*, that the Sponsors and their affiliates are permitted to call special meetings of our stockholders for so long as they hold, in the aggregate, at least 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. Our amended and restated bylaws will prohibit the conduct of any business at a special meeting other than as specified in the notice for such meeting. These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers, or changes in control or management of our company.

## Requirements for Advance Notification of Director Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

Our amended and restated bylaws will establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board of Directors. In order for any matter to be "properly brought" before a meeting, a stockholder will have to comply with advance notice requirements and provide us with certain information. Generally, to be timely, a stockholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days prior to the first anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Our amended and restated bylaws will also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. These notice requirements will not apply to the Sponsors and their affiliates for as long as the stockholders agreement to be entered into in connection with this offering is in effect and/or the Sponsors and their affiliates hold, in the aggregate, at least 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

Our amended and restated bylaws will allow the chairman of the meeting at a meeting of the stockholders to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings which may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at a meeting if the rules and regulations are not followed. These provisions will not apply to the Sponsors and their affiliates for as long as the stockholders agreement to be entered into in connection with this offering is in effect and/or the Sponsors and their affiliates hold, in the aggregate, at least 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors. These provisions may defer, delay or discourage a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to influence or obtain control of our company.

## Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not

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less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares of our stock entitled to vote thereon were present and voted, unless our amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will preclude stockholder action by written consent once the Sponsors and their affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, less than 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

## Supermajority Provisions

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws will provide that the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend, change, add to, rescind or repeal, in whole or in part, our amended and restated bylaws without a stockholder vote in any matter not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Delaware or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. For as long as the Sponsors and their affiliates own, in the aggregate, at least 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any amendment, alteration, change, addition, rescission or repeal of our amended and restated bylaws by our stockholders will require the affirmative vote of a majority in voting power of the outstanding shares of our stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting of stockholders and entitled to vote on such amendment, alteration, change, addition, rescission or repeal. At any time when the Sponsors and their affiliates beneficially own, in the aggregate, less than 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any amendment, alteration, change, addition, rescission or repeal of our amended and restated bylaws by our stockholders will require the affirmative vote of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, any amendment, alteration, change, addition, rescission or repeal of our amended and restated bylaws by our stockholders will require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in voting power of all the thenoutstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

The DGCL provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation, unless the certificate of incorporation requires a greater percentage.

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that once the Sponsors and their affiliates own less than 40% of the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, the following provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may be amended, altered, repealed or rescinded only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% in the voting power of all outstanding shares of stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class:

- the provision requiring a 66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% supermajority vote for stockholders to amend our amended and restated bylaws;
- the provisions providing for a classified board of directors (the election and term of our directors);
- the provisions regarding resignation and removal of directors;
- the provisions regarding competition and corporate opportunities;
- the provisions regarding entering into business combinations with interested stockholders;
- the provisions regarding stockholder action by written consent;
- the provisions regarding calling special meetings of stockholders;
- the provisions regarding filling vacancies on our Board of Directors and newly created directorships;
- · the provisions eliminating monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duty by a director; and
- the amendment provision requiring that the above provisions be amended only with a  $66^{2}3\%$  supermajority vote.

The combination of the classification of our Board of Directors, the lack of cumulative voting and the supermajority voting requirements will make it more difficult for our existing stockholders to replace our Board of Directors as well as for another party to obtain control of us by replacing our Board of Directors. Because our Board of Directors has the power to retain and discharge our officers, these provisions could also make it more difficult for existing stockholders or another party to effect a change in management.

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These provisions may have the effect of deterring hostile takeovers, delaying, or preventing changes in control of our management or our company, such as a merger, reorganization or tender offer. These provisions are intended to enhance the likelihood of continued stability in the composition of our Board of Directors and its policies and to discourage certain types of transactions that may involve an actual or threatened acquisition of us. These provisions are designed to reduce our vulnerability to an unsolicited acquisition proposal. The provisions are also intended to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. However, such provisions could have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares and, as a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts. Such provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in management.

## **Dissenters' Rights of Appraisal and Payment**

Under the DGCL, with certain exceptions, our stockholders will have appraisal rights in connection with a merger or consolidation of us. Pursuant to the DGCL, stockholders who properly request and perfect appraisal rights in connection with such merger or consolidation will have the right to receive payment of the fair value of their shares as determined by the Delaware Court of Chancery.

## **Stockholders' Derivative Actions**

Under the DGCL, any of our stockholders may bring an action in our name to procure a judgment in our favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the stockholder bringing the action is a holder of our shares at the time of the transaction to which the action relates or such stockholder's stock thereafter devolved by operation of law.

#### **Exclusive Forum**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide, subject to limited exceptions, that unless we consent to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any (i) derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of our company, (ii) action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee or stockholder of our company to the Company or our stockholders, creditors or other constituents, (iii) action asserting a claim against the Company or any director or officer of the Company arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws or as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction on the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or (iv) action asserting a claim against the Company governed by the internal affairs doctrine, in each such case subject to said Court of Chancery having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants therein. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of capital stock of our company shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. However, the enforceability of similar forum provisions in other companies' certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings, and it is possible that a court could find these types of provisions to be unenforceable.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Delaware law permits corporations to adopt provisions renouncing any interest or expectancy in certain opportunities that are presented to the corporation or its officers, directors or stockholders. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will, to the maximum extent permitted from time to time by Delaware law, renounce any interest or expectancy that we have in, or right to be offered an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities that are from time to time presented to our officers, directors or stockholders or their respective affiliates, other than those officers, directors, stockholders or affiliates who are our or our subsidiaries' employees. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Sponsors or any of their affiliates or any director who is not employed by us (including any non-employee director who serves as one of our officers in both his or her director and officer capacities) or his or her affiliates will have any duty to refrain from (i) engaging in a corporate opportunity in the same or similar lines of business in which we or our affiliates now engage or propose to engage or (ii) otherwise competing with us or our affiliates. In addition, to the fullest extent permitted by law, in the event that the Sponsors or any of their affiliates or any non-employee director acquires knowledge of a potential transaction or other business opportunity which may be a corporate opportunity for itself or himself or its or his affiliates or



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for us or our affiliates, such person will have no duty to communicate or offer such transaction or business opportunity to us or any of our affiliates and they may take any such opportunity for themselves or offer it to another person or entity. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will not renounce our interest in any business opportunity that is expressly offered to a nonemployee director solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Company. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no business opportunity will be deemed to be a potential corporate opportunity for us unless we would be permitted to undertake the opportunity under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we have sufficient financial resources to undertake the opportunity and the opportunity would be in line with our business.

#### Limitations on Liability and Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of directors' fiduciary duties, subject to certain exceptions. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will include a provision that eliminates the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the DGCL. The effect of these provisions is to eliminate the rights of us and our stockholders, through stockholders' derivative suits on our behalf, to recover monetary damages from a director for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, including breaches resulting from grossly negligent behavior. However, exculpation does not apply to any director if the director has acted in bad faith, knowingly or intentionally violated the law, authorized illegal dividends or redemptions or derived an improper benefit from his or her actions as a director.

Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that we must generally indemnify, and advance expenses to, our directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. We also are expressly authorized to carry directors' and officers' liability insurance providing indemnification for our directors, officers and certain employees for some liabilities. We believe that these indemnification and advancement provisions and insurance are useful to attract and retain qualified directors and executive officers.

The limitation of liability, indemnification and advancement provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought.

#### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is

#### Listing

We intend to apply to list our common stock on

under the symbol "EYE."

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## SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

## General

Prior to this offering, there has not been a public market for our common stock, and we cannot predict what effect, if any, market sales of shares of common stock or the availability of shares of common stock for sale will have on the market price of our common stock prevailing from time to time. Nevertheless, sales of substantial amounts of common stock, including shares issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, in the public market, or the perception that such sales could occur, could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock and could impair our future ability to raise capital through the sale of our equity or equity-related securities at a time and price that we deem appropriate. See "Risk Factors—Risks Related to this Offering and Ownership of Our Common Stock—Future sales, or the perception of future sales, by us or our existing stockholders in the public market following this offering could cause the market price for our common stock to decline."

Upon the consummation of this offering, we will have a total of shares of common stock outstanding ( shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares). In addition, options to purchase an aggregate of approximately

shares of our common stock will be outstanding as of the consummation of this offering. Of these options, will have vested at or prior to the consummation of this offering and approximately could vest over the next years. Of the outstanding shares, the shares sold in this offering (or shares if the underwriters exercise their option to purchase additional shares) will be freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except that any shares held by our affiliates, as that term is defined under Rule 144, including our directors, executive officers and other affiliates (including affiliates of KKR and affiliates of Berkshire), may be sold only in compliance with the limitations described below.

The remaining outstanding shares of common stock held by affiliates of KKR, affiliates of Berkshire, certain of our directors and executive officers and our existing stockholders after this offering, representing % of the total outstanding shares of our common stock following this offering, will be deemed "restricted securities" under the meaning of Rule 144 and may be sold in the public market only if registered under the Securities Act or if an exemption from registration is available, including the exemptions pursuant to Rule 144 and Rule 701 under the Securities Act, which we summarize below. In addition, shares of our common stock will be authorized and reserved for issuance in relation to potential future awards under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to be adopted in connection with this offering.

## Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144, as currently in effect, once we have been subject to public company reporting requirements for at least 90 days, a person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is not deemed to be or have been one of our affiliates for purposes of the Securities Act at any time during 90 days preceding a sale and who has beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least six months, including the holding period of any prior owner other than an affiliate, is entitled to sell such shares without complying with the manner of sale, volume limitation or notice provisions of Rule 144, subject to compliance with the public information requirements of Rule 144. If such a person has beneficially owned the shares proposed to be sold for at least one year, including the holding period of a prior owner other than an affiliate, then such person is entitled to sell such shares without complying with any of the requirements of Rule 144.

In general, under Rule 144, as currently in effect, our affiliates or persons selling shares of our common stock on behalf of our affiliates, who have met the six month holding period for beneficial ownership of "restricted shares" of our common stock, are entitled to sell upon the expiration of the lock-up agreements described below, within any three-month period beginning 90 days after the date of this prospectus, a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the number of shares of our common stock then outstanding, which will equal approximately shares immediately after this offering (or shares if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares); or
- the average reported weekly trading volume of our common stock on the the filing of a notice on Form 144 with respect to such sale.



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Sales under Rule 144 by our affiliates or persons selling shares on behalf of our affiliates are also subject to certain manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about us. The sale of these shares, or the perception that sales will be made, could adversely affect the price of our common stock after this offering because a great supply of shares would be, or would be perceived to be, available for sale in the public market.

### Rule 701

In general, under Rule 701 as currently in effect, any of our employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors who received shares from us in connection with a compensatory stock or option plan or other written agreement before the effective date of this offering are entitled to sell such shares 90 days after the effective date of this offering in reliance on Rule 144, in the case of affiliates, without having to comply with the holding period requirements of Rule 144 and, in the case of non-affiliates, without having to comply with the public information, holding period, volume limitation or notice filing requirements of Rule 144.

## Lock-Up Agreements

In connection with this offering, we, our directors and executive officers and the holders of % of our common stock prior to this offering will sign lock-up agreements with the underwriters that will, subject to certain exceptions, restrict the disposition of, or hedging with respect to, the shares of our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our common stock, each held by them, during the period ending 180 days after the date of this prospectus, except with the prior written consent of the representative of the underwriters. See "Underwriting (Conflicts of Interest)" for a description of these lock-up agreements.

#### **Registration Rights**

For a description of rights some holders of common stock have to require us to register the shares of common stock they own, see "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions—Registration Rights Agreement." Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in these shares becoming freely tradable immediately upon effectiveness of such registration.

Following completion of this offering, the shares of our common stock covered by registration rights would represent approximately % of our outstanding common stock (or %, if the underwriters exercise in full their option to purchase additional shares). These shares also may be sold under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, depending on their holding period and subject to restrictions in the case of shares held by persons deemed to be our affiliates.

## **Registration Statement on Form S-8**

We intend to file one or more registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register all of the shares of common stock subject to outstanding stock options and the shares of common stock subject to issuance under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan to be adopted in connection with this offering. We expect to file these registration statements as promptly as possible after the completion of this offering. Any such Form S-8 registration statements will automatically become effective upon filing. Accordingly, shares registered under such registration statements will be available for sale in the open market. We expect that the initial registration statement on Form S-8 relating to the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan will cover shares.

## MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME AND ESTATE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO NON-U.S. HOLDERS

The following is a summary of the material United States federal income and estate tax consequences to a non-U.S. holder (as defined below) of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our common stock as of the date hereof. Except where noted, this summary deals only with common stock that is held as a capital asset.

A "non-U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of our common stock (other than an entity treated as a partnership) that is not for United States federal income tax purposes any of the following:

- an individual citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States
  persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under
  applicable United States Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

This summary is based upon provisions of the Code, and regulations, rulings and judicial decisions as of the date hereof. Those authorities may be changed, perhaps retroactively, so as to result in United States federal income and estate tax consequences different from those summarized below. We cannot assure you that such a change in law will not alter significantly the tax considerations we describe in this summary. This summary does not address all aspects of United States federal income and estate taxes and does not deal with foreign, state, local or other tax considerations that may be relevant to non-U.S. holders in light of their particular circumstances (including the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income). In addition, it does not represent a detailed description of the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to you if you are subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws including, without limitation if you are:

- a United States expatriate;
- a "controlled foreign corporation";
- a "passive foreign investment company";
- a bank, insurance company or other financial institution;
- a tax exempt organization or governmental organization;
- a broker, dealer or trader in securities;
- subject to the alternative minimum tax;
- a partnership or other pass-through entity for United States federal income tax purposes;
- a person who holds our common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, or other risk reduction strategy or as part of a conversion transaction or other integrated investment;
- a person who holds or receives our common stock pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation; or
- a person deemed to sell our common stock under the constructive sale provisions of the Code.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our common stock, you should consult your tax advisors.

If you are considering the purchase of our common stock, you should consult your own tax advisors concerning the particular United States federal income and estate tax consequences to you of the ownership of the common stock, as well as the consequences to you arising under the laws of any other taxing jurisdiction.

## Distributions

In the event that we make distributions of cash or property on our common stock, such distributions will constitute dividends for United States federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under United States federal income tax principles. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated first as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the non-U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in our common stock. Any remaining excess will be treated as capital gain and will be treated as described below under "—Gain on Disposition of Common Stock."

Dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder of our common stock generally will be subject to withholding of United States federal income tax at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty. However, dividends that are effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business by the non-U.S. holder within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, are attributable to a United States permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder) are not subject to such withholding tax, provided certain certification and disclosure requirements are satisfied. Instead, such dividends are subject to United States federal income tax on a net income basis in the same manner as if the non-U.S. holder were a United States person as defined under the Code. Any such effectively connected dividends received by a foreign corporation may be subject to an additional "branch profits tax" at a 30% rate or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder of our common stock who wishes to claim the benefit of an applicable treaty rate and avoid backup withholding, as discussed below, for dividends will be required (a) to complete the applicable IRS Form W-8 and certify under penalty of perjury that such holder is not a United States person as defined under the Code and is eligible for treaty benefits or (b) if our common stock is held through certain foreign intermediaries, to satisfy the relevant certification requirements of applicable United States Treasury regulations. Special certification and other requirements apply to certain non-U.S. holders that are pass-through entities rather than corporations or individuals.

A non-U.S. holder of our common stock eligible for a reduced rate of United States withholding tax pursuant to an income tax treaty may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding their entitlement to the benefits under any applicable income tax treaty.

## Gain on Disposition of Common Stock

Subject to the discussion of backup withholding and FATCA (as defined below) below, any gain realized by a non-U.S. holder on the taxable disposition of our common stock generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with a trade or business of the non-U.S. holder in the United States (and, if required by an
  applicable income tax treaty, is attributable to a United States permanent establishment of the non-U.S. holder);
- the non-U.S. holder is an individual who is present in the United States for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more in the taxable year of the disposition, and certain other conditions are met; or
- we are or have been a "United States real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes and certain other conditions are met.

An individual non-U.S. holder described in the first bullet point immediately above will be subject to tax on the net gain derived from the sale under regular graduated United States federal income tax rates. An individual non-U.S. holder described in the second bullet point immediately above will be subject to a flat 30% tax on the gain derived from the sale, which may be offset by United States source capital losses, even though the

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individual is not considered a resident of the United States, provided that the individual has timely filed United States federal income tax returns with respect to such losses. If a non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation falls under the first bullet point immediately above, it will be subject to tax on its net gain in the same manner as if it were a United States person as defined under the Code and, in addition, may be subject to the branch profits tax equal to 30% (or such lower rate as may be specified by an applicable income tax treaty) of its effectively connected earnings and profits, subject to adjustments.

We believe we are not and do not anticipate becoming a "United States real property holding corporation" for United States federal income tax purposes.

#### Federal Estate Tax

Common stock held by an individual non-U.S. holder at the time of death will be included in such holder's gross estate for United States federal estate tax purposes, unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise.

## Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

We must report annually to the IRS and to each non-U.S. holder the amount of dividends paid to such holder and the tax withheld with respect to such dividends, regardless of whether withholding was required. Copies of the information returns reporting such dividends and withholding may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-U.S. holder resides under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty.

A non-U.S. holder will be subject to backup withholding for dividends paid to such holder unless such holder certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such holder is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such holder otherwise establishes an exemption.

Information reporting and, depending on the circumstances, backup withholding will apply to the proceeds of a sale of our common stock within the United States or conducted through certain United States-related financial intermediaries, unless the beneficial owner certifies under penalty of perjury that it is a non-U.S. holder (and the payor does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that the beneficial owner is a United States person as defined under the Code), or such owner otherwise establishes an exemption.

Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a non-U.S. holder's United States federal income tax liability provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

## **Additional Withholding Requirements**

Under Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, or such Sections commonly referred to as FATCA, a 30% United States federal withholding tax may apply to any dividends paid on our common stock and, for a disposition of our common stock occurring after December 31, 2018, the gross proceeds from such disposition, in each case paid to (i) a "foreign financial institution" (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) its compliance (or deemed compliance) with FATCA (which may alternatively be in the form of compliance with an intergovernmental agreement with the United States) in a manner which avoids withholding, or (ii) a "non-financial foreign entity" (as specifically defined in the Code) which does not provide sufficient documentation, typically on IRS Form W-8BEN-E, evidencing either (x) an exemption from FATCA, or (y) adequate information regarding certain substantial United States beneficial owners of such entity (if any). If a dividend payment is both subject to withholding under FATCA and subject to the withholding tax discussed above under "—Distributions," the withholding under FATCA may be credited against, and therefore reduce, such other withholding tax. You should consult your own tax advisor regarding these requirements and whether they may be relevant to your ownership and disposition of our common stock.

## **UNDERWRITING (Conflicts of Interest)**

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in an underwriting agreement between us and the underwriters, we have agreed to sell to the underwriters, and each of the underwriters has agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase from us, the number of shares of common stock set forth opposite its name below.

Underwriter	Number of Shares
KKR Capital Markets LLC	
Total	

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the underwriting agreement, the underwriters have agreed, severally and not jointly, to purchase all of the shares sold under the underwriting agreement if any of these shares are purchased. If an underwriter defaults, the underwriting agreement provides that the purchase commitments of the non-defaulting underwriters may be increased or the underwriting agreement may be terminated.

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriters against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments the underwriters may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

The underwriters are offering the shares, subject to prior sale, when, as and if issued to and accepted by them, subject to approval of legal matters by their counsel, including the validity of the shares, and other conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, such as the receipt by the underwriters of officers' certificates and legal opinions. The underwriters reserve the right to withdraw, cancel or modify offers to the public and to reject orders in whole or in part.

## **Commissions and Discounts**

The representatives have advised us that the underwriters propose initially to offer the shares to the public at the public offering price set forth on the cover page of this prospectus and to dealers at that price less a concession not in excess of \$ per share. After the initial offering, the public offering price, concession or any other term of the offering may be changed.

The following table shows the initial public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions, and proceeds before expenses to us. The information assumes either no exercise or full exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase additional shares.

	Per Share	Without Option	With Option
Initial public offering price	\$	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$	\$

The expenses of the offering, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, are estimated at \$ and are payable by us. We have agreed to reimburse the underwriters for expenses relating to clearing of this offering with the Financial Regulatory Authority in an amount up to \$ .

## **Option to Purchase Additional Shares**

We have granted an option to the underwriters, exercisable for 30 days after the date of this prospectus, to purchase up to additional shares at the public offering price, less the underwriting discount and commissions. The underwriters may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with this offering. If the underwriters exercise this option, each will be obligated, subject to conditions contained in the underwriting agreement, to purchase a number of additional shares proportionate to that underwriter's initial amount reflected in the above table.



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#### No Sales of Similar Securities

We, our directors and executive officers and the holders of % of our common stock prior to this offering will agree, for 180 days after the date of this prospectus, without first obtaining the written consent of the representative of the underwriters, not to directly or indirectly, subject to certain exceptions:

- offer, sell or contract to sell any common stock;
- sell any option or contract to purchase any common stock;
- purchase any option or contract to sell any common stock;
- grant any option, right or warrant for the sale of any common stock;
- lend or otherwise dispose of or transfer any common stock;
- request or demand that we file a registration statement related to the common stock; or
- enter into any swap or other agreement that transfers, in whole or in part, the economic consequence of ownership of any common stock whether any such swap or transaction is to be settled by delivery of shares or other securities, in cash or otherwise.

This lock-up provision applies to common stock and to securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for common stock. It also applies to common stock owned now or acquired later by the person executing the agreement or for which the person executing the agreement later acquires the power of disposition.

#### Listing

We intend to apply to list our common stock on under the symbol "EYE." In order to meet the requirements for listing on that exchange, the underwriters have undertaken to sell a minimum number of shares to a minimum number of beneficial owners as required by that exchange.

Before this offering, there has been no public market for our common stock. The initial public offering price will be determined through negotiations between us and the underwriters. In addition to prevailing market conditions, the factors to be considered in determining the initial public offering price are:

- the valuation multiples of publicly traded companies that the underwriters believe to be comparable to us;
- our financial information;
- the history of, and the prospects for, our company and the industry in which we compete;
- an assessment of our management, our past and present operations, and the prospects for, and timing of, our future revenues;
- the present state of our development; and
- the above factors in relation to market values and various valuation measures of other companies engaged in activities similar to ours.

An active trading market for the shares may not develop. It is also possible that after this offering the shares will not trade in the public market at or above the initial public offering price.

The underwriters do not expect to sell more than 5% of the shares in the aggregate to accounts over which they exercise discretionary authority.

## Price Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids

Until the distribution of the shares is completed, SEC rules may limit underwriters and selling group members from bidding for and purchasing our common stock. However, the underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize the price of the common stock, such as bids or purchases to peg, fix or maintain that price.

In connection with the offering, the underwriters may purchase and sell our common stock in the open market. These transactions may include short sales, purchases on the open market to cover positions created by

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short sales and stabilizing transactions. Short sales involve the sale by the underwriters of a greater number of shares than they are required to purchase in the offering. "Covered" short sales are sales made in an amount not greater than the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares described above. The underwriters may close out any covered short position by either exercising their option to purchase additional shares or purchasing shares in the open market. In determining the source of shares to close out the covered short position, the underwriters will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which they may purchase shares through the option granted to them. "Naked" short sales are sales in excess of such option. The underwriters must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriters are concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of our common stock in the open market after pricing that could adversely affect investors who purchase in the offering. Stabilizing transactions consist of various bids for or purchases of shares of common stock made by the underwriters in the open market prior to the completion of the offering.

The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular underwriter repays to the underwriters a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the other underwriters have repurchased shares sold by or for the account of such underwriter in stabilizing or short covering transactions.

Similar to other purchase transactions, the underwriters' purchases to cover the syndicate short sales may have the effect of raising or maintaining the market price of our common stock or preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock. As a result, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that might otherwise exist in the open market. The underwriters may conduct these transactions on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the price of our common stock. In addition, neither we nor any of the underwriters make any representation that the underwriters will engage in these transactions or that these transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

## **Electronic Distribution**

In connection with the offering, certain of the underwriters or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses by electronic means, such as e-mail.

#### **Other Relationships**

The underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financial and brokerage activities. Some of the underwriters and their respective affiliates have engaged in, and may in the future engage in, investment banking and other commercial dealings in the ordinary course of business with us or our affiliates. They have received, or may in the future receive, customary fees and commissions for these transactions. KKR Capital Markets LLC served as joint lead arranger and bookrunner for our first lien credit agreement and our second lien credit agreement. See "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions— Relationship with KKR Capital Markets."

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the underwriters and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of ours or our affiliates. The underwriters and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Affiliates of KKR beneficially own (through investment in KKR Vision Aggregator L.P.) in excess of 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock. Because KKR Capital Markets LLC, an affiliate of KKR, is an underwriter in this offering and its affiliates own in excess of 10% of our issued and outstanding common stock, KKR Capital Markets LLC is deemed to have a "conflict of interest" under Rule 5121 of FINRA. Accordingly,



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this offering is being made in compliance with the requirements of Rule 5121. Pursuant to that rule, the appointment of a "qualified independent underwriter" is not required in connection with this offering as the member primarily responsible for managing the public offering does not have a conflict of interest, is not an affiliate of any member that has a conflict of interest and meets the requirements of paragraph (f)(12)(E) of Rule 5121. KKR Capital Markets LLC will not confirm sales of the securities to any account over which it exercises discretionary authority without the specific written approval of the account holder.

## Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, or each, a "**Relevant Member State**", with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State, no offer of shares may be made to the public in that Relevant Member State other than:

- (a) to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representative; or
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of shares shall require the Company or any underwriter to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and each person who initially acquires any shares or to whom any offer is made will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed to and with each of the underwriters and the Company that it is a "qualified investor" within the meaning of the law in that Relevant Member State implementing Article 2(1)(e) of the Prospectus Directive.

In the case of any shares being offered to a financial intermediary as that term is used in Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive, each such financial intermediary will be deemed to have represented, acknowledged and agreed that the shares acquired by it in the offer have not been acquired on a non-discretionary basis on behalf of, nor have they been acquired with a view to their offer or resale to, persons in circumstances which may give rise to an offer of any shares to the public other than their offer or resale in a Relevant Member State to qualified investors as so defined or in circumstances in which the prior consent of the representative has been obtained to each such proposed offer or resale.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer of shares to the public**" in relation to any shares in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the shares to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase shares, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State.

## Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom

In addition, in the United Kingdom, this document is being distributed only to, and is directed only at, and any offer subsequently made may only be directed at persons who are "qualified investors" (as defined in the Prospectus Directive) (i) who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended, or the "Order," and/or (ii) who are high net worth companies (or persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated) falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons") or otherwise in circumstances which have not resulted and will not result in an offer to the public of the shares in the United Kingdom within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

Any person in the United Kingdom that is not a relevant person should not act or rely on the information included in this document or use it as basis for taking any action. In the United Kingdom, any investment or investment activity that this document relates to may be made or taken exclusively by relevant persons.

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## Notice to Prospective Investors in Canada

The shares may be sold only to purchasers purchasing, or deemed to be purchasing, as principal that are accredited investors, as defined in National Instrument 45-106 Prospectus Exemptions or subsection 73.3(1) of the Securities Act (Ontario), and are permitted clients, as defined in National Instrument 31-103 Registration Requirements, Exemptions and Ongoing Registrant Obligations. Any resale of the shares must be made in accordance with an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the prospectus requirements of applicable securities laws.

Securities legislation in certain provinces or territories of Canada may provide a purchaser with remedies for rescission or damages if this prospectus (including any amendment thereto) contains a misrepresentation, provided that the remedies for rescission or damages are exercised by the purchaser within the time limit prescribed by the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory. The purchaser should refer to any applicable provisions of the securities legislation of the purchaser's province or territory for particulars of these rights or consult with a legal advisor.

Pursuant to section 3A.3 of National Instrument 33-105 Underwriting Conflicts (NI 33-105), the underwriters are not required to comply with the disclosure requirements of NI 33-105 regarding underwriter conflicts of interest in connection with this offering.

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, New York, New York. Certain legal matters in connection with the offering will be passed upon for the underwriters by Latham & Watkins LLP, New York, New York.

Certain partners of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, members of their respective families, related persons, and others have an indirect interest, through limited partnerships that are investors in funds affiliated with KKR, in less than 1% of our common stock.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus and the related financial statement schedule included elsewhere in the registration statement have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report appearing herein and elsewhere in the registration statement. Such consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are included in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the common stock offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of the registration statement and does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules, portions of which have been omitted as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about us and our common stock, you should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits and schedules. Statements in this prospectus about the contents of any contract, agreement or other document are not necessarily complete and in each instance that a copy of such contract, agreement or document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the copy that we have filed as an exhibit.

We will file annual, quarterly and special reports and other information with the SEC. Our filings with the SEC are available to the public on the SEC's website at *www.sec.gov*. Those filings will also be available to the public on, or accessible through, our corporate website at *www.nationalvision.com*. The information we file with the SEC or contained on or accessible through our corporate website or any other website that we may maintain is not part of this prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. You may also read and copy, at SEC prescribed rates, any document we file with the SEC, including the registration statement (and its exhibits) of which this prospectus is a part, at the SEC's Public Reference Room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 to obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room.

We intend to make available to our common stockholders annual reports containing consolidated financial statements audited by an independent registered public accounting firm.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Duluth, GA

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of National Vision Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 (Successor) and January 2, 2016 (Successor), and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2016 (Successor) and January 2, 2016 (Successor), the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor), and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index to the Financial Statements. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statements and financial statements and financial statements and financial statements schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Vision Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 (Successor) and January 2, 2016 (Successor), and the results of their operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2016 (Successor) and January 2, 2016 (Successor), the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor) in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 2, National Vision, Inc. was acquired by Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (both affiliates of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P.), on March 13, 2014 (date of acquisition). In accordance with the acquisition method of accounting, National Vision, Inc.'s assets and liabilities were adjusted to their estimated fair values on the date of acquisition. As a result, the Company's consolidated financial statements for the period prior to the acquisition (the Predecessor period) are not comparable to the periods after the acquisition (the Successor periods).

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Atlanta, GA July 10, 2017

## National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Consolidated Balance Sheets

## December 31, 2016 (Successor) and January 2, 2016 (Successor)

In Thousands

In Industrius		Succe	ssor	
	Dece	As of ember 31, 2016		As of January 2, 2016
ASSETS	Dece	ember 31, 2016		January 2, 2010
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,945	\$	5,595
Accounts receivable, net		34,370		29,347
Inventories		87,064		75,017
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		20,880		17,836
Total current assets		147,259		127,795
Property and equipment, net		256,414		207,200
Other assets and deferred costs:				, in the second s
Goodwill		793,229		796,573
Trademarks and trade names		240,547		240,547
Other intangible assets, net		81,338		91,811
Other assets		12,330		11,669
Total non-current assets		1,383,858		1,347,800
Total assets	\$	1,531,117	\$	1,475,595
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			-	
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	39.400	\$	33,784
Other payables and accrued expenses	Ψ	69,402	Ψ	56,566
Unearned revenue		25,600		20,835
Deferred revenue		57,996		50,086
Current maturities of long-term debt		7,285		7,048
Total current liabilities		199,683		168,319
Long-term debt, less current portion and debt discount		738,340		740,777
Other non-current liabilities:		730,340		740,777
Deferred revenue		29,432		27,792
Other liabilities		50,497		51,157
Deferred income taxes, net		111,278		101,320
Total other non-current liabilities		191,207		180,269
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 13)		131,207		100,203
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 200,000 shares authorized; 110,509 and 110,284				
shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and January 2, 2016,				
respectively		1,105		1,103
Additional paid-in capital		424,246		419,844
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(14,556)		(11,284
Accumulated deficit		(8,675)		(23,433
Treasury stock, at cost; 55 and zero shares as of December 31, 2016 and January 2, 2016, respectively		(233)		
Total stockholders' equity		401,887		386,230
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,531,117	\$	1,475,595
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Successor), the Year Ended January 2, 2016 (Successor), the Period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the Period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor) In Thousands, Except Per Share Information

,_	Successor							Predecessor		
	De	er Ended ecember 31, 2016		ear Ended anuary 2, 2016		rom March 13, 14 to January 3, 2015	Fro	m December 29, 13 to March 12, 2014		
Revenue:										
Net product sales	\$	973,783	\$	862,831	\$	597,200	\$	157,088		
Net sales of services and plans		222,412		199,697		138,480		39,929		
Total net revenue	1,	196,195	1	,062,528		735,680		197,017		
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization):										
Products		390,369		353,894		266,627		67,785		
Services and plans		154,412		137,206		99,849		25,409		
Total costs applicable to revenue		544,781		491,100		366,476		93,194		
Operating expenses:										
Selling, general and administrative expenses		524,238		474,053		331,475		79,133		
Depreciation and amortization		51,993		44,069		31,566		7,267		
Asset impairment		7,132		7,716		4,672				
Acquisition related costs		_				13,742		7,537		
Other expense (income), net		1,667		913		691		(64)		
Total operating expenses		585,030		526,751		382,146		93,873		
Income (loss) from operations		66,384		44,677		(12,942)		9,950		
Interest expense, net		39,092		36,741		26,823		4,757		
Debt issuance costs				2,551				—		
Earnings (loss) before income taxes		27,292		5,385		(39,765)		5,193		
Income tax provision (benefit)		12,534		1,768		(12,715)		2,061		
Net income (loss)	\$	14,758	\$	3,617	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,132		
Earnings (loss) per share:										
Basic	\$	0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	24.06		
Diluted	\$	0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	23.76		
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		110,474		110,036		109,732		130		
Diluted		112,080		110,036		109,732		132		
Comprehensive (loss) income:										
Net income (loss)	\$	14,758	\$	3,617	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,132		
Change in fair value of hedge instruments		(5,116)		(7,065)		(11,555)				
Tax benefit of change in fair value of hedge instruments		1,844		2,837		4,499				
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	11,486	\$	(611)	\$	(34,106)	\$	3,132		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Successor), the Year Ended January 2, 2016 (Successor), the Period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the Period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor) In Thousands

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	Commo	n Stock	1	Additional Paid-In		Accumulated Other omprehensive	Accumulated Deficit		l Treasu		St	Total Stockholders' Equity	
	Shares	Amount		Capital		Loss			5	Stock		(Deficit)	
Predecessor	100							(100.00.0				(100.000)	
Balances at December 28, 2013	130	\$ 1	\$	1,124			\$	(123,364)	\$		\$	(122,239)	
Stock option compensation				220		_						220	
Net income		-	<b>_</b>		<i>•</i>		<i>•</i>	3,132	<b>.</b>		<i>•</i>	3,132	
Balances at March 12, 2014	130	\$ 1	\$	1,344	\$		\$	(120,232)	\$		\$	(118,887)	
Successor							•				•		
Balances at March 13, 2014	109,688	\$ 1,098	\$	536,061	\$	—	\$	—	\$	_	\$	537,159	
Issuance of common stock	91	_		13,297				_		_		13,297	
Stock option compensation	_	_		7,244				—				7,244	
Change in fair value of hedge instruments	_	_		_		(11,555)		_		_		(11,555)	
Tax benefit of change in fair value of hedge instruments	_	_		_		4,499		_		_		4,499	
Net loss	_	_		_				(27,050)		_		(27,050)	
Balances at January 3, 2015	109,779	\$ 1,098	\$	556,602	\$	(7,056)	\$	(27,050)	\$		\$	523,594	
Cash dividends paid on common													
stock	_	_		(145,667)		—		_		_		(145,667)	
Tax benefit of dividend	—	—		407		—		—		—		407	
Stock option exercises	482	5		1,757				—		—		1,762	
Issuance of common stock	23	—		110		—		—		—		110	
Stock option compensation	—	—		6,635				—		—		6,635	
Change in fair value of hedge instruments	_	_		_		(7,065)		_		_		(7,065)	
Tax benefit of change in fair value of hedge instruments	_	_		_		2,837		_		_		2,837	
Net income	_	_				_		3,617				3,617	
Balances at January 2, 2016	110,284	\$ 1,103	\$	419,844	\$	(11,284)	\$	(23,433)	\$		\$	386,230	
Tax impact of stock option exercises	_	_		(619)		_		_		_		(619)	
Stock option exercises	280	2		1,039				_		_		1,041	
Stock option compensation		_		4,293				_		_		4,293	
Repurchase of stock options	_	_		(167)				_		_		(167)	
Repurchase of common stock	(55)	_		(144)				_		(233)		(377)	
Change in fair value of hedge	()									( /		(- )	
instruments	_	_				(5,116)		_				(5,116)	
Tax benefit of change in fair													
value of hedge instruments	—	—		—		1,844		—		_		1,844	
Net income			_					14,758				14,758	
Balances at December 31, 2016	110,509	\$ 1,105	\$	424,246	\$	(14,556)	\$	(8,675)	\$	(233)	\$	401,887	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Successor), the Year Ended January 2, 2016 (Successor), the Period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the Period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor)

In Thousands

	Successor							Predecessor		
	Year Year Ended Ended December 31, January 2, 2016 2016				rom March 13, 14 to January 3, 2015	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014				
Cash flows from operating activities:										
Net income (loss)	\$	14,758	\$	3,617	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,132		
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to cash provided by (used for) operating activities:										
Depreciation of property and equipment		42,804		34,859		24,037		7,083		
Amortization of intangible assets		9,189		9,210		7,529		184		
Amortization of loan costs		3,906		3,816		2,844		325		
Amortization of leasehold interests		(701)		(1,267)		(1,126)		3		
Asset impairment		7,132		7,716		4,672				
(Gain) loss on disposal of equipment		(32)		(66)		1,535		(25)		
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)		11,181		1,528		(12,016)		(934)		
Non-cash stock option compensation		4,293		6,635		7,132		220		
Debt issuance costs		—		2,551		—				
Other		1,761		1,358		323		494		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities (excluding the effects of the acquisition):										
Accounts receivable, net		(5,023)		(3,035)		(4,231)		(1,813)		
Inventories		(12,099)		(8,608)		(2,835)		(4,576)		
Other assets		(4,153)		(4,563)		(4,453)		(6,416)		
Accounts payable		5,616		(82)		11,556		(6,145)		
Other liabilities		18,956		29,462		10,079		39,476		
Net cash provided by operating activities		97,588		83,131		17,996		31,008		
Cash flows from investing activities:										
Purchase of property and equipment		(90,026)		(77,157)		(40,536)		(11,485)		
Purchase of investments		(1,000)		(2,850)		(3,299)				
Other		(638)		(44)		95		(473)		
Net cash used for investing activities	\$	(91,664)	\$	(80,051)	\$	(43,740)	\$	(11,958)		

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# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)

For the Year Ended December 31, 2016 (Successor), the Year Ended January 2, 2016 (Successor), the Period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015 (Successor), and the Period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014 (Predecessor)

In Thousands

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			Successor		Predecessor
	Dece	r Ended mber 31, 2016	Year Ended January 2, 2016	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	\$	—	\$ 148,185	\$ 624,469	\$ —
Proceeds from issuance of shares of common stock		—	110	429,166	—
Repurchase of common stock		(189)	—	—	
Repurchase of stock options		(167)	—	—	—
Purchase of predecessor stock		—	—	(644,257)	—
Cash transferred to escrow agent		—	_	(2,216)	—
Cash paid to holders of predecessor stock options		—	—	(56,283)	—
Principal payments on long-term debt		(6,515)	(6,136)	(295,750)	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		915	1,762	—	—
Payments on capital lease obligations		(587)	(425)	(130)	(28)
Proceeds from revolving loan		—	—	—	12,000
Payments on revolving loan		—	—	—	(12,000)
Payment of deferred financing costs		—	—	(17,862)	—
Payment of transaction costs		—	_	(30,007)	—
Dividend to shareholders		—	(145,667)	—	—
Tax benefit of dividend			395	—	_
Debt issuance costs		—	(2,551)	—	—
Other		(31)	10		
Net cash (used for) provided by financing					
activities		(6,574)	(4,317)	7,130	(28)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(650)	(1,237)	(18,614)	19,022
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		5,595	6,832	25,446	6,424
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	4,945	\$ 5,595	\$ 6,832	\$ 25,446
Supplemental cash flow information (\$000's):					
Cash paid for interest		34,873	33,386	22,688	5,421
Cash (received) paid for income taxes		(415)	365	301	492
Property and equipment accrued at the end of period		9,202	5,956	3,239	1,835
Fixed assets acquired under capital lease obligations		1,004	1,073	227	—
Non-cash issuance of common shares		157		—	—
Non-cash repurchase of common shares		(188)	—	—	—

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# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

# 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Operations

National Vision Holdings, Inc. ("NVHI," the "Company," "we," "our," or "us") is the parent company of Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc. ("NAH"). NAH conducts substantially all of its activities through its direct wholly owned subsidiary, National Vision, Inc. ("NVI") and NVI's direct wholly owned subsidiaries. The Company was formed on February 14, 2014 for the purpose of acquiring NVI (the "Acquisition"). See Note 2 for further information regarding the Acquisition.

We are a leading value retailer and manufacturer of eyeglasses and value retailer of contact lenses in the United States. We operated 943 and 858 retail optical locations in the United States and its territories as of the years ended December 31, 2016 and January 2, 2016, respectively, through our five store brands, including America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses ("ABC"), Eyeglass World ("EGW"), Vista Optical locations on U.S. Army/Air Force military bases ("MIL") and within Fred Meyer ("FM") stores, and our management and services arrangement with Walmart ("legacy").

We sell contact lenses and optical accessory products to retail customers through our wholly owned e-commerce subsidiary, Arlington Contact Lens Service, Inc. ("AC Lens"). AC Lens operates several of its own proprietary retail web sites as well as web sites on behalf of certain independent retailers and insurance companies. AC Lens also distributes contact lenses to Walmart and Sam's Clubs under fee for services arrangements. Under the associated agreements, AC Lens sells contact lens products to Walmart and Sam's Club store locations at its cost, and earns a fulfillment fee per order shipped.

We sell single service health plans under California law and provide eye exams at retail locations throughout California through our wholly-owned specialized health maintenance organization ("HMO") FirstSight Vision Services, Inc. ("FSI"). As of December 31, 2016, FSI operated 162 optometric offices, 152 in Walmart locations in California, of which 43 are adjacent to vision centers we manage and that FSI subleases from us and 109 that are leased directly from Walmart, as well as 10 adjacent to EGW stores. In addition to providing optometric services in all locations, in certain of these locations FSI sells contact lenses to its members.

#### Fiscal Year

We operate on a fiscal calendar widely used by the retail industry that results in a given fiscal year consisting of a 52- or 53week period ending on the last Saturday in December or the first Saturday in January of the next calendar year. In a 52-week fiscal year, each quarter contains 13 weeks of operations; in a 53-week fiscal year, each of the first, second and third quarters includes 13 weeks of operations and the fourth quarter includes 14 weeks of operations.

References herein to "fiscal year 2016" relate to the 52 weeks ended December 31, 2016. References herein to "fiscal year 2015" relate to the 52 weeks ended January 2, 2016.

For the purpose of discussing our financial results, we refer to ourselves as the "Successor" in the periods following the Acquisition and the "Predecessor" during the periods preceding the Acquisition. References herein to the Successor period ended January 3, 2015 ("2014 Successor period") relate to the period from March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015. References herein to the Predecessor period ended March 12, 2014 ("2014 Predecessor period") relate to the period from December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014. Unless otherwise stated, references to years in this report relate to fiscal years rather than calendar years.

# Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our subsidiaries, all of which are wholly-owned. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent

## 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Property and Equipment

Property and equipment ("P&E") is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation associated with P&E is presented in depreciation and amortization in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). When we retire or otherwise dispose of P&E, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss on sale of such assets is included in selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Major replacements, remodeling, or betterments are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to SG&A.

P&E is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	34 years
Land improvements <sup>(a)</sup>	10 years
Equipment <sup>(b)</sup>	5 - 7 years
Information systems hardware and software	3 - 5 years
Furniture and fixtures	6 years
Leasehold improvements <sup>(a)</sup>	10 years
P&E under capital leases	Shorter of useful life or lease term

(a) Depreciation of leasehold and land improvements is recognized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the term of the lease. The term of the lease includes renewal options for additional periods if the exercise of the renewal is considered to be reasonably assured.

(b) Costs of developing or obtaining software for internal use, such as direct costs of materials or services and internal payroll costs related to the software development projects, are capitalized to equipment.

# Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Indefinite-lived, non-amortizing intangible assets include goodwill and our tradenames. Goodwill and tradenames are evaluated annually for impairment.

Definite-lived, amortizing intangible assets primarily consist of our contracts and relationships with certain retailers, and also our customer database tool. We amortize definite-lived identifiable intangible assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, ranging from four to 23 years. Amortization expense associated with definite-lived intangible assets is presented in depreciation and amortization in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

# Fair Value Measurement of Assets and Liabilities (Non-Recurring Basis)

Non-financial assets such as P&E, intangible assets, and goodwill are subject to nonrecurring fair value measurements if impairment indicators are present. Factors we consider important that could trigger an impairment review include a significant under-performance relative to expected operating results, a significant or adverse change in customer business climate, or a significant negative industry or economic trend. Our annual testing date for impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets is the first day of the fourth fiscal quarter, which for fiscal years 2016 and 2015 was October 2, 2016, and October 4, 2015, respectively.

# Impairment of P&E

We evaluate long-lived tangible store assets at an individual store level, which is the lowest level at which independent cash flows can be identified, when events or conditions indicate the carrying value of such assets may not be recoverable. If the store's projected undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the related assets over the remaining useful life are less than the carrying value of the related assets, we measure impairment based on a discounted cash flow model (Level 3 inputs) and record an impairment loss as the difference between carrying value and estimated fair value.

#### 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In circumstances where a discounted cash flow analysis is not appropriate for assessing impairment of P&E, we use a liquidation approach, whereby we estimate the fair value of the subject assets based on the expected sales value that a market participant would be willing to pay for the assets in their current location and condition, net of expected cost to remove and transport the assets to the buyer where applicable. Refer to Note 4 for further detail on impairment testing results.

As a result of our tests for impairment of our retail store long-lived assets classified as held and used, impairment of \$1.2 million, \$2.4 million, and \$0.4 million was recorded for fiscal year 2016 (Successor), fiscal year 2015 (Successor), and the 2014 Successor period, respectively. No impairment was identified in the 2014 Predecessor period. As of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), the remaining fair value of the impaired assets was \$38 thousand. As of fiscal year end 2015 (Successor), there was no remaining fair value of the impaired assets.

We assess non-store tangible assets, including capitalized software costs in use or under development, for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of those assets may not be recoverable. There was no impairment associated with software costs in fiscal year 2016 (Successor). An impairment loss of \$0.5 million was recorded in fiscal year 2015 (Successor) associated with software that was replaced during the year. No impairment was identified in the 2014 Successor period or 2014 Predecessor period.

# Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets

If impairment indicators related to amortizing intangible assets are present, we estimate cash flows expected to be generated over the remaining useful lives of the related assets based on current projections. If the projected undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying value of the related assets, we measure impairment as the difference in carrying value and estimated fair value calculated using a discounted cash flow model (Level 3 inputs).

We evaluate non-amortizing tradenames for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that those assets may be impaired. We use the relief-from-royalty method in our evaluations, whereby an estimated royalty rate is determined based on comparable licensing arrangements which is applied to the revenue projections for the applicable indefinite-lived tradename, and the estimated fair value is calculated using a discounted cash flow analysis (Level 3 inputs). We record an impairment loss as the excess of carrying value over estimated fair value.

We utilize a two-step process to test goodwill for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate goodwill may be impaired. We consider each of our operating segments to be separate reporting units. We calculate the fair value of our reporting units primarily utilizing the income approach. The income approach is based on a discounted cash flow analysis and calculates the fair value of reporting units by estimating after-tax cash flows attributable to the reporting units and then discounting the after-tax cash flows using the weighted average cost of capital. The cash flows utilized in the discounted cash flow analysis are based on financial forecasts developed internally by management (Level 3 inputs) and require significant judgment. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, the Company compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill with its carrying value. To compute the implied fair value of goodwill, the Company assigns the fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit (including any unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination. The excess of the fair value of a reporting unit over the amounts assigned to its assets and liabilities is the implied fair value of goodwill. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount, if any, by which the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value. See Note 4 for further detail on goodwill impairment.

# Revenue Recognition

Product revenues include sales of prescription and non-prescription eyewear, contact lenses, and related accessories to retail customers and sales of inventory in which our customer is another retail entity. Revenues from services and plans include eye exams, discount club membership fees, product protection plans (i.e. warranties), and HMO membership fees. Service revenue also includes fees we earn for managing certain vision centers and performing lab services for our legacy partner, and fulfillment fees earned by AC Lens.



#### 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Our retail customers generally make payments for prescription eyewear products at the time they place an order. Amounts we collect in advance for undelivered merchandise are reported as unearned revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Unearned revenue at the end of a reporting period is estimated based on delivery times throughout the concurrent month and generally ranges from four to 10 days. For sales of in-store non-prescription eyewear and related accessories, and paid eye exams, we generally recognize revenue at the point of sale. Revenue is recognized net of sales taxes and returns. The returns allowance is based on historical return patterns.

At our ABC brand, our lead offer is two pairs of eyeglasses and a free eye exam for one low price ("two-pair deal"). We concluded the offer represents a multiple element arrangement. The Company has determined that the eye examinations sold to its ABC customers within its two-pair deal represent a separate unit of accounting. However, the arrangement with the customer requires delivery of acceptable prescription eyeglasses, otherwise the Company refunds the entire price of the two-pair deal. As a result, we do not allocate revenue to the eye exam associated with the two-pair deal, and we record all revenue associated with the two-pair deal in net product sales when the customer has received and accepted the product.

We offer extended warranty plans that generally provide for repair and replacement of eyeglasses for a one- or two-year period after purchase. We offer three- and five-year service programs to our contact lens customers. In California, we offer 12-month HMO memberships through our FSI subsidiary. We recognize service revenue under these programs on a straight-line basis over the warranty or service period. Amounts collected in advance for these programs are reported as deferred revenue in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Refer to Note 12 for further details.

# Cost Applicable To Revenue

Costs applicable to revenue consist primarily of cost of products sold and costs of administering services and plans. Costs of products sold include (i) costs to procure non-prescription eye-wear, contacts, and accessories which we purchase and sell in their finished form, (ii) costs to manufacture finished prescription eyeglasses, including direct materials, labor, and overhead, and (iii) remake costs, warehousing and distribution expenses, and internal transfer costs. Costs of services and plans include costs associated with warranty programs, eye care and discount club memberships, HMO membership fees, eye care practitioner and exam technician payroll, taxes, and benefits, and optometric and other service costs.

As a component of the Company's consolidated procurement program, the Company frequently enters into contracts with vendors that provide for payments of rebates or other allowances. These vendor payments are reflected in the carrying value of the inventory when earned or as progress is made toward earning the rebate or allowance and as a component of cost of products as the inventory is sold. Certain of these vendor contracts provide for rebates and other allowances that are dependent upon the Company meeting specified performance measures such as a cumulative level of purchases over a specified period of time. Such rebates and other allowances are given accounting recognition at the point at which achievement of the specified performance measures is deemed to be probable and reasonably estimable. Vendor rebates and allowances were less than 2.0% of costs of products for fiscal years 2016 and 2015, the 2014 Successor period, and the 2014 Predecessor period.

# Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A includes store associate payroll, taxes, and benefits, store occupancy, advertising and promotion, field supervision, and corporate support.

Advertising and promotion costs, including online marketing arrangements, newspaper, direct mail, television and radio, are recorded in SG&A and expensed at the time the advertising first takes place. Production costs of future media advertising and related promotional campaigns are deferred until the advertising events first occur. Advertising expenses were \$85.4 million for fiscal year 2016 (Successor), \$77.0 million for fiscal year 2015 (Successor), \$45.6 million in the 2014 Successor period, and \$13.2 million in the 2014 Predecessor Period.

Non-capital expenditures associated with opening new stores, including rent, store remodels, marketing expenses, travel and relocation costs, and training costs, are recorded in SG&A as incurred.

#### 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Leases

We lease our retail stores, optometric examination offices, distribution centers, vehicles, office space and optical labs, with the exception of our St. Cloud, Minnesota lab, which we own. Rent expense on operating leases is recorded in SG&A on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, commencing on the date the Company takes possession of the leased property. Generally, the Company is required to pay base rent, real estate taxes, maintenance, and insurance. Certain of our lease agreements include rent holidays and rent escalation provisions and may include contingent rent provisions for percentage of sales in excess of specified levels. The Company recognizes rent holidays, including the time period during which the Company has control of the property prior to the opening of the store, as well as escalating rent provisions, as deferred rent expense and amortizes these balances on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Deferred rent is included in non-current other liabilities on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

For leases classified as capital leases, the capital lease asset is recorded as P&E and a corresponding amount is recorded as a long-term debt obligation in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets at an amount equal to the lesser of the net present value of minimum lease payments to be made over the lease term or the fair value of the property being leased. The Company allocates each lease payment between a reduction of the lease obligation and interest expense using the effective interest method.

See Note 5 for further details related to our capital lease commitments, and Note 13 for further details related to our operating lease commitments.

Tenant improvement allowances ("TIAs") are contractual amounts received by a lessee from a lessor for improvements made to leased properties by the lessee. TIAs are recorded in other non-current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets, and are amortized against rent expense over the life of the respective leases. Receivables from the lessor are recorded in accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

In the event a leased store is closed before the expiration of the associated lease, the discounted remaining lease obligation less estimated sublease rental income, asset impairment charges related to improvements and fixtures, inventory write-downs, and other miscellaneous closing costs associated with the disposal activity are recognized when the store closes. Store closure costs are recorded in current and non-current other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are not material.

# Stock-Based Compensation

We measure stock-based compensation cost, which consists of grants of stock options to employees, based on the estimated grant date fair value of the awards. We recognize compensation costs for time-based vesting awards over the requisite service period. For awards that are subject to performance conditions, we recognize compensation expense once achievement of the conditions is considered to be probable. Our share-based compensation plans are described further in Note 6.

#### Income Taxes

We account for deferred income taxes based on the asset and liability method. The Company must make certain estimates and judgments in determining income tax expense. The Company is required to determine the aggregate amount of income tax expense to accrue and the amount which will be currently payable or refundable based upon tax statutes of each jurisdiction in which the Company does business. Deferred income taxes are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets also include future tax benefits to be derived from the utilization of tax loss carry-forwards and application of certain carry-forward credits. The net carrying amount of deferred income tax assets and liabilities is recorded in non-current deferred income tax liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Deferred income taxes are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which those differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred taxes from a change in the tax rate is

# 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

recognized through continuing operations in the period that includes the enactment of the change. Changes in tax laws and rates could affect recorded deferred tax assets and liabilities in the future.

A valuation allowance is recorded if it is more-likely-than-not that some portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Valuation allowances are released as positive evidence of future taxable income sufficient to realize the underlying deferred tax assets becomes available.

We establish a liability for tax positions for which there is uncertainty as to whether the position will ultimately be sustained. We assess our tax positions by determining whether it is more-likely-than-not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination by the appropriate taxing authorities, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation, based solely on the technical merits of the position. These calculations and assessments involve estimates and judgments because the ultimate tax outcomes are uncertain and future events are unpredictable. See Note 7 for further details.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of currency and demand deposits with banks. We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. We maintain the majority of our cash and cash equivalents in one large national banking institution. Such amounts are in excess of federally insured limits. The Company also reviews cash balances on a bank by bank basis to identify book overdrafts. Book overdrafts occur when the amount of outstanding checks exceed the cash deposited at a bank. The Company reclassifies book overdrafts, if any, to accounts payable.

# Accounts Receivable, Net

Accounts receivable consists primarily of credit card receivables and receivables from health care plans and programs located throughout the United States ("managed care"). Accounts receivable are reduced by allowances for amounts that may become uncollectible. Estimates of our allowance for uncollectible accounts are based on our historical and current operating, billing, and collection trends.

Managed care represents 38% of accounts receivable, net, presented in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor). A relatively small number of payors comprise the majority of our managed care receivables, which potentially subjects us to concentration of credit risk. We monitor the financial condition of managed care payors and establish an allowance for doubtful accounts for balances estimated to be uncollectible. Receivables from Sam's Clubs represent another 22% of the overall net accounts receivable balance as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor). See Note 3 for further details.

#### Inventories

The cost of inventory is determined using the weighted average cost method. Inventories at retail stores are comprised of finished goods and are valued at the lower of cost or estimated net realizable value ("NRV"). Manufacturing inventories are valued using full absorption accounting which includes material, labor, other variable costs, and other applicable manufacturing overhead. Inventory values are adjusted for estimated obsolescence and written down to NRV based on estimates of current and anticipated demand, customer preference, merchandise age, planned promotional activities, technology developments, market conditions, and estimates of future retail sales prices. Shrinkage is estimated and recorded throughout the period as a percentage of cost of sales based on historical results and current inventory levels. Actual shrinkage is recorded throughout the year based upon periodic physical counts. See Note 3 for further details.

The Company's inventory purchasing consists primarily of contact lenses, eyeglasses frames, and unprocessed eyeglass lenses. Our inventory is supplied by a small number of key vendors. During fiscal year 2016 (Successor), three vendors supplied 94% of contact lenses, two vendors supplied 44% of frames, and two vendors provided 89% of lenses. This exposes us to concentration of vendor risk.

# Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

Prepaid expenses and other current assets include primarily prepaid software maintenance and licensing fees, prepaid rent, prepaid insurance, printed materials, and income taxes receivable.



# 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# Deferred Financing Costs and Loan Discounts

Costs incurred in connection with placement of long-term debt paid directly to the Company's lenders and to third parties are treated as a debt discount. Loan discounts are amortized over the term of the related financing agreement and included in interest expense in the accompanying statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The unamortized portion of loan discounts is reflected as a reduction in the related long-term debt.

#### Other Non-Current Assets

Other non-current assets consist primarily of our equity and cost method investments, below market leases, security deposits associated with leased properties, and other long-term prepaid expenses.

# Self-Insurance Accruals

We are primarily self-insured for workers' compensation, employee health benefits, and general liability claims. We record self-insurance liabilities based on claims filed, including the development of those claims, and an estimate of claims incurred but not yet reported. Should a different amount of claims occur compared to what was estimated, or costs of the claims increase or decrease beyond what was anticipated, reserves may need to be adjusted accordingly. We determine our workers' compensation liability claims reserves based on available claims data, historical trends and experience, and projected ultimate costs of the claims. We periodically update our estimates and record such adjustments in the period in which such determination is made. Self-insurance reserves are recorded in other payables and accrued expenses (current portion) and other non-current liabilities on an undiscounted basis in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. We reinsure worker's compensation and medical claims above our retention levels of \$0.3 million per claim and \$0.2 million per individual, respectively. Estimated recoveries from reinsurance are included in prepaid expenses and other current assets in the amounts of \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million (current portion) as of fiscal year end 2015 (Successor) and fiscal year end 2015 (Successor), respectively, and other assets in the amounts of \$0.7 million and \$0.9 million (non-current portion) as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor) and fiscal year end 2015 (Successor), respectively, on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The accrued obligation for self-insurance programs was \$11.1 million and \$9.9 million as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), respectively.

# Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company uses interest rate swaps to manage its exposure to adverse fluctuations in interest rates by converting a portion of our debt portfolio from a floating rate to a fixed rate. We designate our interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges and formally document our hedge relationships, including identification of the hedging instruments and the hedged items, as well as our risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transactions. We record all interest rate swaps in our consolidated balance sheets on a gross basis at fair value. We do not hold or enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the derivatives is reported as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and other comprehensive loss, net of tax, within the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) and is reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The effective portion of the derivative represents the change in fair value of the hedge that offsets the change in fair value of the hedged item. To the extent changes in fair values of the instruments are not highly effective, the ineffective portion of the hedge is immediately recognized in earnings.

We perform periodic assessments of the effectiveness of our derivative contracts designated as hedges, including the possibility of counterparty default. We believe our derivative contracts will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in cash flow attributable to floating interest rate risk.

To manage credit risk associated with our interest rate hedging program, we select counterparties based on their credit ratings and limit our exposure to any single counterparty. The counterparties to our derivative contracts are major domestic financial institutions with investment grade credit ratings. We periodically monitor

## 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

the credit risk of our counterparties and adjust our hedging position as appropriate. The impact of credit risk, as well as the ability of each party to fulfill its obligations under our derivative financial instruments, is considered in determining the fair value of the contracts. Credit risk has not had a significant effect on the fair value of our derivative contracts. We do not have any credit riskrelated contingent features or collateral requirements with our derivative financial instruments.

See Note 8 for further details.

# Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss is defined as the change in equity of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of income tax, is entirely comprised of the cumulative change in the fair value of our hedging instruments since the inception date of March 13, 2014 (Successor). There were no reclassifications of other comprehensive loss to earnings during fiscal year 2016 (Successor) and fiscal year 2015 (Successor).

## Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, to clarify the principles used to recognize revenue for all entities. ASU 2014-09 provides new guidance related to the core principle that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new guidance also will result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively, and improve guidance for multiple-element arrangements. During 2016, the FASB issued additional ASUs to clarify certain aspects of ASU 2014-09, including ASU 2016-08, *Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)* in March 2016, and ASU 2016-10, *Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* in April 2016. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. We will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018, and our adoption method will be the modified retrospective method. The most significant components of the new guidance to the Company relate to performance obligations surrounding our two-pair deal and reporting revenue gross versus net related to our management and services agreement with our legacy partner. We expect adoption to result in additional disclosures relating to revenue.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, *Interest - Imputation of Interest, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs.* This new guidance requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of debt rather than as an asset. Amortization of the debt issuance costs continues to be reported as interest expense. The guidance requires retrospective application to all periods presented in the consolidated financial statements and represents a change in accounting principle. The new guidance was effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. The Company adopted this new guidance as of the third quarter ended October 1, 2016. As a result of the adoption of the new guidance, the Company presented capitalized debt issuance costs in its consolidated balance sheets. The application of the new guidance resulted in a reclassification of \$17.6 million in deferred financing fee assets to long-term debt, less current portion and debt discount, as of the fiscal year end 2015 (Successor).

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. The new guidance establishes a right-of-use ("ROU") model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either financing or operating, with such classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of operations. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. A modified transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical

# 1. Business and Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

expedients available. The Company will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2019. We are evaluating the impact of implementation of this new guidance on our financial statements, but we expect that adoption will have a material impact to our total assets and liabilities since we have a significant number of operating leases not currently recognized on our consolidated balance sheets.

In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. This new guidance simplifies the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including income tax consequences, classification of certain items on the statement of cash flows, forfeitures, and minimum statutory withholding requirements. This new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. We adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. This new guidance removes Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. The new guidance will be applied prospectively, and is effective for annual or any interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. We adopted this new guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

# 2. The Merger/Successor and Predecessor Accounting and Reporting

Through March 12, 2014, NVI operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Vision Holding Corp. ("VHC"), an affiliate of the private investment firm Berkshire Partners LLC ("Berkshire"). On February 6, 2014, VHC entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") with Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc. ("NMS"), its parent NAH, and BSR LLC under which NMS would merge with and into VHC. NMS and NAH are affiliates of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. ("KKR"). BSR LLC is an affiliate of Berkshire. Following the merger of NMS into VHC, VHC was merged into NVI.

The merger contemplated under the Agreement was completed on March 13, 2014, upon which date the majority ownership of the Company was transferred from Berkshire to KKR. Following the Acquisition, NVI became a wholly-owned subsidiary of NAH.

All acquisition-related transactions were pushed down to the Company using purchase accounting. As a result, our consolidated financial statements for the periods prior to the Acquisition are not comparable to those for the period after the Acquisition. Total net assets acquired were \$537.2 million in exchange for cash consideration of \$415.9 million and \$121.3 million of previous shareholders' and options holders' roll-over investments.

# 2. The Merger/Successor and Predecessor Accounting and Reporting (continued)

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed (in thousands):

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,932
Accounts receivables	22,081
Inventories	63,575
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	10,875
Property and equipment	149,492
Identifiable intangible assets	348,351
Goodwill	806,222
Other assets	31,581
Total assets acquired	1,511,109
Accounts payable and other payables and accrued expenses	136,993
Unearned and deferred revenue	64,943
Long-term debt net of discounts	625,994
Deferred income taxes	120,176
Other liabilities	25,846
Total liabilities assumed	973,952
Net assets acquired	\$ 537,157

None of the goodwill recorded in the transaction is tax-deductible. Goodwill recorded for each of our six reporting units at Acquisition was calculated as the difference between the estimated enterprise fair value of each reporting unit and the estimated fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired for each reporting unit. See Note 4 for further details related to goodwill.

Acquisition related costs included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) include legal, accounting and tax advice as well as participation of advisers in the due diligence reviews of prospective purchasers.

Certain expenses were contingent upon change in control and were reflected in neither the Predecessor nor Successor periods, as summarized below (in thousands).

Seller costs contingent upon successful transaction	\$ 7,944
Long-term incentive plan bonuses and other fees	750
Stock option settlement	59,613
Write-off of deferred debt issuance costs	4,595
Write-off of unamortized loan discount	3,742
	\$ 76,644

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# 3. Details of Certain Balance Sheet Accounts

	Successor				
In thousands	As of December 31, 2016		Ja	As of January 2, 2016	
Accounts receivable, net:					
Trade receivables	\$	20,817	\$	16,635	
Credit card receivables		9,398		8,437	
Tenant improvement allowances		3,308		3,962	
Other receivables		2,430		1,881	
Allowance for uncollectible accounts		(1,583)		(1,568)	
	\$	34,370	\$	29,347	
Inventories:					
Raw materials and work in process <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	42,266	\$	36,159	
Finished goods		44,798		38,858	
	\$	87,064	\$	75,017	

(1) Due to the immaterial amount of estimated work in process and the short lead times for the conversion of raw materials to finished goods, the Company does not separately present raw materials and work in process.

Property and equipment, net:			
Land and building	\$ 3,607	\$	3,607
Equipment	161,714		117,837
Furniture and fixtures	36,046		31,394
Leasehold improvements	121,963		90,117
Construction in progress	28,099		19,286
Property under capital leases	 3,244		2,240
	354,673		264,481
Less accumulated depreciation	 98,259		57,281
	\$ 256,414	\$	207,200
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Successor

In thousands	Successor		
Other payables and accrued expenses:Accrued employee compensation and benefits\$Self-insurance reserves\$Accrued capital expenditures\$Accrued advertising\$Reserves for customer returns and remakes\$Amounts payable to legacy partner\$Fair value of derivative liabilities\$Accrued management fees\$Sales and use taxes\$Accrued professional fees\$Amounts payable to charitable organizations\$Accrued interest on debt and derivatives\$	As of December 31, 2016	As of January 2, 2016	
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Fair value of derivative liabilities Accrued rental expenses Accrued management fees Sales and use taxes Accrued professional fees Amounts payable to charitable organizations Accrued interest on debt and derivatives	4,611	3,783	
Accrued rental expensesAccrued management feesSales and use taxesAccrued professional feesAmounts payable to charitable organizationsAccrued interest on debt and derivatives	3,369	3,322	
Accrued management fees Sales and use taxes Accrued professional fees Amounts payable to charitable organizations Accrued interest on debt and derivatives	8,218	_	
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Amounts payable to charitable organizations Accrued interest on debt and derivatives	954	1,127	
Accrued interest on debt and derivatives	1,298	1,116	
	1,000	1,000	
Miscellaneous and other	190	290	
	9,890	6,397	
<u>\$</u>	\$ 69,402	\$ 56,566	

# 3. Details of Certain Balance Sheet Accounts (continued)

	Successor				
In thousands	As of December 31, 2016		J	As of January 2, 2016	
Other non-current liabilities:					
Fair value of derivative liabilities	\$	15,518	\$	18,620	
Tenant improvements <sup>(2)</sup>		21,089		17,644	
Deferred rental expenses		6,256		4,884	
Self-insurance reserves		3,908		3,700	
Above market leases		1,705		3,230	
Amounts payable to charitable organizations		1,000		2,000	
Other		1,021		1,079	
	\$	50,497	\$	51,157	

(2) Obligations for tenant improvements are amortized as a reduction of rental expense over the life of the respective leases.

# 4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

A goodwill impairment of \$3.3 million and \$4.8 million was identified at the AC Lens reporting unit for fiscal year 2016 (Successor) and fiscal year 2015 (Successor), respectively, as a result of performing our annual impairment tests. The primary reason for the impairment charges in each year was due to competitive pressure in the e-commerce contact lens business. As of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), there was no remaining goodwill at the AC Lens reporting unit.

We determined that the results of the goodwill impairment test was an indicator of impairment of definite-lived, amortizing intangible assets and P&E at AC Lens. As a result of our tests for impairment of those assets, we recorded impairment of \$1.3 million in indefinite-lived intangible assets and impairment of \$1.2 million in P&E for fiscal year 2016 (Successor). There was no remaining fair value of definite-lived intangible assets after the impairment charges, and the remaining fair value of the P&E was \$0.3 million.

A goodwill impairment of \$4.2 million was identified at the Fred Meyer reporting unit for the 2014 Successor period, primarily as a result of decreases in long-range sales projections from the date of the Acquisition to the impairment measurement date. The remaining balance of \$11.5 million of goodwill at the reporting unit was unchanged for fiscal years 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor).

There was no impairment of goodwill recorded at any reporting unit related to the 2014 Predecessor period.

The following table presents the changes in the carrying amount of our goodwill since the Acquisition:

	In thousands
Balance as of March 13, 2014 (Successor)	
Goodwill	\$ 806,222
Accumulated impairment losses	 
Subtotal	 806,222
Balance as of January 3, 2015 (Successor)	
Goodwill	806,222
Accumulated impairment losses	 (4,226)
Subtotal	801,996
Deferred income tax adjustment (purchase accounting)	 (660)
Balance as of January 2, 2016 (Successor)	
Goodwill	805,562
Accumulated impairment losses	 (8,989)
Subtotal	796,573

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# 4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets (continued)

	In thousands
Balance as of December 31, 2016 (Successor)	
Goodwill	805,562
Accumulated impairment losses	(12,333)
Subtotal	\$ 793,229

Goodwill in our reportable segments (see Note 15) as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor) is as follows:

In thousands	Owned & Host Segment	Legacy Segment	Corporate/Other	Total
Gross goodwill	\$ 737,386	\$ 60,069	\$ 8,107	\$ 805,562
Accumulated impairment	(4,226)		(8,107)	(12,333)
Goodwill as of December 31, 2016 (Successor)	\$ 733,160	\$ 60,069	\$	\$ 793,229

The following table sets forth indefinite-lived, non-amortizing intangible assets by major asset class:

Successor				
			As of nuary 2, 2016	
\$	200,547	\$	200,547	
	40,000		40,000	
\$	240,547	\$	240,547	
	\$	As of December 31, 2016 \$ 200,547 40,000	As of December 31, 2016 Ja \$ 200,547 \$ 40,000	

The following table sets forth definite-lived, amortizing intangible assets by major asset class:

	 Successor										
	As of	Decen	nber 31, 2016		As of January 2, 2016						
In thousands			cumulated ortization	Remaining Life (Years)	Gross Carrying Amount		Accumulated Amortization		Remaining Life (Years)		
Contracts and relationships:											
Legacy	\$ 65,000	\$	16,582	8	\$	65,000	\$	10,693	9		
Fred Meyer	35,000		4,271	20		35,000		2,754	21		
Customer database	4,400		2,470	2		4,400		1,593	3		
Other	 738		477	1-2		4,148		1,697	2-3		
	\$ 105,138	\$	23,800		\$	108,548	\$	16,737			

Aggregate amortization expense is presented in depreciation and amortization in the accompanying statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Aggregate future estimated amortization expense is shown in the following table (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2017	\$ 8,436
2018	8,371
2019	7,598
2020	7,547
2021	7,405
Thereafter	41,981
	\$ 81,338

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# 5. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	Successor						
In thousands	D	As of ecember 31, 2016	As of January 2, 2016				
First Lien term loan, due March 13, 2021	\$	633,598	\$	640,114			
Second Lien term loan, due March 13, 2022		125,000		125,000			
Term loans before unamortized discount		758,598		765,114			
Unamortized discount		(15,661)		(19,559)			
Total term loans		742,937		745,555			
Less current maturities		(6,515)		(6,515)			
Term loans - non-current portion		736,422		739,040			
Capitalized lease obligations		2,688		2,270			
Less current maturities		(770)		(533)			
Long-term debt	\$	738,340	\$	740,777			

#### Credit Agreements

In connection with the Acquisition, our subsidiary NVI repaid its previously outstanding term loan on March 13, 2014 and entered into new syndicated First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements. Under those agreements, NVI is the "borrower." Borrowings under the First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements are secured by substantially all of NVI's assets. References to "we," or "our" below relate to NVI.

The First Lien Term Loan bears interest, at our election, at either 2.0% over "ABR" (as defined below) or 3.0% over the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). The Second Lien Term Loan bears interest, at our election, at either 4.75% over ABR or 5.75% over LIBOR. In both the First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements, ABR is defined as the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.5%, (ii) the prime rate of interest quoted by the respective administrative agents, or (iii) 30-day LIBOR plus 1.0%. Further, in both the First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements, ABR may not be less than 2.0% and LIBOR may not be less than 1.0%.

The principal under the First Lien Credit Agreement is payable in equal installments of \$1.6 million on the last business day of each of our fiscal quarters. We are required to prepay an amount equal to 50% of the preceding fiscal year's excess cash flow, as defined in the agreement. The required prepayment is reduced to 25% of the preceding year's excess cash flow if our consolidated earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization ("Credit Agreement EBITDA") ratio, as defined in the agreement, is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00. No prepayment is required if such ratio is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00. We have not been required to make a prepayment related to our current First Lien Credit Agreement.

No principal payments are required under the Second Lien Credit Agreement until all of our obligations under the First Lien Credit Agreement have been discharged.

The First Lien Credit Agreement also provides for up to \$75 million in revolving loans (the "Revolving Loan Facility"). Amounts borrowed under the Revolving Loan Facility bear interest, at our election, at either 2.0% over ABR or 3.0% over LIBOR. These interest rate spreads will decline to 1.75% and 2.75%, respectively, if our Credit Agreement EBITDA ratio declines to 4.25 to 1.00 or less, and the spreads will further decline to 1.50% and 2.50%, respectively, if such ratio declines to 3.75 to 1.00 or less. We may use up to \$20 million of the Revolving Loan Facility to issue letters of credit. Letter of Credit fees accrue at the same rate as the then-applicable LIBOR spread. As of fiscal years ended 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor), we had no outstanding revolving loan obligations and had \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit related to the

# 5. Long-term Debt (continued)

Revolving Loan Facility. Our credit agreement also provides that, if aggregate borrowings (inclusive of certain letters of credit) under our revolving credit facility exceed 30% of the total revolving commitment, the ratio of debt under our First Lien Credit Agreement to EBITDA may not, on the last day of the applicable measurement period, exceed 7.75 to 1.00.

The First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements contain covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur additional debt, create liens against our assets, make acquisitions, pay dividends or distributions on our stock, merge or consolidate with another entity, and transfer or sell assets.

Scheduled annual maturities of debt are as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	 Amount
2017	\$ 6,515
2018	6,515
2019	6,515
2020	6,515
2021	607,538
Thereafter	125,000
	\$ 758,598

# Capital Leases

Our obligations under capital leases are included in the consolidated balance sheets as long-term debt, less current portion and debt discount (non-current portion) and current maturities of long-term debt (current portion). Future minimum lease payments required under our capital leases as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), are as follows:

In thousands	Fiscal Year	_	Amount
	2017	\$	1,089
	2018		1,010
	2019		532
	2020		222
	2021		104
	Thereafter		385
Total minimum lease payments			3,342
Less: Amount representing interest			(654)
Present value of net minimum lease payments			2,688
Less: Current maturities of capital lease obligations			(770)
Capital lease obligations - non-current portion		\$	1,918

# 6. Stock Incentive Plan

# Successor Stock Incentive Plan

The Company grants share-based payment awards under the 2014 Stock incentive Plan for Key Employees of NVI and its Subsidiaries. The plan includes options to purchase common shares of NVHI at an option price equal to the most recently established per share fair value. The Board of Directors determines the exercise price of service-based and performance-based options with the intent of the exercise price to approximate the fair value of the common stock. In setting the exercise price, the Board considers such factors as the Company's actual and projected financial results, valuations of the Company performed by third parties, and other factors it believes are material to the valuation process. Due to the limited number of participants in the plan and high

# 6. Stock Incentive Plan (continued)

levels of retention among participants, forfeitures are expected to be immaterial. Therefore, all service-based options outstanding at fiscal year end 2016 are expected to vest.

There are 19,407,000 options authorized in the plan, of which 18,606,287 are issued and outstanding, and 436,477 are authorized but unissued as of fiscal year end 2016.

The following presents a roll-forward of performance-based options:

Issued on March 13, 2014 (Successor)	9,735,098
Granted	768,557
Exercised	—
Forfeited	(405,000)
Outstanding options at January 3, 2015 (Successor)	10,098,655
Granted	1,069,714
Exercised	—
Forfeited	(121,972)
Outstanding options at January 2, 2016 (Successor)	11,046,397
Granted	780,000
Exercised	—
Forfeited	(490,543)
Outstanding options at December 31, 2016 (Successor)	11,335,854

The vesting of performance-based options is conditional upon the achievement by KKR, with respect to its investment in the Company, of both a minimum internal rate of return and a minimum multiple of invested capital and then increases proportionally as the multiple of invested capital increases up to a defined target. No compensation expense has been recorded in relation to performance based options since achievement of vesting conditions has not been deemed to be probable as of the fiscal years ended 2016 (Successor), 2015 (Successor), and the 2014 Successor period end.

# 6. Stock Incentive Plan (continued)

Compensation expense associated with service-based condition stock options is included in SG&A in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The following table summarizes service-based condition stock option activity during the Successor periods (amounts reflect the effects of the option modification executed in conjunction with the recapitalization dividend on June 1, 2015 discussed in Note 9):

	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$)	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Intri	ggregate insic Value housands)
Outstanding options at March 13, 2014 (Successor)	6,490,063	5.00			
Granted	512,372	5.00			
Exercised	—	—			
Forfeited	(270,000)	5.00			
Outstanding options at January 3, 2015 (Successor)	6,732,435	5.00			
Granted	713,143	4.17			
Exercised	(416,634)	4.18			
Forfeited	(81,314)	4.18			
Outstanding options at January 2, 2016 (Successor)	6,947,630	3.79			
Granted	520,000	7.02			
Exercised	(280,000)	3.72			
Repurchased	(43,913)	3.77			
Forfeited	(205,682)	3.68			
Outstanding options at December 31, 2016 (Successor)	6,938,035	4.04	7.60	\$	24,496
Vested and exercisable at December 31, 2016 (Successor)	2,111,695	3.75	7.40	\$	8,072

Substantially all service-based options vest in 20% annual increments on each of the first five anniversaries of the grant date. The Company has selected an accelerated method of recording compensation expense associated with service-based options, whereby the total grant-date fair value of the awards is amortized 46%, 26%, 16%, 9%, and 4% for years one through five, respectively. Service-based options have a contractual maturity of 10 years.

The fair value of service-based stock option grants has been estimated at the grant date using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model, which assumes that the estimated fair value of options is amortized over the corresponding vesting period. The following assumptions were used in our estimate:

	Successor				
In thousands	As of December 31, 2016	As of January 2, 2016			
Expected term	6.50 years	5.09 - 6.50 years			
Expected volatility	60.4%	60.4% to 63.3%			
Risk-free interest rate	1.6% to 2.0%	1.6% to 2.0%			
Dividend yield	%	%			

The expected term is based on the mid-point between the weighted average time to vesting and the contractual time to maturity. Expected volatility is based on the volatility of comparable companies. The risk-free interest rate was based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve. The dividend yield was based on the Company's expectation of not paying dividends on the common stock of NVHI for the foreseeable future.

# 6. Stock Incentive Plan (continued)

The following table summarizes information about the service-based options outstanding as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor):

Grants During:	avera	ighted ige grant air value	gran Options fair		fair value		maining ecognized vice cost housands)	Remaining requisite service period (years)	Non-vested options outstanding	Fair value of options vested (in thousands)	
Successor Period 2014	\$	3.04	7,002,434	\$	21,287	\$	3,321	2.20	3,794,456	\$	5,808
Fiscal Year 2015 (Successor)	\$	2.86	713,143	\$	2,043	\$	789	3.70	511,886	\$	564
Fiscal Year 2016 (Successor)	\$	4.37	520,000	\$	2,270	\$	2,078	4.81	520,000	\$	—

The aggregate intrinsic value of service-based options exercised was \$0.3 million for fiscal year 2016 (Successor) and immaterial for fiscal year 2015 (Successor). There was no excess tax benefit associated with exercises of service-based options during fiscal years 2016 (Successor) or 2015 (Successor). There were no exercises of service-based options during the 2014 Successor period.

## Predecessor Incentive Plans

The Vision Holding Corp. 2005 and 2013 Stock Incentive Plans provided for the issuance of stock options to directors, certain employees and consultants of Vision Holding, its subsidiaries and affiliates. There were 398,235 fully vested options issued and outstanding that were rolled forward from the Predecessor Incentive Plans. During fiscal year 2015 (Successor), 65,837 roll-over options were exercised at a weighted average exercise price of \$0.31. There are 332,398 roll-over options outstanding as of fiscal year end 2016. No options were issued, exercised or forfeited under the Predecessor Stock Incentive Plans during the 2014 Predecessor period.

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# 7. Income Taxes

The income tax provision (benefit) consists of:

		Predecessor					
In thousands	 r Ended oer 31, 2016	Year Ended January 2, 2016		From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015		I	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Current income tax:							
Federal	\$ 51	\$	38	\$	(599)	\$	2,026
State	1,302		202		(100)		969
Deferred income tax:							
Federal	10,058		1,360		(8,297)		(884)
State	1,123		168		(3,719)		(50)
Net income tax provision (benefit)	\$ 12,534	\$	1,768	\$	(12,715)	\$	2,061

Our income tax provision differs from the amounts computed by multiplying earnings before income taxes by the statutory federal income tax rate as shown in the following table:

		Predecessor				
In thousands	 nr Ended ber 31, 2016	Year Ended December 2, 2016		m March 13, 2014 to wary 3, 2015		n December 29, 2013 to arch 12, 2014
Federal income tax provision (benefit) at						
statutory rate of 35%	\$ 9,552	\$	1,885	\$ (13,918)	\$	1,818
State income tax provision (benefit), net of						
federal income tax	1,058		211	(1,508)		469
Goodwill impairment			—	1,639		—
Transaction costs not deductible for tax				1,871		—
Tax impact of non-deductible items	952		289	240		85
Increase (decrease) in deferred tax asset						
valuation allowance	979		(497)	(239)		(45)
Other, net	 (7)		(120)	 (800)		(266)
Effective income tax rate	 45.9%		32.8%	 32.0%		39.7%

The sources of the difference between the financial accounting and tax bases of our liabilities and assets that give rise to the deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and the tax effects of each are as follows:

	 Successor					
In thousands	As of ber 31, 2016	Jan	As of wary 2, 2016			
Deferred tax assets:						
Net operating loss carry-forwards	\$ 3,195	\$	14,197			
Alternative minimum tax payment and employment credits	2,721		1,658			
Deferred revenue	10,751		8,831			
Accrued expenses and reserves	15,193		11,024			
Reserves for uncollectible receivables	745		1,284			
Inventory	659		1,890			
Capitalized fees	2,515		2,552			
Stock option compensation	6,489		5,337			
Debt issuance costs and original issue discount	723		894			
Interest rate derivatives liability	9,180		7,337			
Other	1,529		312			
Subtotal	53,700		55,316			
Valuation allowance	1,131		152			
Total deferred tax assets	52,569		55,164			



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#### 7. Income Taxes (continued)

	Successor						
In thousands		As of mber 31, 2016	As of January 2, 2016				
Deferred tax liabilities:							
Property and equipment		(41,872)	(32,685)				
Prepaid expenses		(1,629)	(1,633)				
Intangible assets		(120,346)	(122,166)				
Total deferred tax liabilities		(163,847)	(156,484)				
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$	(111,278)	\$ (101,320)				

At fiscal year 2016 (Successor), we had available U.S. federal net operating loss ("NOL") carry-forwards aggregating to \$8.1 million that can be utilized to reduce future federal income taxes. If not utilized, \$6.7 million of these carry-forward losses expire at the end of our 2020 fiscal year and \$1.4 million of these carry-forward losses expire at the end of our 2033 fiscal year. In addition, we have NOL carry-forwards in varying amounts and with varying expiration dates in the majority of states in which we operate.

At fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), we also have non-expiring federal and state alternative minimum tax carry-forward credits and employment credits totaling \$2.3 million available to offset certain future taxes.

As a result of new store openings in years subsequent to the years in which certain NOLs were generated, the portion of our taxable income apportioned to some states in which we have NOL carry forward credits has declined from those states' apportionment during the loss years. We believe it is unlikely that we will fully utilize our NOL carry-forwards in all state jurisdictions before their eventual expiration. Accordingly, we have recorded valuation allowances of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million against our deferred tax assets at fiscal year end 2016 (Successor) and fiscal year end 2015 (Successor), respectively.

Our equity method investment discussed in Note 10 has resulted in book losses that are not deductible for income tax purposes, creating a deferred tax asset of approximately \$1.0 million. The Company does not expect to generate a significant capital gain from its investment in near future. Therefore, we do not believe it is more-likely-than-not that we will realize a tax benefit for this deferred tax asset, and accordingly we have established a valuation allowance for the entire \$1.0 million.

As a result of our utilization of NOL carry-forwards to reduce or eliminate subsequent years' tax obligations, our federal and a substantial number of our state income tax returns for fiscal years 2001 through 2015 remain open for examination by the tax authorities. We had no uncertain tax positions or unrecognized tax benefits as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor) and fiscal year end 2015 (Successor).

# 8. Interest Rate Derivatives

On March 7, 2014, the Company entered into two pay-fixed and receive-floating interest rate swap agreements to offset the variability of cash flows in LIBOR-indexed debt interest payments, subject to a 1% floor, attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate from March 13, 2017 to March 13, 2021 related to its current First and Second Lien Credit Agreements. The fixed rates associated with the first derivative ("Derivative 1") notional amount of \$175.0 million and the second derivative ("Derivative 2") notional amount of \$225.0 million were 3.4063% and 3.5125%, respectively. Derivative 1 will hedge the first amount of LIBOR-based interest payments up to its applicable notional amount and Derivative 2 will hedge the next amount (i.e., the first amount not already hedged by Derivative 1) up to its applicable notional amount.

On June 25, 2015, the Company entered into a third pay-fixed and receive-floating interest rate swap agreement ("Derivative 3") for a notional amount of \$100.0 million and a fixed rate of 2.6000%. Derivative 3 will hedge the interest payments associated with the first principal amount of LIBOR-based debt, effective March 13, 2017, due under the current First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements, up to its notional amount, not already hedged by derivatives 1 and 2.

## 8. Interest Rate Derivatives (continued)

Changes in the cash flows of each derivative are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest payments on a principal balance equal to the derivative's notional amount, attributable to the hedged risk. We measured no ineffectiveness related to these instruments during fiscal years 2016 (Successor), fiscal year 2015 (Successor), or the 2014 Successor period.

Our cash flow hedge position related to interest rate derivative contracts is as follows:

	Notional	Final	Other Payables and Accrued	Other	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, Net		
In thousands	Amount	Maturity Date	Expenses	Liabilities	of Tax		
As of December 31, 2016 (Successor)	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$ 8,218	\$ 15,518	\$ 14,556		
As of January 2, 2016 (Successor)	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$ —	\$ 18,620	\$ 11,284		

These interest rate swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges by the Company at inception. The Company will be required to net settle monthly with counterparties beginning in the second quarter of 2017. These settlements will result in the reclassification into earnings of losses that are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. As of fiscal year 2016 (Successor), the Company expects to reclassify \$8.2 million of accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings in the next 12 months.

# 9. Related Party Transactions

## Fiscal Year 2015 Dividend To Stockholders Of NVHI

On June 1, 2015 the Company declared a recapitalization dividend to its stockholders. Since the Company was in an accumulated deficit position on the date of declaration, according to the Company's accounting policy, the combined total cash payment of \$145.7 million was recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital.

# Transactions With Equity Sponsors

Under certain agreements we have entered into with our equity sponsors, we recorded the following expenses related to management and/or advisory fees:

			Predecessor			
In thousands	s of er 31, 2016	Janı	As of uary 2, 2016	m March 13, 2014 to uary 3, 2015	F	rom December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
KKR	\$ 851	\$	3,533	\$ 1,705	\$	151
Berkshire	\$ 199	\$	194	\$ 154	\$	35

Fees paid to equity sponsors include retainer fees and certain other ongoing project-oriented initiatives and are presented in SG&A in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), with the exception of \$2.1 million in fees paid to KKR for expenses related to new debt issued during the second quarter ended July 4, 2015 (Successor), which are recorded in debt issuance costs in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss).

# 10. Equity Method Investment

During the 2014 Successor period, the Company made an investment in a private start-up company whose principal business is licensing software to eyeglass retailers. We hold a 29% equity interest in this company. We identified this company as a variable interest entity since the equity investment at risk is not sufficient to finance the activities of the entity without additional subordinated financial support. We concluded that we are not the primary beneficiary of the entity and therefore it would not be appropriate for us to consolidate this company. This conclusion is based on the fact that we do not have the power to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performance, and we will not absorb or receive a majority of the entity's

# 10. Equity Method Investment (continued)

expected losses or expected residual returns, since our return on investment is proportionate to our equity interest in the entity. We are not obligated to provide any further financing to this company, and the total amount invested represents the extent of our exposure to losses.

Under the equity method of accounting we are required to record our interest in the investee's reported net income or loss for each reporting period, which is presented in other expense (income) in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). We recorded losses of \$1.4 million, \$0.9 million, and \$0.3 million for fiscal year 2016 (Successor), fiscal year 2015 (Successor), and the 2014 Successor period, respectively.

The Company evaluates its investments for other-than-temporary impairment annually, or more often if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the investment may not be recoverable. No impairment of this investment was identified for fiscal years 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor), or the 2014 Successor period.

Our equity method investment balance is reflected in non-current other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and was \$3.3 million and \$4.7 million at the end of fiscal years 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor), respectively.

# 11. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company uses a fair value hierarchy that is intended to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions.

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company is required to a) measure certain assets and liabilities at fair value or b) disclose the fair values of certain assets and liabilities recorded at cost. Accounting standards define fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is estimated assuming the transaction occurs in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability and includes consideration of non-performance risk and credit risk of both parties. A three-tier fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

- Level 1 Valuation inputs are based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.
- Level 2 Valuation inputs are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Valuation inputs are unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models, and similar techniques.

The fair value estimates of financial instruments are not necessarily indicative of the amounts we might pay or receive in actual market transactions. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the short term maturity of the instruments. All cash and cash equivalents are denominated in U.S. currency.



## 11. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities (continued)

Accounts Receivable

The carrying amount of accounts receivable approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of those items and the effect of related allowances for doubtful accounts.

## Accounts Payable and Other Payables and Accrued Expenses

The carrying amounts of accounts payable and other payables and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those items.

## Long-term Debt - Credit Agreements

Our long-term debt is traded in private markets on a less-than-daily basis. Fair value is based on the average of trading prices and bid/ask quotes around period-end (Level 2 inputs). The estimated fair values of our combined First and Second Lien Term Loans were \$753.0 million and \$746.6 million as of the end of fiscal years 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor), respectively, compared to carrying values of \$742.9 million and \$745.6 million, respectively, which includes the current portion, and is net of unamortized original issue discounts and deferred debt issuance costs discussed in Note 5.

## Long-term Debt - Capital Leases

The fair value of capital lease obligations is based on estimated future contractual cash flows discounted at an appropriate market rate of interest (Level 2 inputs). The estimated fair values of our capital leases were \$2.9 million and \$2.7 million as of the end of fiscal years 2016 (Successor) and 2015 (Successor), respectively, compared to carrying values of \$2.7 million and \$2.3 million, respectively.

## Interest Rate Derivatives

The Company is a party to three pay-fixed and receive-floating interest rate swap agreements to offset the variability of cash flows in LIBOR-indexed debt interest payments attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate from March 13, 2017 to March 13, 2021 related to its current First and Second Lien Credit Agreements. We recognize as assets or liabilities at fair value the estimated amounts we would receive or pay upon a termination of interest rate swaps prior to their scheduled expiration dates. The fair value was based on information that is model-driven and whose inputs were observable (Level 2 inputs). See Note 8 for further details related to the fair value of our derivative instruments.

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# 12. Deferred Revenue

The following depicts a roll-forward of deferred revenue:

	Fiscal Year End 2016 (Successor)								
In thousands		Varranty Contracts	Service Programs		Membership Premiums			Total	
Beginning of the year	\$	20,972	\$	56,802	\$	104	\$	77,878	
Sold		48,021		43,767		10,915		102,703	
Revenue recognized		(45,138)		(37,091)		(10,924)		(93,153)	
End of year	\$	23,855	\$	63,478	\$	95	\$	87,428	
Current	\$	23,437	\$	34,464	\$	95	\$	57,996	
Non-current		418		29,014				29,432	
	\$	23,855	\$	63,478	\$	95	\$	87,428	
	Fiscal Year End 2015 (Successor)								
			Fis	scal Year End	201	5 (Successor)			
In thousands		Varranty Contracts		scal Year End Service Programs		5 (Successor) Aembership Premiums		Total	
In thousands Beginning of the year		5		Service		Aembership	\$	<b>Total</b> 64,200	
		Contracts	P	Service rograms	M	Aembership Premiums	\$		
Beginning of the year		Contracts 18,381	P	Service Programs 45,706	M	Membership Premiums 113	\$	64,200	
Beginning of the year Sold		Contracts 18,381 42,115	P	Service Programs 45,706 41,595	M	Membership Premiums 113 12,116	\$	64,200 95,826	
Beginning of the year Sold Revenue recognized		Contracts 18,381 42,115 (39,524)	<u>Р</u> \$	Service rograms 45,706 41,595 (30,499)	\$	Membership Premiums 113 12,116 (12,125)		64,200 95,826 (82,148)	
Beginning of the year Sold Revenue recognized End of year	\$	Contracts           18,381           42,115           (39,524)           20,972	р \$ \$	Service Programs 45,706 41,595 (30,499) 56,802	\$ \$	Membership Premiums 113 12,116 (12,125) 104	\$	64,200 95,826 (82,148) 77,878	

Deferred revenue recorded as of fiscal year end 2016 (Successor) is expected to be reflected in future operating results as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2017	\$ 57,996
2018	21,712
2019	7,268
2020	344
2021	108
	\$ 87 428

# 13. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases

Total rental expenses related to all operating leases were approximately \$69.7 million in fiscal year 2016 (Successor), \$60.4 million in fiscal year 2015 (Successor), \$43.3 million in the 2014 Successor period, and \$10.4 million in the 2014 Predecessor period. Total rental expense includes percentage rent of approximately \$6.3 million in fiscal year 2016 (Successor), \$4.6 million in fiscal year 2015 (Successor), \$3.6 million in the 2014 Successor period, and \$0.9 million in the 2014 Predecessor period.

# 13. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

At fiscal year end 2016 (Successor), aggregate future minimum rental payments under our operating leases are as follows (in thousands):

Fiscal Year	Amounts
2017	\$ 64,046
2018	51,668
2019	41,116
2020	30,367
2021	18,679
Thereafter	42,847
	\$ 248,723

# Other Agreements

In October of 2016 the Company entered into to a multi-year marketing agreement in the normal course of business. The agreement begins in January 2017 and continues through December 2019, with no renewal provision. The Company has committed to pay a total fee of \$9.9 million over the term of the agreement.

# Warranty Costs

The Company records an allowance for the estimated amount of future warranty costs when the related revenue is recognized, which is recorded in other payables and accrued expenses on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Expense associated with warranty costs are presented in cost of services and plans in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). Estimated future warranty costs are primarily based on historical experience of identified warranty claims. However, there can be no assurance that future warranty costs will not exceed historical amounts. The following details the activity in our product warranty liability accounts:

Successor								
Decen	As of 1ber 31, 2016	As of January 2, 2016						
\$	1,077	\$	1,711					
	23,857		19,662					
	(23,591)		(20,296)					
\$	1,343	\$	1,077					
	¢	As of December 31, 2016 \$ 1,077 23,857 (23,591)	As of December 31, 2016 Jan \$ 1,077 \$ 23,857 (23,591)					

# 401(k) Plan

We sponsor a 401(k) plan into which employees may defer a portion of their wages. We may match a portion of such deferred wages. Expense associated with our 401(k) plan is presented in SG&A expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss). The expense for the plan was \$2.6 million in the fiscal year 2016 (Successor), \$2.2 million in the fiscal year 2015 (Successor), \$1.5 million in the 2014 Successor period, and \$0.4 million in the 2014 Predecessor period. There were no changes in the plan resulting from the Acquisition.

# Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings incidental to its business. Because of the nature and inherent uncertainties of litigation, the Company cannot predict with certainty the ultimate resolution of these actions and, should the outcome of these actions be unfavorable, the Company's business, financial position, results of operations or cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.

#### 13. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

The Company reviews the status of its legal proceedings and records a provision for a liability when it is considered probable that both a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. This review is updated periodically as additional information becomes available. If either or both of the criteria are not met, the Company reassesses whether there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss, or additional losses, may be incurred. If there is a reasonable possibility that a loss may be incurred, the Company discloses the estimate of the amount of the loss or range of losses, or that an estimate of loss cannot be made. The Company expenses its legal fees as incurred.

In January 29, 2016, FSI, our wholly-owned specialized health maintenance organization, was named as a defendant in a proposed class action filed on behalf of all persons who paid for an eye examination from an optometrist at a Walmart location in California from November 5, 2009 through the date of the resolution of the litigation. The complaint alleges in particular that FSI participated in arrangements that caused the illegal delivery of eye examinations to the plaintiffs, and that FSI thereby violated, among others, the corporate practice of optometry and the unfair competition and false advertising laws of California. In March 2017, the Court granted a motion to dismiss previously filed by FSI. The plaintiffs have appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Company believes that the claim against it is without merit and intends to vigorously defend the litigation.

# 14. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net income (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income (loss) available to common stockholders by the weighted average shares outstanding for the period and include the dilutive impact of potential new shares issuable upon exercise of stock options. Potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the computation of diluted EPS if their effect is anti-dilutive.

A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted EPS calculations is as follows:

				Predecessor				
In thousands, except EPS data	As of December 31, 2016 Ja			As of anuary 2, 2016		om March 13, 2014 to nuary 3, 2015	I	From December 29, 2013 to March 12, 2014
Net Income (loss)	\$	14,758	\$	3,617	\$	(27,050)	\$	3,132
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic EPS		110,474		110,036		109,732		130
Effect of dilutive securities:								
Stock options		1,606		—				2
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS		112,080		110,036		109,732		132
Basic EPS:	\$	0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	24.06
Diluted EPS:	\$	0.13	\$	0.03	\$	(0.25)	\$	23.75
Anti-dilutive options outstanding excluded from EPS		174		1,744		6,712		_

# 15. Segment Reporting

Our operations consist of two reportable segments:

Owned & host - Our owned brands consist of our ABC and EGW operating segments. In ABC stores, vision care services
are provided by optometrists employed either by us or by independent professional corporations. EGW locations primarily
feature independent optometrists to perform eye exams and on-site laboratories. Our two host operating segments consist
of MIL and FM. These brands provide eye exams principally by independent optometrists in nearly all locations. We have
aggregated our



# 15. Segment Reporting (continued)

ABC, EGW, MIL, and FM operating segments into a single reportable segment due to similar economic characteristics and similarity of the nature of products and services, production processes, class of customers, regulatory environment, and distribution methods of those brands.

Legacy - The Company manages the operations of, and supplies inventory and lab processing services to, 227 legacy retail vision centers. Under our legacy agreements, our responsibilities include development of annual operating budgets, providing managers and staff at each location, training personnel, ordering and maintaining merchandise inventory at the locations, providing sales receipts to customers, and owning and maintaining store furniture, fixtures and equipment. We earn management fees as a result of providing such services and therefore we record revenue related to sales of products and product protection plans to our legacy partner's customers on a net basis. We also sell to our legacy partner wholesale merchandise that is stocked in retail locations, and provide central lab services associated with the manufacture of finished eyeglasses and frames housed in our optical labs expected to be consumed in the production of eyeglasses for our legacy partner's customers. We lease space within or adjacent to each of the locations we manage and use this space for providing optometric examination services. During fiscal year 2016 (Successor), sales to our legacy partner represented 12.7% of consolidated net revenue. This exposes us to concentration of customer risk. Our legacy agreement was renewed on January 13, 2017, and expires on August 23, 2020, subject to extension pursuant to the terms of the agreement.

The "Corporate/Other" category includes the results of operations of our two other operating segments AC Lens and FSI, and corporate overhead support. The "Reconciliations" category represents other adjustments to reportable segment results necessary for the presentation of consolidated financial results in accordance with U.S. GAAP for the two reportable segments.

The operating segments identified above are the business activities of the Company for which discrete financial information is available and for which operating results are regularly reviewed by our chief operating decision maker ("CODM") to allocate resources and assess performance. Our CODM is our Chief Executive Officer. The Company considers each of our brands to be an operating segment and has further concluded that presenting the results of our reportable segments provides meaningful information consistent with the objectives of ASC 280, *Segment Reporting*. Strategic initiatives and financial objectives for each reportable segment are determined at the corporate level. Each segment is responsible for implementing defined strategic initiatives and financial results for product lines within the segment.

The following is a summary of certain financial data for each of our segments. Reportable segment information is presented on the same basis as our consolidated financial statements, except for net revenue, which is presented on a cash basis, excluding the effects of unearned and deferred revenue, consistent with what the CODM regularly reviews. Asset information is not included in the following summary since the CODM does not regularly review such information for the reportable segments. In addition, asset and goodwill impairments are treated in the same manner and are not presented in the reportable segment columns. In general, the CODM reviews balance sheet and related information at the consolidated level. See Note 1 for discussion regarding retail store long-lived assets and Note 4 for recorded goodwill impairment on a reportable segment level.

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# 15. Segment Reporting (continued)

15. Segment Reporting (continueu)										
				Fisca	al Yea	r 2016 (Suco	essor)			
		Corporate/								
In thousands	Ow	Owned & Host		Legacy		Other		Reconciliations		Total
Net product sales	\$	730,741	\$	96,448	\$	151,083	\$	(4,489)	\$	973,783
Net sales of services and plans		158,667		55,762		17,533		(9,550)		222,412
Total net revenue		889,408		152,210		168,616		(14,039)		1,196,195
Cost of products		212,208		48,097		131,257		(1,193)		390,369
Cost of services and plans		127,904		11,510		14,998				154,412
Total costs applicable to revenue		340,112		59,607		146,255		(1,193)		544,781
SG&A		343,838		52,925		127,475				524,238
Asset impairment		—		—		7,132				7,132
Other expense (income), net		—		—		1,667				1,667
EBITDA	\$	205,458	\$	39,678	\$	(113,913)	\$	(12,846)		118,377
Depreciation and amortization										51,993
Interest expense, net										39,092
Income before income taxes									\$	27,292

	Fiscal Year 2015 (Successor)										
In thousands	Ow	med & Host		Legacy	C	Corporate/ Other	Re	conciliations		Total	
Net product sales	\$	622,845	\$	96,586	\$	145,794	\$	(2,394)	\$	862,831	
Net sales of services and plans		136,480		58,427		18,468		(13,678)		199,697	
Total net revenue		759,325		155,013		164,262		(16,072)		1,062,528	
Cost of products		180,847		49,701		123,771		(425)		353,894	
Cost of services and plans		111,383		10,759		15,064		—		137,206	
Total costs applicable to revenue		292,230		60,460		138,835		(425)		491,100	
SG&A		293,700		52,924		127,429				474,053	
Asset impairment		—		—		7,716				7,716	
Debt issuance cost		—		—		2,551				2,551	
Other expense (income), net		—		—		913				913	
EBITDA	\$	173,395	\$	41,629	\$	(113,182)	\$	(15,647)		86,195	
Depreciation and amortization										44,069	
Interest expense, net										36,741	
Income before income taxes									\$	5,385	

# 15. Segment Reporting (continued)

	2014 Successor Period									
In thousands	Owned & Host		Legacy Corporate/			Reconciliations			Total	
Net product sales	\$	415,081	\$	72,614	\$	110,061	\$	(556)	\$	597,200
Net sales of services and plans		93,902		47,168		14,583		(17,173)		138,480
Total net revenue		508,983		119,782		124,644		(17,729)		735,680
Cost of products		125,618		38,857		102,103		49		266,627
Cost of services and plans		79,044		8,828		11,977				99,849
Total costs applicable to revenue		204,662		47,685		114,080		49		366,476
SG&A		198,869		41,348		91,258				331,475
Asset impairment				—		4,672				4,672
Acquisition related costs and other expense (income), net						14,433		_		14,433
EBITDA	\$	105,452	\$	30,749	\$	(99,799)	\$	(17,778)		18,624
Depreciation and amortization										31,566
Interest expense, net										26,823
Loss before income taxes									\$	(39,765)

	2014 Predecessor Period									
In thousands	Owned & Host		Legacy		Corporate/ Other		Reconciliations			Total
Net product sales	\$	116,310	\$	19,445	\$	28,273	\$	(6,940)	\$	157,088
Net sales of services and plans		26,994		12,830		4,036		(3,931)		39,929
Total net revenue		143,304		32,275		32,309		(10,871)		197,017
Cost of products		34,374		10,679		24,524		(1,792)		67,785
Cost of services and plans		19,805		2,435		3,169				25,409
Total costs applicable to revenue		54,179		13,114		27,693		(1,792)		93,194
SG&A		50,112		10,070		18,951				79,133
Acquisition related costs and other expense (income), net						7,473		_		7,473
EBITDA	\$	39,013	\$	9,091	\$	(21,808)	\$	(9,079)		17,217
Depreciation and amortization										7,267
Interest expense, net										4,757
Income before income taxes									\$	5,193

## 16. Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure for occurrences and transactions after the date of the consolidated financial statements as of July 10, 2017.

On February 2, 2017, the Company declared a recapitalization dividend to its stockholders. The dividend was funded with \$175.0 million in new term loans under the Company's First Lien Credit Agreement. The borrowing rate on this \$175.0 million term loan was 4.0%, consistent with the existing first lien term loans. Quarterly principal payments increased by \$0.5 million. The additional principal matures consistent with the original first lien amount on March 13, 2021. We recorded \$2.3 million in related party fees and \$0.4 million in third party fees in debt issuance costs.

In May 2017, a complaint was filed against the Company and other defendants alleging, on behalf of a proposed class of consumers who purchased contact lenses online, that 1-800 Contacts, Inc. entered into a series of agreements with the other defendants, including the Company's subsidiary, AC Lens, to suppress certain online advertising and that each defendant thereby engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Company has settled this litigation for \$7.0 million, without admitting liability. The settlement agreement is subject to the approval of the court. Accordingly, the Company will record a \$7.0 million charge to accrue for this settlement in the second quarter of 2017.

# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets As of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016 In Thousands, Except Par Value Information (Unaudited)

	As of April 1, 2017			As of December 31, 2016		
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	29,912	\$	4,945		
Accounts receivable, net		40,866		34,370		
Inventories		86,074		87,064		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		22,360		20,880		
Total current assets		179,212		147,259		
Property and equipment, net		264,921		256,414		
Other assets and deferred costs:						
Goodwill		792,744		793,229		
Trademarks and trade names		240,547		240,547		
Other intangible assets, net		79,229		81,338		
Other assets		12,206		12,330		
Total non-current assets		1,389,647		1,383,858		
Total assets	\$	1,568,859	\$	1,531,117		
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Current liabilities:	¢	20.074	¢	20,400		
Accounts payable	\$	29,974	\$	39,400		
Other payables and accrued expenses Unearned revenue		81,269		69,402		
Deferred revenue		26,045		25,600		
		62,443		57,996		
Current maturities of long-term debt		9,260		7,285		
Total current liabilities		208,991		199,683		
Long-term debt, less current portion and debt discount		910,760		738,340		
Other non-current liabilities:						
Deferred revenue		30,842		29,432		
Other liabilities		49,519		50,497		
Deferred income taxes, net		118,782		111,278		
Total other non-current liabilities		199,143		191,207		
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 8)						
Stockholders' equity: Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 200,000 shares authorized; 110,925 and 110,509 shares issued and outstanding at April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016,		1 100		1 105		
respectively		1,109		1,105		
Additional paid-in capital		255,454		424,246		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(14,760)		(14,556)		
Retained earnings (deficit)		8,395		(8,675)		
Treasury stock, at cost; 55 shares as of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016		(233)		(233)		
Total stockholders' equity	+	249,965	<i>c</i>	401,887		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	1,568,859	\$	1,531,117		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income For the Three Months Ended April 1, 2017 and April 2, 2016 In Thousands, Except Per Share Information (Unaudited)

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	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017		Three Months Ended April 2, 2016		
Revenue:	·	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net product sales	\$	304,654	\$	269,088	
Net sales of services and plans		65,205		57,721	
Total net revenue		369,859		326,809	
Costs applicable to revenue (exclusive of depreciation and amortization):					
Products		121,033		103,660	
Services and plans		44,775		38,877	
Total costs applicable to revenue		165,808		142,537	
Operating expenses:					
Selling, general and administrative expenses		149,804		131,721	
Depreciation and amortization		14,423		12,540	
Other expense, net		102		326	
Total operating expenses		164,329		144,587	
Income from operations		39,722		39,685	
Interest expense, net		11,492		9,896	
Debt issuance costs		2,702			
Earnings before income taxes		25,528		29,789	
Income tax provision		8,458		11,935	
Net income	\$	17,070	\$	17,854	
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	
Diluted	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic		110,623		110,321	
Diluted		114,067		110,498	
Comprehensive income:					
Net income	\$	17,070	\$	17,854	
Change in fair value of hedge instruments		(330)		(8,220)	
Tax benefit of change in fair value of hedge instruments		126		3,293	
Comprehensive income	\$	16,866	\$	12,927	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows For the Three Months Ended April 1, 2017 and April 2, 2016 In Thousands (Unaudited)

	Three Months April 1, 20		Thr	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016	
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	\$	17,070	\$	17,854	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation of property and equipment		12,314		10,244	
Amortization of intangible assets		2,109		2,296	
Amortization of loan costs		1,008		1,022	
Deferred income tax expense		8,118		11,935	
Non-cash stock option compensation		1,104		1,371	
Non-cash inventory adjustments		2,719		108	
Debt issuance costs		2,702			
Other		66		256	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Accounts receivable, net		(6,496)		(1,282)	
Inventories		(1,729)		(4,073)	
Other assets		(774)		(1,858)	
Accounts payable		(9,426)		(4,796)	
Other liabilities		17,720		24,339	
Net cash provided by operating activities		46,505		57,416	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of property and equipment		(20,703)		(23,436)	
Purchase of investments				(1,000)	
Other		(460)		32	
Net cash used for investing activities		(21,163)		(24,404)	
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		173,712		_	
Principal payments on long-term debt		(2,079)		(1,629)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		1,868		884	
Payments on capital lease obligations		(191)		(123)	
Debt issuance costs		(2,702)		_	
Dividend to stockholders		(170,983)		_	
Net cash used for financing activities		(375)		(868)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		24,967		32,144	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		4,945		5,596	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	29,912	\$	37,740	
Supplemental disclosure:					
Unpaid deferred offering costs	\$	470			
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

# National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

# 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation

Nature of Operations

National Vision Holdings, Inc. ("NVHI") and Subsidiaries (the "Company," "we," "our," or "us") is a leading value retailer and manufacturer of eyeglasses and value retailer of contact lenses. We operated 962 and 943 retail optical locations in the United States and its territories as of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, through our five store brands, including America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses ("ABC"), Eyeglass World ("EGW"), Vista Optical locations on U.S. Army/Air Force military bases ("MIL") and within Fred Meyer ("FM") stores, and our management and services arrangement with Walmart ("legacy").

# Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared by the Company in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and, therefore, do not include all information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2016 has been derived from the audited consolidated balance sheet for the fiscal year then ended. These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present fairly the Company's consolidated financial position as of April 1, 2017, and the results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and April 2, 2016.

The results of operations for the three months ended April 1, 2017 and April 2, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year due to uncertainty of general economic conditions that may impact our key end markets. Historically, our business has realized a higher portion of net revenue, operating income, and cash flows from operations in the first fiscal quarter, and a lower portion of net revenue, operating income, and cash flows from operations in the fourth fiscal quarter. The seasonally larger first quarter is attributable primarily to the timing of our customers' income tax refunds and annual health insurance program start/reset periods. We are less susceptible to seasonality related to fourth quarter holiday spending by retail consumers. Our quarterly results can also be affected by the timing of new store openings and store closings and the timing of certain holidays.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in our annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted. However, we believe that the disclosures included herein are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016. The significant accounting policies followed by the Company are set forth in Note 1 within those audited consolidated financial statements. We use the same accounting policies in preparing quarterly and annual consolidated financial statements. There were no changes in our significant accounting policies during the three-months ended April 1, 2017, except for the adoption of accounting guidance noted below.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include our accounts and those of our subsidiaries, all of which are whollyowned. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

We have evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure for occurrences and transactions after the date of the consolidated financial statements as of July 10, 2017.

# Fiscal Year

We report on a fiscal year consisting of 52 or 53 weeks ending on the Saturday closest to December 31. Fiscal year 2017 contains 52 weeks and will end on December 30, 2017. All three month periods presented herein contain 13 weeks. All references to years and quarters relate to fiscal periods rather than calendar periods.

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation (continued)

# Deferred Offering Costs

Deferred offering costs, which consist of direct incremental legal and accounting fees relating to the initial public offering, are capitalized. The deferred offering costs will be offset against offering proceeds upon the consummation of the offering. In the event the initial public offering is terminated, deferred offering costs will be expensed. As of April 1, 2017, the Company capitalized \$1.0 million of deferred offering costs in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

# Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, to clarify the principles used to recognize revenue for all entities. ASU 2014-09 provides new guidance related to the core principle that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new guidance also will result in enhanced disclosures about revenue, provide guidance for transactions that were not previously addressed comprehensively, and improve guidance for multiple-element arrangements. During 2016, the FASB issued additional ASUs to clarify certain aspects of ASU 2014-09, including ASU 2016-08, *Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)* in March 2016, and ASU 2016-10, *Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing* in April 2016. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. We will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2018, and our adoption method will be the modified retrospective method. The most significant components of the new guidance to the Company relate to performance obligations surrounding our two-pair deal and reporting revenue gross versus net related to our management and services agreement with our legacy partner. We expect adoption to result in additional disclosures relating to revenue.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. The new guidance establishes a right-of-use ("ROU") model that requires a lessee to record a ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases will be classified as either financing or operating, with such classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the statement of operations. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. A modified transition approach is required for lessees for capital and operating leases existing at, or entered into after, the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, with certain practical expedients available. The Company will adopt this new guidance in the first quarter of 2019. We are evaluating the impact of implementation of this new guidance on our financial statements, but expect that adoption will have a material impact to our total assets and liabilities since we have a significant number of operating leases not currently recognized on our consolidated balance sheets.

In April 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*. This new guidance simplifies the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including income tax consequences, classification of certain items on the statement of cash flows, forfeitures, and minimum statutory withholding requirements. This new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim reporting periods within that fiscal year. We adopted this new guidance in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. This new guidance removes Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of goodwill. The new guidance will be applied prospectively, and is effective for annual or any interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. We adopted this new guidance during the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. The adoption of this new guidance did not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows.

# 1. Description of Business and Basis of Presentation (continued)

Correction of an Error

During the first quarter of 2017, we identified an error in our previously issued 2016 consolidated financial statements related to contact lens inventories that were expired or expiring and could not be sold as of December 31, 2016. Fiscal year 2016 costs applicable to revenue (products) was understated by \$2.0 million, and net income was overstated by \$1.2 million. We corrected the error in the three months ended April 1, 2017. Management concluded that the error was not material to the 2016 consolidated financial statements or the estimated 2017 results of operations.

# 2. Details of Certain Balance Sheet Accounts

	As of		As of		
In thousands	April 1, 2017		Decen	December 31, 2016	
Accounts receivable, net:					
Trade receivables	\$	27,539	\$	20,817	
Credit card receivables		8,684		9,398	
Tenant improvement allowances receivable		3,513		3,308	
Other receivables		2,545		2,430	
Allowance for uncollectible accounts		(1,415)		(1,583)	
	\$	40,866	\$	34,370	
Inventories:					
Raw materials and work in process <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	40,289	\$	42,266	
Finished goods		45,785		44,798	
	\$	86,074	\$	87,064	

(1) Due to the immaterial amount of estimated work in process and the short lead times for the conversion of raw materials to finished goods, the Company does not separately present raw materials and work in process

Property and equipment, net:		
Land and building	\$ 3,608	\$ 3,607
Equipment	173,086	161,714
Furniture and fixtures	37,839	36,046
Leasehold improvements	130,235	121,963
Construction in progress	25,398	28,099
Property under capital leases	 5,214	 3,244
	375,380	354,673
Less accumulated depreciation	 110,459	 98,259
	\$ 264,921	\$ 256,414

## 2. Details of Certain Balance Sheet Accounts (continued)

In thousands	As of April 1, 2017		Dece	As of ember 31, 2016
Other payables and accrued expenses:				
Accrued employee compensation and benefits	\$	25,787	\$	19,009
Accrued advertising		2,304		1,058
Self-insurance reserves		6,517		7,209
Reserves for customer returns and remakes		6,227		4,611
Accrued capital expenditures		8,171		9,202
Amounts payable to legacy partner		4,514		3,369
Accrued rental expenses		2,096		2,172
Fair value of derivative liabilities		9,765		8,218
Accrued management fees		1,243		1,222
Sales and use taxes		1,382		954
Accrued professional fees		1,351		1,298
Amounts payable to charitable organizations		1,000		1,000
Accrued interest on debt and derivatives		858		190
Accrued supplies and other store support expenses		2,137		3,489
Miscellaneous and other		7,917		6,401
	\$	81,269	\$	69,402
Other non-current liabilities:				
Fair value of derivative liabilities	\$	14,301	\$	15,518
Tenant improvements <sup>(2)</sup>		21,579		21,089
Deferred rental expenses		6,602		6,256
Self-insurance reserves		3,604		3,908
Above market leases		1,418		1,705
Amounts payable to charitable organizations		750		1,000
Other		1,265		1,021
	\$	49,519	\$	50,497

(2) Obligations for tenant improvements are amortized as a reduction of rental expense over the life of the respective leases.

## 3. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The Company uses a fair value hierarchy that is intended to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures. The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions.

Under U.S. GAAP, the Company is required to a) measure certain assets and liabilities at fair value or b) disclose the fair values of certain assets and liabilities recorded at cost. Accounting standards define fair value as the price that would be received upon sale of an asset or paid upon transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is estimated assuming the transaction occurs in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability and includes consideration of non-performance risk and credit risk of both parties. A three-tier fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

Level 1 - Valuation inputs are based upon unadjusted quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets.

## 3. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities (continued)

- Level 2 Valuation inputs are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.
- Level 3 Valuation inputs are unobservable and typically reflect management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. The fair values are determined using model-based techniques that include option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

The fair value estimates of financial instruments are not necessarily indicative of the amounts we might pay or receive in actual market transactions. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value due to the short term maturity of the instruments. All cash and cash equivalents are denominated in U.S. currency.

## Accounts Receivable

The carrying amount of accounts receivable approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of those items and the effect of related allowances for doubtful accounts.

## Accounts Payable and Other Payables and Accrued Expenses

The carrying amounts of accounts payable and other payables and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of those items.

## Long-term Debt - Credit Agreements

Our long-term debt is traded in private markets on a less-than-daily basis. Fair value is based on the average of trading prices and bid/ask quotes around period-end (Level 2 inputs). The estimated fair values of our combined First and Second Lien Term Loans were \$930.8 million and \$753.0 million as of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, compared to carrying values of \$915.6 million and \$742.9 million, respectively, which includes the current portion, and is net of unamortized discounts and deferred debt issuance costs. See Note 6 for further information related to debt transactions recorded during the quarter.

## Long-term Debt - Capital Leases

The fair value of our capital lease obligations is based on estimated future contractual cash flows discounted at an appropriate market rate of interest (Level 2 inputs). The estimated fair values of our capital leases were \$5.1 million and \$2.9 million as of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, compared to carrying values of \$4.5 million and \$2.7 million.

## Interest Rate Derivatives

The Company is a party to three pay-fixed and receive-floating interest rate swap agreements to offset the variability of cash flows in LIBOR-indexed debt interest payments attributable to changes in the benchmark interest rate from March 13, 2017 to March 13, 2021 related to its current First and Second Lien Credit Agreements. These swap agreements were designated as cash flow hedges by the Company at inception. Changes in the cash flows of each derivative are expected to be highly effective in offsetting the changes in interest payments on a principal balance equal to the derivative's notional amount, attributable to the hedged risk. We have not had any ineffectiveness related to these instruments since inception.

### 3. Fair Value Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities (continued)

We recognize as assets or liabilities at fair value the estimated amounts we would receive or pay upon a termination of interest rate swaps prior to their scheduled expiration dates. We record the period change in fair value of cash flow hedges, net of tax, in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the cumulative change in fair value of cash flow hedges since inception, net of tax, in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") in the accompanying condensed consolidated balances sheets. Fair value is based on information that is model-driven and whose inputs are observable (Level 2 inputs).

Our cash flow hedge position related to interest rate derivative contracts is as follows:

In thousands	Notional amount			er Payables l Accrued xpenses	Other Liabilities			Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax
As of April 1, 2017	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$	9,765	\$	14,301	\$	14,760
As of December 31, 2016	\$ 500,000	March 2021	\$	8,218	\$	15,518	\$	14,556

Accumulated

The Company will be required to net settle monthly with counterparties beginning in the second quarter of fiscal year 2017, resulting in reclassification of AOCL into earnings. As of April 1, 2017, the Company expects to reclassify \$9.8 million of AOCL into earnings in the next 12 months. See Note 11 for details related to reclassification adjustments from AOCL to earnings during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

## 4. Stock Incentive Plan

Our current equity compensation plan includes options to purchase shares of NVHI held by certain employees. There are 19,407,000 options authorized in the plan, of which 311,476 are authorized but unissued as of April 1, 2017. The following presents a roll-forward of options during the three months ended April 1, 2017:

Options issued and outstanding	Vested Rollover	Service-Based	Performance- Based	Total
Balance, December 31, 2016	332,398	6,938,035	11,335,854	18,606,287
Issued	—	50,000	75,000	125,000
Exercised	—	(416,000)	—	(416,000)
Balance, April 1, 2017	332,398	6,572,035	11,410,854	18,315,287
Options vested and exercisable				
Balance, December 31, 2016	332,398	2,095,695	—	2,428,093
Vested	—	1,359,447		1,359,447
Exercised		(416,000)		(416,000)
Balance, April 1, 2017	332,398	3,039,142		3,371,540

The total estimated fair value of service-based options granted during the three months ended April 1, 2017 was \$0.2 million. There were 32,000, 72,000, and 312,000 service-based options exercised at a price of \$4.70 per share, \$3.68 per share, and \$2.17 per share, respectively, for a total intrinsic value of \$1.5 million. As a result of the application of ASU 2016-09 discussed in Note 1, the Company recorded an income tax benefit of \$0.2 million in the statement of operations and comprehensive income related to these exercises.

The fair value of service-based options vested and outstanding as of April 1, 2017 was \$9.3 million. The remaining unrecognized service cost for service-based options was \$5.2 million as of April 1, 2017.

Compensation expense associated with service-based stock options is presented in selling, general, and administrative expenses ("SG&A") in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. The vesting of performance-based options is conditional upon the achievement by the majority shareholder in NVHI, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., ("KKR"), with respect to its investment in



## 4. Stock Incentive Plan (continued)

NVHI, of both a minimum internal rate of return and a minimum multiple of invested capital and then increases proportionally as the multiple of invested capital increases up to a defined target. No compensation expense has been recorded in relation to performance based options since achievement of the conditions triggering vesting has not been deemed to be probable as of April 1, 2017.

## 5. Related Party Transactions

## Transactions With Equity Sponsors

Under certain agreements we have entered into with our equity sponsors, we recorded the following expenses related to management and/or advisory fees:

In thousands	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017		Three Months Ended April 2, 2016
KKR	\$	2,553	\$ 213
Berkshire Partners LLC	\$	52	\$ 50

Fees paid to equity sponsors include retainer fees and certain other ongoing project-oriented initiatives and are presented in SG&A in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, except, as discussed further below in Note 6, KKR fees for the three months ended April 1, 2017 include \$2.3 million in fees presented in debt issuance costs in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

## Dividend & Stockholders' equity

On February 2, 2017 the Company declared a recapitalization dividend to its stockholders, which included KKR, Berkshire Partners LLC, and management. Common stockholders received a dividend per common share of \$1.51. There were 110.5 million common shares outstanding and eligible for the dividend. Vested and roll-over option holders received an additional \$1.51 per option cash payment. The total additional cash payment to vested option holders was \$3.7 million. The income tax benefit of the additional cash payment was \$1.4 million, which was recorded in the condensed statement of operations and comprehensive income for the three months ended April 1, 2017. Unvested option holders received an exercise price reduction of \$1.51 per option. Since the Company was in an accumulated deficit position on the date of declaration, according to our accounting policy the combined total cash payment of \$171.0 million was recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in-capital. No other material non-recurring changes were recorded to stockholders' equity during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

## 6. Debt

The dividend discussed in Note 5 was funded with \$175.0 million in additional term loans incurred with a \$1.3 million issue discount pursuant to a joinder agreement, dated as of February 3, 2017, to the Company's first lien credit agreement. The borrowing rate on this \$175.0 million term loan was 4.0%, consistent with the existing first lien term loans. Quarterly principal payments increased \$0.5 million, which increased current maturities from \$6.5 million as of December 31, 2016, to \$8.3 million as of April 1, 2017. The total annual principal payments of \$8.3 million continue through maturity of the existing first lien term loans on March 13, 2021 when the \$775 million balance of the first lien term loans becomes due. We recorded \$2.3 million in related party fees and \$0.4 million in third party fees in debt issuance costs in the condensed consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income during the three months ended April 1, 2017.

## 7. Equity Method Investment

The Company has an investment in a private start-up company whose principal business is licensing software to eyeglass retailers. The entity is entirely financed by private investors. Under the equity method of accounting we are required to record our interest in the investee's reported net income or loss for each reporting

## 7. Equity Method Investment (continued)

period, which is presented in other expense, net in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. After adjusting our investment for our interest in the investee's reported net losses, our investment balance in the business was \$3.2 million and \$3.3 million as of April 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

## 8. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is involved in various legal proceedings incidental to its business. The Company reviews the status of its legal proceedings and records a provision for a liability when it is considered probable that both a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

In January 29, 2016, FSI, our wholly-owned specialized health maintenance organization, was named as a defendant in a proposed class action filed on behalf of all persons who paid for an eye examination from an optometrist at a Walmart location in California from November 5, 2009 through the date of the resolution of the litigation. The complaint alleges in particular that FSI participated in arrangements that caused the illegal delivery of eye examinations to the plaintiffs, and that FSI thereby violated, among others, the corporate practice of optometry and the unfair competition and false advertising laws of California. In March 2017, the Court granted a motion to dismiss previously filed by FSI. The plaintiffs have appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. The Company believes that the claim against it is without merit and intends to vigorously defend the litigation.

## 9. Segment Reporting

The Company's reportable segments were determined on the same basis as used by management to evaluate performance internally by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM"). Our operations consist of two reportable segments:

- Owned & host Our owned brands consist of our America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses and Eyeglass World operating
  segments. Our host brands consist of our Vista Optical operating segments at certain U.S. Military Branches and inside
  Fred Meyer stores. We have aggregated our owned & host operating segments into a single reportable segment due to
  similar economic characteristics and similarity of the nature of products and services, production processes, class of
  customers, regulatory environment, and distribution methods of those brands.
- Legacy The Company manages the operations of, and supplies inventory and lab processing services to, 227 legacy retail
  vision centers within Walmart stores. We earn management fees as a result of providing such services and therefore we
  record revenue related to sales of products and product protection plans to our legacy partner's customers on a net basis.
  Our legacy agreement was renewed on January 13, 2017, and expires on August 23, 2020, subject to extension pursuant to
  the terms of the agreement.

The "Corporate/Other" category includes the results of operations of our other operating segments and corporate overhead support. The "Reconciliations" category represents other adjustments to reportable segment results necessary for the presentation of consolidated financial results in accordance with U.S. GAAP for the two reportable segments.

## 9. Segment Reporting (continued)

The following is a summary of certain financial data for each of our segments. Reportable segment information is presented on the same basis as our consolidated financial statements, except for net revenue, which is presented on a cash basis, excluding the effects of unearned and deferred revenue, consistent with the basis the CODM regularly reviews. Asset information is not included in the following summary since the CODM does not regularly review such information for the reportable segments.

	Three Months Ended April 1, 2017									
In thousands	Owned & Host			Corporate/ Legacy Other			Reconciliations			Total
Net product sales	\$	235,102	\$	27,054	\$	43,557	\$	(1,059)	\$	304,654
Net sales of services and plans		52,194		14,686		4,175		(5,850)		65,205
Total net revenue		287,296		41,740		47,732		(6,909)		369,859
Cost of products		67,179		13,671		40,183				121,033
Cost of services and plans		37,543		3,699		3,533				44,775
Total costs applicable to revenue		104,722		17,370		43,716				165,808
SG&A		103,800		12,729		33,275				149,804
Debt issuance costs				—		2,702				2,702
Other expense (income), net		_		—		102		—		102
EBITDA	\$	78,774	\$	11,641	\$	(32,063)	\$	(6,909)		51,443
Depreciation and amortization										14,423
Interest expense, net										11,492
Income before income taxes									\$	25,528

	Three Months Ended April 2, 2016									
In thousands	Owned & Host		Legacy		Corporate/ Other		Reconciliations			Total
Net product sales	\$	205,269	\$	26,923	\$	38,631	\$	(1,735)	\$	269,088
Net sales of services and plans		44,650		15,426		4,815		(7,170)		57,721
Total net revenue		249,919		42,349		43,446		(8,905)		326,809
Cost of products		57,923		13,373		32,741		(377)		103,660
Cost of services and plans		31,582		3,384		3,911				38,877
Total costs applicable to revenue		89,505		16,757		36,652		(377)		142,537
SG&A		86,361		13,080		32,280				131,721
Other expense (income), net		—		_		326		—		326
EBITDA	\$	74,053	\$	12,512	\$	(25,812)	\$	(8,528)		52,225
Depreciation and amortization										12,540
Interest expense, net										9,896
Income before income taxes									\$	29,789

## 10. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted average shares outstanding for the period and include the dilutive impact of potential new shares issuable upon exercise of stock options. Potentially dilutive securities are excluded from the computation of diluted EPS if their effect is anti-dilutive. A reconciliation of the numerators and denominators of the basic and diluted EPS calculations is as follows:

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## 10. Earnings Per Share (continued)

	Three Months Ended				
In thousands, except EPS data	Ар	April 1, 2017 Apri		April 2, 2016	
Net Income	\$	17,070	\$	17,854	
Weighted average shares outstanding for basic EPS		110,623		110,321	
Effect of dilutive securities:					
Stock options		3,444		177	
Weighted average shares outstanding for diluted EPS		114,067		110,498	
Basic EPS	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	
Diluted EPS	\$	0.15	\$	0.16	
Anti-dilutive options outstanding excluded from EPS		428		276	

## 11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

AOCL consists of changes in the fair value of the Company's cash flow hedge derivative instruments since inception. The following table presents the change in AOCL during the three months ended April 1, 2017, net of tax:

In thousands	Cash Flow Hedging Activity
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ (14,556)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassification	(568)
Amount reclassified from AOCL	364
Net current period other comprehensive loss	(204)
Balance at April 1, 2017	\$ (14,760)

Amounts reclassified from AOCL to earnings are included in interest expense in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. For a description of the Company's use of cash flow hedging derivatives, refer to Note 3.

## 12. Subsequent Events

In May 2017, a complaint was filed against the Company and other defendants alleging, on behalf of a proposed class of consumers who purchased contact lenses online, that 1-800 Contacts, Inc. entered into a series of agreements with the other defendants, including the Company's subsidiary, Arlington Contact Lens Service, Inc., to suppress certain online advertising and that each defendant thereby engaged in anticompetitive conduct in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act. The Company has settled this litigation for \$7.0 million, without admitting liability. The settlement agreement is subject to the approval of the court. Accordingly, the Company will record a \$7.0 million charge to accrue for this settlement in the second quarter of 2017.

## Schedule I - Condensed Financial Information of Registrant National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (Parent Company Only) Condensed Balance Sheets

In Thousands, Except Par Value Information

	Dec	As of ember 31, 2016		As of January 2, 2016
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12	\$	765
Total current assets		12		765
Deferred income taxes		212		136
Investment in subsidiary		401,704		385,739
Total non-current assets		401,916		385,875
Total assets	\$	401,928	\$	386,640
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Other current liabilities	\$	32	\$	32
Non-current liabilities:				
Other non-current liabilities		9		378
Stockholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 200,000 shares authorized; 110,509 and 110,284 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and January 2, 2016,				
respectively		1,105		1,103
Additional paid-in capital		424,246		419,844
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(14,556)		(11,284)
Accumulated deficit		(8,675)		(23,433)
Treasury stock, at cost; 55 and zero shares as of December 31, 2016 and January 2, 2016, respectively		(233)		_
Total stockholders' equity		401,887	-	386,230
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	401,928	\$	386,640

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed financial statements.

## Schedule I - Condensed Financial Information of Registrant National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (Parent Company Only) Condensed Statement of Operations and Other Comprehensive Loss In Thousands

	Year Ended Year Ended December 31, 2016 January 2, 2016			m March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015
Total net revenue	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 
Costs applicable to revenue			_	
Operating expenses	195		343	—
Loss before income taxes	 (195)		(343)	_
Income tax benefit	(76)		(134)	—
Loss before equity in net income of subsidiaries	 (119)		(209)	_
Net income (loss) of subsidiaries	14,877		3,826	(27,050)
Net income (loss)	\$ 14,758	\$	3,617	\$ (27,050)
Comprehensive income (loss):				
Net income (loss)	\$ 14,758	\$	3,617	\$ (27,050)
Change in fair value of hedge instruments	(5,116)		(7,065)	(11,555)
Tax benefit of change in fair value of hedge instruments	1,844		2,837	4,499
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 11,486	\$	(611)	\$ (34,106)

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## Schedule I - Condensed Financial Information of Registrant National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (Parent Company Only) Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

In Thousands

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended January 2, 2016	From March 13, 2014 to January 3, 2015
Operating Activities			
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (564)	\$ (335)	\$ 5
Investing Activities			
Dividend from subsidiary	167	145,667	—
Investment in subsidiary	(884)	(1,181)	(429,166)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(717)	144,486	(429,166)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from stock options exercises	915	1,762	—
Proceeds from sale of common stock	—	110	429,166
Repurchase of common stock	(189)	_	—
Repurchase of stock options	(167)	—	—
Dividend to stockholders	—	(145,667)	—
Tax benefit of dividend to stockholders	_	395	—
Other	(31)	9	
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	528	(143,391)	429,166
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(753)	760	5
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	765	5	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 12	\$ 765	\$5

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## Schedule I - Condensed Financial Information of Registrant National Vision Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries (Parent Company Only) Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

## 1. Basis of Presentation

National Vision Holdings, Inc. ("NVHI") conducts substantially all of its activities through its direct wholly owned subsidiary, National Vision, Inc. ("NVI") and its subsidiaries. NVHI was incorporated in Delaware on February 14, 2014 under the name Nautilus Parent, Inc. There were no financial transactions between inception date and March 13, 2014, the date the majority ownership of the Company was transferred from Berkshire Partners LLC to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. In the parentcompany-only financial statements, NVHI's investment in subsidiaries is stated at cost, plus equity in undistributed earnings of subsidiaries since the date of acquisition, less dividends. The parent-company-only financial statements should be read in conjunction with the National Vision Holdings, Inc. consolidated financial statements.

## 2. Guarantees and Restrictions

On March 13, 2014, NVI entered into new syndicated First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements for principal amounts of \$500.0 million due March 13, 2021, and \$125.0 million due March 13, 2022, respectively. On June 1, 2015, NVI declared a dividend for \$144.7 million to its sole shareholder NVHI. The dividend was funded with an incremental first lien term loan under NVI's First Lien Credit Agreement. As of Fiscal Year End 2016, NVI had \$633.6 million and \$125.0 million of principal amount of long-term debt outstanding under its First Lien and Second Lien Term Loans. The First Lien Credit Agreement also provides for up to \$75.0 million in revolving loans (the "Revolving Loan Facility"). NVI may use up to \$20.0 million of the Revolving Loan Facility to issue letters of credit. As of Fiscal Year End 2016, NVI had no outstanding revolving loan obligations and had \$5.5 million in outstanding letters of credit related to the Revolving Loan Facility.

The First Lien and Second Lien Credit Agreements contain covenants that, among other things, limit NVI's ability to incur additional debt, create liens against our assets, make acquisitions, pay dividends or distributions on our stock, merge or consolidate with another entity, and transfer or sell assets. Under the agreements, provided no event of default has occurred and is continuing, NVI is permitted to pay dividends to NVHI with certain restrictions as stated in the Credit Agreements.

Shares



# National Vision Holdings, Inc.

## **Common Stock**

Prospectus

, 2017

## KKR

Through and including the 25<sup>th</sup> day after the date of this prospectus, all dealers that effect transactions in these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligations to deliver a prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

## PART II

#### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the expenses payable by the Registrant expected to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of common stock being registered hereby (other than underwriting discounts and commissions). All of such expenses are estimates, except for the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, registration fee, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, filing fee and the listing fee.

SEC registration fee	\$ 11,590
FINRA filing fee	15,500
listing fee	*
Printing fees and expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Blue sky fees and expenses	*
Registrar and transfer agent fees	*
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Miscellaneous expenses	*
Total	\$ *

To be completed by amendment.

#### Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached the duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation will provide for this limitation of liability. We will enter into indemnification agreements with our directors that provide for us to indemnify them to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

Section 145 of the DGCL, or Section 145, provides, among other things, that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made, party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who were or are a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, provided further that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer, director, employee or agent is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him or her against the expenses (including attorneys' fees) which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred.

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify such person under Section 145.



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Our amended and restated bylaws will provide that we must indemnify, and advance expenses to, our directors and officers to the full extent authorized by the DGCL.

The indemnification rights set forth above shall not be exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we shall not be obligated to indemnify a director or officer in respect of a proceeding (or part thereof) instituted by such director or officer, unless such proceeding (or part thereof) has been authorized by our Board of Directors pursuant to the applicable procedure outlined in the amended and restated bylaws.

Section 174 of the DGCL provides, among other things, that a director, who willfully or negligently approves of an unlawful payment of dividends or an unlawful stock purchase or redemption, may be held jointly and severally liable for such actions. A director who was either absent when the unlawful actions were approved or dissented at the time may avoid liability by causing his or her dissent to such actions to be entered in the books containing the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors at the time such action occurred or immediately after such absent director receives notice of the unlawful acts.

We expect to maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

The underwriting agreement provides for indemnification by the underwriters of us and our officers and directors, and by us of the underwriters, for certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or otherwise in connection with this offering.

## Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Within the past three years, the Registrant has granted or issued the following securities of the Registrant which were not registered under the Securities Act.

The following does not reflect the -for-one reverse split of the Registrant's common stock, which will occur prior to the consummation of the offering to which this Registration Statement relates.

## (a) Issuances of Capital Stock

On March 13, 2014, we issued an aggregate of 4,203,123 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00 to certain of our employees in connection with the KKR Acquisition. In addition, certain of our employees were given opportunities to purchase our common stock in connection with their hiring and/or promotion as follows:

On May 23, 2014, we issued 19,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00.

On May 29, 2014, we issued 10,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00.

On May 30, 2014, we issued 2,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00.

On September 15, 2014, we issued 60,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00.

On February 11, 2015, we issued 20,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$5.00.

On September 10, 2015, we issued 4,780 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

In addition, we issued shares of common stock to certain employees related to the exercise of (i) rollover options and (ii) stock options that had previously been awarded and vested and in connection with services provided by such employees as follows:

On May 22, 2015, we issued 65,837 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$0.20 and \$0.52.

On June 12, 2015, we issued 240,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

On August 24, 2015, we issued 27,434 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

On September 4, 2015, we issued 10,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

On September 8, 2015, we issued 24,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

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On September 9, 2015, we issued 72,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

On September 11, 2015, we issued 43,200 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.18.

On March 21, 2016, we issued 240,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$3.68.

On September 23, 2016, we issued 10,094 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$3.68 and \$4.18.

On February 1, 2017, we issued 32,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$4.70.

On February 8, 2017, we issued 72,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$3.68.

On March 20, 2017, we issued 240,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$2.17.

On March 22, 2017, we issued 72,000 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$2.17.

No underwriters were involved in the foregoing issuance of securities. The issuances of shares of common stock described in this Item 15(a) were issued pursuant to written compensatory plans or arrangements with our employees in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act or the exemption set forth in Section 4(2) under the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder relative to transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, to the extent an exemption from such registration was required.

## (b) Stock Option Grants

On March 13, 2014, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 16,225,161 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share, to certain of our employees in connection with the KKR Acquisition. In addition, certain of our employees rolled over a portion of their outstanding stock options that were issued prior to the KKR Acquisition into options to purchase shares of our common stock, with the exercise price and number of shares underlying such rollover options adjusted as a result of the KKR Acquisition. The exercise price for all such options adjusted to an exercise price of \$5.00 per share.

In addition, we granted stock options to certain employees in connection with services provided by such employees or the hiring/promotion of such employees as follows:

On May 13, 2014, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 373,286 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share.

On May 19, 2014, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 158,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share.

On June 2, 2014, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 224,643 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share.

On September 16, 2014, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 525,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share to an employee.

On February 11, 2015, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 232,857 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$5.00 per share.

On September 2, 2015, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 700,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$4.18 per share.

On November 9, 2015, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 500,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$4.70 per share.

On December 8, 2015, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 150,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$4.70 per share.

On March 16, 2016, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 450,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$4.70 per share.

On December 13, 2016, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate 1,050,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$7.57 per share.

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On March 20, 2017, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 125,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.06 per share.

On April 13, 2017, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$7.66 per share.

On May 16, 2017, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 200,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$7.66 per share.

On June 5, 2017, we granted stock options to purchase an aggregate of 450,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$7.66 per share.

As of June 21, 2017, options (excluding rollover options) to purchase 1,112,634 shares of common stock had been exercised for aggregate consideration in the amount of \$3,876,556, and options to purchase 1,618,427 shares of common stock had been canceled or repurchased.

The issuances of stock options and the shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the options described in this Item 15(b) were issued pursuant to written compensatory plans or arrangements with our employees, and directors, in reliance on the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act or the exemption set forth in Section 4(2) under the Securities Act and Regulation D promulgated thereunder relative to transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, to the extent an exemption from such registration was required.

All of the foregoing securities are deemed restricted securities for purposes of the Securities Act.

## Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a) *Exhibits*. See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature pages hereto, which is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
- (b) Financial Statement Schedules.

Schedule I - Condensed Financial Information of National Vision Holdings, Inc.

## Item 17. Undertakings.

- (1) The Registrant hereby undertakes to provide to the underwriter, at the closing specified in the underwriting agreement, certificates in such denominations and registered in such names as required by the underwriter to permit prompt delivery to each purchaser.
- (2) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question of whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
- (3) The Registrant hereby undertakes that:
  - (A) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
  - (B) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.



National Vision Holdings, Inc. has requested confidential treatment of this registration statement and associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Duluth, Georgia, on , 2017.

National Vision Holdings, Inc.

Name:	L. Reade Fahs
Title:	Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

By:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints L. Reade Fahs, Patrick R. Moore, Mitchell Goodman and each of them, the true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents of the undersigned, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to sign in any and all capacities (including, without limitation, the capacities listed below), the registration statement, any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to the registration statement and any and all successor registration statements of National Vision Holdings, Inc., including any filings pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and anything necessary to be done to enable National Vision Holdings, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act and all the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitute, or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following person in the capacities indicated on , 2017:

Signature	Сарасіту
	Chief Executive Officer and Director
L. Reade Fahs	(principal executive officer)
	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Office
Patrick R. Moore	(principal financial officer)
	Senior Vice President, Accounting
Chris Beasley	(principal accounting officer)
	Director
Nathaniel H. Taylor	
	Director
Felix Gernburd	
	Director
D. Randolph Peeler	
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EXHIBIT INDEX				
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1.1**	Form of Underwriting Agreement by and between National Vision Holdings, Inc. and the underwriters named therein			
3.1**	Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of National Vision Holdings, Inc.			
3.2**	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of National Vision Holdings, Inc.			
4.1**	Form of Common Stock Certificate			
4.2**	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among National Vision Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Nautilus Parent, Inc.) and the stockholders parties thereto			
5.1**	Opinion of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP			
10.1**	Stockholders Agreement			
10.2**	Monitoring Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, by and among National Vision, Inc., Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and Berkshire Partners LLC			
10.3*	First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp. and National Vision, Inc., Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent, collateral agent, swingline lender and a lender, Morgan Stanley Bank N.A., as the letter of credit issuer, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners, and the several lenders from time to time parties thereto			
10.4*	Joinder and Amendment Agreement, dated as of May 29, 2015, among KKR Corporate Lending LLC, National Vision, Inc., as borrower, the guarantors party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent and collateral agent			
10.5*	Joinder Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2017, among KKR Corporate Lending LLC, National Vision, Inc., as borrower, the guarantors party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent and collateral agent			
10.6*	First Lien Guarantee, dated as of March 13, 2014, by the guarantors party thereto			
10.7*	First Lien Security Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp., National Vision, Inc., subsidiary grantors party thereto, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent			
10.8*	First Lien Pledge Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp., National Vision, Inc. subsidiary pledgors party thereto, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent			

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N Exhibit Number	National Vision Holdings, Inc. has requested confidential treatment of this registration statement and associated correspondence pursuant to Rule 83 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Exhibit Description			
10.9*	Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp. and National Vision, Inc., Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Barclays Bank PLC, and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., as joint lead arrangers and bookrunners, and the several lenders from time to time parties thereto			
10.10*	Second Lien Guarantee, dated as of March 13, 2014, by the guarantors party thereto			
10.11*	Second Lien Security Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp., National Vision, Inc., subsidiary grantors party thereto, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent			
10.12*	Second Lien Pledge Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., Vision Holdings Corp., National Vision, Inc. subsidiary pledgors party thereto, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent			
10.13*	First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Nautilus Merger Sub, Inc., other grantors party thereto, Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. and each additional representative from time to time party thereto			
10.14**†	Form of National Vision Holdings, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan			
10.15**†	Form of Award Agreement under the National Vision Holdings, Inc. 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan			
10.16**†	2014 Stock Incentive Plan for Key Employees of National Vision Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Nautilus Parent, Inc.) and its Subsidiaries			
10.17**†	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan for Key Employees of National Vision Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Nautilus Parent, Inc.) and its Subsidiaries			
10.18**†	Form of Management Stockholder's Agreement			
10.19**†	Form of Option Rollover Agreement			
10.20**†	Form of Sale Participation Agreement			
10.21**†	Form of Contribution Agreement			
10.22**†	National Vision, Inc. Severance Plan, as amended and restated as of March 15, 2017			
10.23**†	National Vision, Inc. Severance Plan Summary Plan Description (Executives), effective as of July 21, 2011			
10.24**†	National Vision, Inc. Severance Plan Executive Supplement, effective as of November 11, 2013 and amended as of March 15, 2017			

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10.25**†	National Vision, Inc. Management Incentive Plan			
10.26**	Indemnification Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among National Vision Holdings, Inc. (formerly known as Nautilus Parent, Inc.), Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Vision Holding Corp., National Vision, Inc., Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and Berkshire Partners LLC			
21.1*	Subsidiaries of National Vision Holdings, Inc.			
23.1**	Consent of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)			
23.2**	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP			
24.1**	Power of Attorney (included on signature pages to this Registration Statement)			

\* Confidentially submitted herewith.

\*\* To be filed by amendment.

† Identifies exhibits that consist of a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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Exhibit 10.3

## FIRST LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of March 13, 2014

among

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., as Holdings,

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as the Initial Borrower,

VISION HOLDINGS CORP., as the Surviving Borrower

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as the Borrower

The Several Lenders from Time to Time Parties Hereto,

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Swingline Lender and a Lender,

MORGAN STANLEY BANK N.A., as the Letter of Credit Issuer,

and

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC., MIZUHO BANK, LTD., KKR CAPITAL MARKETS LLC, BARCLAYS BANK PLC, and MACQUARIE CAPITAL (USA) INC. as Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners

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## **CREDIT AGREEMENT**

FIRST LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014, among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC. ("Holdings"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., a Delaware corporation ("MergerSub" or the "Initial Borrower"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company" and, following the consummation of the Merger, the "Surviving Borrower"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI" and, following the consummation of the Secondary Merger, the "Borrower"), the lending institutions from time to time parties hereto (each a "Lender" and, collectively, together with the Swingline Lender, the "Lenders"), GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Swingline Lender, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (such terms and each other capitalized term used but not defined in this preamble having the meaning provided in <u>Section 1</u>) and MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Letter of Credit Issuer.

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "Acquisition Agreement"), by and among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby MergerSub will merge (the "Merger") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests of the Company held by them (the "Equity Rollover Interests") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("Parent"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover Interests will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "Equity Rollover Contribution") the Equity Rollover Interests to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, to fund, in part, the Acquisition, it is intended that the Sponsor and the other Initial Investors will contribute an amount in cash to Holdings and/or a direct or indirect parent thereof in exchange for Capital Stock (such contribution, the "**Equity Investments**"), together with the investment of equity rolled over or invested in connection with the Acquisition by the existing management and other existing stockholders (including the Equity Rollover), which shall be no less than 25% of the sum of (1) the aggregate gross proceeds of the Initial Term Loans and the Second Lien Loans borrowed on the Closing Date, excluding the gross proceeds of any loans to fund working capital needs and (2) the equity capitalization of Holdings and its Subsidiaries on the Closing Date after giving effect to the Transactions (the "**Minimum Equity Amount**");

WHEREAS, to consummate the Acquisition, it is intended that the Initial Borrower will incur Second Lien Loans under a term loan facility established pursuant to the Second Lien Credit Documents (the "Second Lien Facility") generating aggregate gross proceeds of \$125,000,000;

WHEREAS, in connection with the foregoing, (i) the Initial Borrower has requested that the Lenders extend credit in the form of (a) Initial Term Loans to the Initial Borrower on the Closing Date, in an aggregate principal amount of \$500,000,000 and (b) Revolving Credit Loans made available to the Borrower at any time and from time to time prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not in excess of \$75,000,000 less the sum of (1) the aggregate Letters of Credit Outstanding at such time and (2) the aggregate principal amount of all Swingline Loans outstanding at such time, (ii) the Initial Borrower has requested (a) the Letter of Credit Issuer to issue Letters of Credit at any time and from time to time prior to the L/C Facility Maturity Date, in an aggregate Stated Amount at any time outstanding not in excess of \$20,000,000, and (b) to deem the letters of credit identified on <u>Schedule 1.1(d)</u> hereto to be Letters of Credit for all purposes under this Agreement, and (iii) the Initial Borrower has requested the Swingline Lender to extend credit to the Borrower in the form of Swingline Loans at any time and from time to time prior to the Swingline Maturity Date, in an aggregate principal amount at any time outstanding not in excess of \$20,000,000;

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans will be used, together with (i) the net proceeds of the Second Lien Facility, (ii) the net proceeds of the Equity Investments on the Closing Date, and (iii) cash on hand, to effect the Acquisition, to provide for liquidity in the form of cash on the balance sheet of Holdings and to pay Transaction Expenses;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the contribution of the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge (the "*Secondary Merger*") with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders and Letter of Credit Issuer are willing to make available to the Borrower such term loan and revolving credit and letter of credit facilities upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

## Section 1. Definitions

1.1 Defined Terms. As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this <u>Section 1.1</u> unless the context otherwise requires (it being understood that defined terms in this Agreement shall include in the singular number the plural and in the plural the singular):

"**ABR**" shall mean for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate *plus* 1/2 of 1%, (ii) the rate of interest in effect for such day as announced from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its "prime rate" at its principal office in New York City, and (iii) the rate per annum determined in the manner set forth in <u>clause (ii)</u> of the definition of LIBOR Rate *plus* 1%; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the ABR applicable to the Initial Term Loans at any time be less than 2.00% per annum. Any change in the ABR due to a change in such rate announced by the Administrative Agent or in the Federal Funds Effective Rate or LIBOR Rate shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the announcement of such change.

"ABR Loan" shall mean each Loan bearing interest based on the ABR.

"Acquired EBITDA" shall mean, with respect to any Acquired Entity or Business or any Converted Restricted Subsidiary (any of the foregoing, a "Pro Forma Entity") for any period, the amount for such period of Consolidated EBITDA of such Pro Forma Entity (determined using such definitions as if references to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries therein were to such Pro Forma Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries), all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Pro Forma Entity in accordance with GAAP.

"Acquired Entity or Business" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Acquired Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any specified Person, (i) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged, consolidated, or amalgamated with or into or became a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, including Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging, consolidating, or amalgamating with or into or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, and (ii) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Acquisition" shall mean the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement.

"Acquisition Agreement" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Additional Revolving Credit Commitment" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(a)</u>.

"Additional Revolving Credit Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"Additional Revolving Loan Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"Adjusted Total Initial Term Loan Commitment" shall mean at any time the Total Initial Term Loan Commitment less the Initial Term Loan Commitments of all Defaulting Lenders.

"Adjusted Total Revolving Credit Commitment" shall mean at any time the Total Revolving Credit Commitment less the aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments of all Defaulting Lenders.

"Adjusted Total Term Loan Commitment" shall mean at any time the Total Term Loan Commitment less the Term Loan Commitments of all Defaulting Lenders.

"Administrative Agent" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the administrative agent for the Lenders under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, or any successor administrative agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.9</u>.

"Administrative Agent's Office" shall mean the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> or such other address or account as the Administrative Agent may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Lenders.

"Administrative Questionnaire" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(b)(ii)(D).

"Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if such Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such other Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Affiliated Institutional Lender" shall mean (i) any Affiliate of the Sponsor that is either a bona fide debt fund or such Affiliate extends credit or buys loans in the ordinary course of business, (ii) KKR Corporate Lending LLC and (iii) MCS Corporate Lending LLC.

"Affiliated Lender" shall mean a Lender that is the Sponsor or any Affiliate thereof (other than Holdings, the Borrower, any other Subsidiary of Holdings, or any Affiliated Institutional Lender).

"Agent Parties" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.17(b)</u>.

"Agents" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Joint Lead Arranger and Bookrunner.

"Aggregate Revolving Credit Outstandings" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(b).

"Agreement" shall mean this Credit Agreement.

"Agreement Currency" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.19</u>.

"Applicable Margin" shall mean a percentage per annum equal to:

(i) (a) for LIBOR Loans that are Initial Term Loans, 3.00% and (2) for ABR Loans that are Initial Term Loans, 2.00%

(ii) (a) until delivery of financial statements and a related Compliance Certificate for the first full fiscal quarter commencing on or after the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 9.1</u>, (1) for LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans, 3.00%, (2) for ABR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans, 2.00%, and (3) for Letter of Credit Fees, 3.00% per annum and

(b) thereafter, in connection with Revolving Credit Loans and Letter of Credit Fees, the percentages per annum set forth in the table below, based upon the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio as set forth in the most recent Compliance Certificate received by the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 9.1</u>:

Pricing Level	Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio	Letter of Credit Fees	ABR Rate Revolving Credit Loans	LIBOR Rate Revolving Credit Loans
Ι	> 4.25:1.00	3.00%	2.00%	3.00%
II	<u>&lt; 4.25:1.00 but &gt; 3.75:1.00 </u>	2.75%	1.75%	2.75%
III	<u>&lt;</u> 3.75:1.00	2.50%	1.50%	2.50%

Any increase or decrease in the Applicable Margin for Initial Term Loans and Revolving Credit Loans resulting from a change in the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall become effective as of the first Business Day immediately following the date a Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 9.1(d).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Extended Revolving Credit Commitments or any Extended Term Loans or Revolving Credit Loans made pursuant to any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant Extension Amendment, (b) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Additional Revolving Credit Commitments, any Class of Incremental Term Loans, or any Class of Loans in respect of Additional Revolving Credit Commitments shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant Incremental Amendment, (c) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Replacement Term Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant agreement, (d) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Refinancing Revolving Credit Commitments shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant agreement, and (e) in the case of the Term Loans and any Class of Incremental Term Loans, the Applicable Margin shall be increased as, and to the extent, necessary to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 2.14</u>.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained above in this definition or elsewhere in this Agreement, if it is subsequently determined that the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio set forth in any Compliance Certificate delivered to the Administrative Agent is inaccurate for any reason and the result thereof is that the Lenders received interest or fees for any period based on an Applicable Margin that is less than that which would have been applicable had the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio been accurately determined, then, for all purposes of this Agreement, the Applicable Margin for any day occurring within the period covered by such Compliance Certificate shall retroactively be deemed to be the relevant percentage as based upon the accurately determined Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio for such period, and any shortfall in the interest or fees theretofore paid by the Borrower for the relevant period as a result of the miscalculation of the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall be deemed to be (and shall be) due and payable, at the time the interest or fees for such period were required to be paid; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, so long as an Event of Default described in Section 11.5 has not occurred with respect to the Borrower, such shortfall shall be due and payable within five Business Days following the written demand thereof by the Administrative Agent and no Default shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of such non-payment until the expiration of such five Business Day period. In addition, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, at the option of the Required Initial Term Loan Lenders, and in the case of <u>clause (ii)</u> above, at the option of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders, at any time during which the Borrower shall have failed to deliver any of the Section 9.1 Financials by the applicable date required under Section 9.1, then the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall be deemed to be (1) with respect to clause (i) above, above 4.25 to 1.00, and (2) with respect to clause (ii) above, in Pricing Level I, in each case, for the purposes of determining the Applicable Margin (but only for so long as such failure continues, after which such ratio and Pricing Level shall be determined based on the then existing Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio).

"Approved Fund" shall mean any Fund that is administered or managed by (i) a Lender, (ii) an Affiliate of a Lender, or (iii) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers, advises or manages a Lender.

## "Asset Sale" shall mean:

(i) the sale, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition, whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of property or assets (including by way of a Sale Leaseback) (each a "**disposition**") of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or

(ii) the issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than preferred stock of Restricted Subsidiaries issued in compliance with <u>Section 10.1</u>), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, in each case, other than:

(a) any disposition of Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities or obsolete, worn out or surplus property or property (including leasehold property interests) that is no longer economically practical in its business or commercially desirable to maintain or no longer used or useful equipment in the ordinary course of business or any disposition of inventory, immaterial assets, or goods (or other assets) in the ordinary course of business (including the disposition of optical goods to FirstSight);

(b) the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Holdings or the Borrower in a manner permitted pursuant to Section 10.3;

(c) the incurrence of Liens that are permitted to be incurred pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u> or the making of any Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment (other than pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> of the definition thereof) that is permitted to be made, and is made, pursuant to <u>Section 10.5</u>;

(d) any disposition of assets or issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary in any transaction or series of transactions with an aggregate Fair Market Value of less than \$10,000,000;

(e) any disposition of property or assets or issuance of securities by (1) a Restricted Subsidiary to Holdings or (2) by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary to another Restricted Subsidiary;

(f) to the extent allowable under Section 1031 of the Code, or any comparable or successor provision, any exchange of like property (excluding any boot thereon) for use in a Similar Business;

(g) any issuance, sale or pledge of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness, or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(h) foreclosures, condemnation, casualty or any similar action on assets (including dispositions in connection therewith);

(i) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, and related assets in connection with any Receivables Facility;

(j) any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, including Sale Leasebacks and asset securitizations permitted by this Agreement;

(k) (1) any surrender or waiver of contractual rights or the settlement, release, or surrender of contractual rights or other litigation claims, (2) the termination or collapse of cost sharing agreements with Holdings or any Subsidiary and the settlement of any crossing payments in connection therewith, or (3) the settlement, discount, write off, forgiveness, or cancellation of any Indebtedness owing by any present or former consultants, directors, officers, or employees of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) or any Subsidiary or any of their successors or assigns;

(l) the disposition or discount of inventory, accounts receivable, or notes receivable in the ordinary course of business or the conversion of accounts receivable to notes receivable;

(m) the licensing or sub-licensing of Intellectual Property or other general intangibles (whether pursuant to franchise agreements or otherwise) in the ordinary course of business;

(n) the unwinding of any Hedging Obligations or obligations in respect of Cash Management Services;

(o) sales, transfers, and other dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture arrangements and similar binding arrangements;

(p) the lapse or abandonment of Intellectual Property rights in the ordinary course of business, which in the reasonable business judgment of the Borrower are not material to the conduct of the business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole;

(q) the issuance of directors' qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required by applicable law;

(r) dispositions of property to the extent that (1) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property that is promptly purchased or (2) the proceeds of such Asset Sale are promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property (which replacement property is actually promptly purchased);

(s) leases, assignments, subleases, licenses, or sublicenses, in each case in the ordinary course of business and which do not materially interfere with the business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(t) dispositions of non-core assets acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or Investment permitted hereunder;

(u) to the extent necessary or reasonably considered advisable by the Borrower to comply with requirements of law at such time, dispositions of (A) any retail location or any eye facility located in California and/or (B) FirstSight or any other Managed Care Subsidiary;

(v) dispositions pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements; and

(w) any lease or sublease of real property and related office equipment and personal property to health care professionals (or their Affiliates) or a Managed Care Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business.

"Asset Sale Prepayment Event" shall mean any Asset Sale subject to the Reinvestment Period allowed in <u>Section 10.4</u>; provided, further, that with respect to any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, the Borrower shall not be obligated to make any prepayment otherwise required by <u>Section 5.2</u> unless and until the aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds from all such Asset Sale Prepayment Events, after giving effect to the reinvestment rights set forth herein, exceeds \$10,000,000 (the "**Prepayment Trigger**") in any fiscal year of Holdings, but then from all such Net Cash Proceeds (excluding amounts below the Prepayment Trigger).

"Assignment and Acceptance" shall mean (i) an assignment and acceptance substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit F</u>, or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent and (ii) in the case of any assignment of Term Loans in connection with a Permitted Debt Exchange conducted in accordance with <u>Section 2.15</u>, such form of assignment (if any) as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in accordance with <u>Section 2.15(a)</u>.

"Auction Agent" shall mean (i) the Administrative Agent or (ii) any other financial institution or advisor employed by Holdings, the Borrower, or any Subsidiary (whether or not an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent) to act as an arranger in connection with any Permitted Debt Exchange pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or Dutch auction pursuant to <u>Section 13.6(h)</u>; provided that Holdings shall not designate the Administrative Agent as the Auction Agent without the written consent of the Administrative Agent (it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall be under no obligation to agree to act as the Auction Agent); provided, further, that neither Holdings nor any of its Subsidiaries may act as the Auction Agent.

"Authorized Officer" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any individual holding the position of chairman of the board (if an officer), the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Controller, the Vice President-Finance, a Senior Vice President, a Director, a Manager, or any other senior officer or agent with express authority to act on behalf of such Person designated as such by the board of directors or other managing authority of such Person.

## "Auto-Extension Letter of Credit" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.2(d).

"Available Commitment" shall mean an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the amount of the Total Revolving Credit Commitment over (ii) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of (a) all Revolving Credit Loans (but not Swingline Loans) then outstanding and (b) the aggregate Letters of Credit Outstanding at such time.

"Average New Store Consolidated EBITDA" shall mean, with respect to any Test Period, the numeric average of the amount of Consolidated EBITDA of Stores (excluding New Stores) in their 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> fiscal quarters after opening of such Stores (e.g., the sum of each such Store's Consolidated EBITDA for such four quarter period, divided by the number of applicable Stores).

"Bankruptcy Code" shall have the meaning provided in Section 11.5.

"Benefited Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.8(a).

"Board" shall mean the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).

"**Borrower**" shall mean (a) at any time prior to the consummation of the Transactions, the Initial Borrower, (b) upon and at any time after the consummation of the Transactions other than the Secondary Merger, the Surviving Borrower and (c) following the Secondary Merger, NVI.

"**Borrowing**" shall mean (i) Loans of the same Class and Type, made, converted, or continued on the same date and, in the case of LIBOR Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect, or (ii) a Swingline Loan.

"**Business Day**" shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday, and any other day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized by law or other governmental actions to close, and, if such day relates to any interest rate settings as to a LIBOR Loan, any fundings, disbursements, settlements, and payments in respect of any such LIBOR Loan, or any other dealings in Dollars to be carried out pursuant to this Agreement in respect of any such LIBOR Loan, such day shall be a day on which dealings in deposits in Dollars are conducted by and between banks in the applicable London interbank market.

"**Capital Expenditures**" shall mean, for any period, the aggregate of all expenditures (whether paid in cash or accrued as liabilities and including in all events all amounts expended or capitalized under Capital Leases) by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period that, in conformity with GAAP, are or are required to be included as additions during such period to property, plant, or equipment reflected in the consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (including capitalized software expenditures, customer acquisition costs and incentive payments, conversion costs, and contract acquisition costs).

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"**Capital Lease**" shall mean, as applied to any Person, any lease of any property (whether real, personal, or mixed) by that Person as lessee that, in conformity with GAAP, is, or is required to be, accounted for as a capital lease on the balance sheet of that Person; <u>provided</u> that (i) all leases of any Person that are or would be characterized as operating leases in accordance with GAAP immediately prior to December 31, 2013 (whether or not such operating leases were in effect on such date) shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases (and not as Capital Leases) for purposes of this Agreement regardless of any change in GAAP following the date that would otherwise require such leases to be recharacterized as Capital Leases and (ii) all leases for Stores shall be accounted for as operating leases for purposes of this Agreement.

"**Capital Stock**" shall mean (i) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock, (ii) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights, or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock, (iii) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited), and (iv) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person (it being understood and agreed, for the avoidance of doubt, that "cash-settled phantom appreciation programs" in connection with employee benefits that do not require a dividend or distribution shall not constitute Capital Stock).

"**Capitalized Lease Obligation**" shall mean, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a Capital Lease that would at such time be required to be capitalized and reflected as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP; <u>provided</u> that all obligations of any Person that are or would be characterized as operating lease obligations in accordance with GAAP immediately prior to December 31, 2013 (whether or not such operating lease obligations were in effect on such date) shall continue to be accounted for as operating lease obligations (and not as Capitalized Lease Obligations) for purposes of this Agreement regardless of any change in GAAP following the date that would otherwise require such obligations to be recharacterized as Capitalized Lease Obligations.

"**Cash Collateralize**" shall mean to pledge and deposit with or deliver to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of one or more of the Letter of Credit Issuer or the Lenders, as collateral for L/C Obligations or obligations of the Lenders to fund participations in respect of L/C Obligations, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer shall agree in their sole discretion, other credit support. "**Cash Collateral**" shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such cash collateral and other credit support.

"Cash Equivalents" shall mean:

(i) Dollars,

(ii) (a) Euro, Pounds Sterling, Canadian Dollars, or any national currency of any Participating Member State in the European Union or (b) local currencies held from time to time in the ordinary course of business,

(iii) securities issued or directly and fully and unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any country that is a member state of the European Union or any agency or instrumentality thereof the securities of which are unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of such government with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(iv) certificates of deposit, time deposits, and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year, and overnight bank deposits, in each case with any commercial bank having capital and surplus of not less than \$250,000,000 in the case of U.S. banks and \$100,000,000 (or the Dollar Equivalent as of the date of determination) in the case of foreign banks,

(v) repurchase obligations for underlying securities of the types described in <u>clauses (iii)</u>, (iv), and (ix) entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in <u>clause (iv)</u> above,

(vi) commercial paper rated at least P-2 by Moody's or at least A-2 by S&P and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation thereof,

(vii) marketable short-term money market and similar securities having a rating of at least P-2 or A-2 from either Moody's or S&P, respectively (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized ratings agency) and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation or acquisition thereof,

(viii) readily marketable direct obligations issued by any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof having one of the two highest rating categories obtainable from either Moody's or S&P with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(ix) Indebtedness or preferred stock issued by Persons with a rating of "A" or higher from S&P or "A2" or higher from Moody's with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(x) solely with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary: (a) obligations of the national government of the country in which such Foreign Subsidiary maintains its chief executive office and principal place of business provided such country is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, in each case maturing within one year after the date of investment therein, (b) certificates of deposit of, bankers acceptances of, or time deposits with, any commercial bank which is organized and existing under the laws of the country in which such Foreign Subsidiary maintains its chief executive office and principal place of business provided such country is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and whose short-term commercial paper rating from S&P is at least "A-2" or the equivalent thereof or from Moody's is at least "P-2" or the equivalent thereof (any such bank being an "**Approved Foreign Bank**"), and in each case with maturities of not more than 24 months from the date of acquisition, and (c) the equivalent of demand deposit accounts which are maintained with an Approved Foreign Bank, in each case, customarily used by corporations for cash management purposes in any jurisdiction outside the United States to the extent reasonably required in connection with any business conducted by such Foreign Subsidiary organized in such jurisdiction,

(xi) in the case of investments by any Foreign Subsidiary or investments made in a country outside the United States, Cash Equivalents shall also include investments of the type and maturity described in <u>clauses (i)</u> through <u>(ix)</u> above of foreign obligors, which investments have ratings, described in such clauses or equivalent ratings from comparable foreign rating agencies, and

(xii) investment funds investing 90% of their assets in securities of the types described in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>ix</u>) above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Cash Equivalents shall include amounts denominated in currencies other than those set forth in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that such amounts are converted into any currency listed in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> as promptly as practicable and in any event within ten Business Days following the receipt of such amounts.

"Cash Management Agreement" shall mean any agreement or arrangement to provide Cash Management Services.

"**Cash Management Bank**" shall mean (i) any Person that, at the time it enters into a Cash Management Agreement, is an Agent or a Lender or an Affiliate of an Agent or a Lender, (ii) with respect to any Cash Management Agreement entered into prior to the Closing Date, any Person that is a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender on the Closing Date or (iii) Wells Fargo & Company and any Affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company if designated by the Borrower as a "Cash Management Bank" by written notice to the Administrative Agent substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit M-2</u> or such other form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Cash Management Services" shall mean any one or more of the following types of services or facilities: (i) commercial credit cards, merchant card services, purchase or debit cards, including non-card e-payables services, or electronic funds transfer services, (ii) treasury management services (including controlled disbursement, overdraft automatic clearing house fund transfer services, return items, and interstate depository network services) and (iii) any other demand deposit or operating account relationships or other cash management services, including pursuant to any Cash Management Agreements.

"Casualty Event" shall mean, with respect to any property of any Person, any loss of or damage to, or any condemnation or other taking by a Governmental Authority of, such property for which such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries receives insurance proceeds or proceeds of a condemnation award in respect of any equipment, fixed assets, or real property (including any improvements thereon) to replace or repair such equipment, fixed assets, or real property; provided, further, that with respect to any Casualty Event, the Borrower shall not be obligated to make any prepayment otherwise required by Section 5.2 unless and until the aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds from all such Casualty Events, after giving effect to the reinvestment rights set forth herein, exceeds \$10,000,000 (the "Casualty Prepayment Trigger") in any fiscal year of Holdings, but then from all such Net Cash Proceeds (excluding amounts below the Casualty Prepayment Trigger).

"CFC" shall mean a Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a "controlled foreign corporation" within the meaning of Section 957 of the Code.

"CFC Holding Company" shall mean a Domestic Subsidiary of the Borrower substantially all of the assets of which consist of equity or debt of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs.

"Change in Law" shall mean (i) the adoption of any law, treaty, order, policy, rule, or regulation after the Closing Date, (ii) any change in any law, treaty, order, policy, rule, or regulation or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the Closing Date or (iii) compliance by any Lender with any guideline, request, directive, or order issued or made after the Closing Date by any central bank or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority (whether or not having the force of law), including, for avoidance of doubt any such adoption, change or compliance in respect of (a) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, regulations, guidelines, or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (b) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements, 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 pursuant to Basel III.

"**Change of Control**" shall mean and be deemed to have occurred if (i) at any time prior to a Qualifying IPO of the Company, the Permitted Holders shall at any time not own, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, beneficially and of record, at least 35% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of Holdings; (ii) any Person, entity, or "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), other than the Permitted Holders, shall at any time have acquired direct or indirect beneficial ownership of a percentage of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of Holdings that exceeds 35% thereof, unless, in case of <u>clause (i)</u> or <u>clause (ii)</u> above, the Permitted Holders have, at such time, the right or the ability by voting power, contract, or otherwise to elect or designate for election at least a majority of the board of directors of Holdings; (iii) at any time, a Change of Control (as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement) shall have occurred; or (iv) at any time prior to a Qualifying IPO of the Company, Holdings shall cease to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of the Borrower.

"Class" (i) when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, shall refer to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Revolving Credit Loans, Additional Revolving Credit Loans, New Revolving Credit Loans, Initial Term Loans, New Term Loans (of each Series), Extended Term Loans (of the same Extension Series), Replacement Term Loans (of the same Series), Extended Revolving Credit Loans (of the same Extension Series), or Swingline Loans and (ii) when used in reference to any Commitment, refers to whether such Commitment is a Revolving Credit Commitment, an Additional Revolving Credit Commitment, a New Revolving Credit Commitment, an Extended Revolving Credit Commitment (of the same Extension Series), an Initial Term Loan Commitment, or a New Term Loan Commitment.

"Closing Date" shall mean March 13, 2014.

"Closing Date Refinancing" means the repayment, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other discharge of the Existing Debt Facility and termination and/or release of any security interests and guarantees in connection therewith.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"**Collateral**" shall mean all property pledged or mortgaged or purported to be pledged or mortgaged pursuant to the Security Documents, excluding in all events Excluded Property.

"**Collateral Agent**" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent under the Security Documents, or any successor collateral agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.9</u>, and any Affiliate or designee of Goldman Sachs Bank USA may act as the Collateral Agent under any Credit Document.

"Commitment Fee" shall have the meaning provided in Section 4.1(a).

"Commitment Fee Rate" shall mean a rate per annum set forth below opposite the Status in effect on such day:

<u>Status</u>	Commitment Fee Rate
Level I Status	0.50%
Level II Status	0.375%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term Commitment Fee Rate shall mean 0.50% during the period from and including the Closing Date to but excluding the Trigger Date.

"**Commitments**" shall mean, with respect to each Lender (to the extent applicable), such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment, New Revolving Credit Commitment, Extended Revolving Credit Commitment, Additional Revolving Credit Commitment, Initial Term Loan Commitment, or New Term Loan Commitment.

"Commodity Exchange Act" shall mean the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

"Communications" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.17(a).

"Company" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement and after the Secondary Merger, the Company shall mean NVI.

"**Company Material Adverse Effect**" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Material Adverse Effect" in the Acquisition Agreement.

"**Company Representations**" shall mean the representations and warranties made by the Company with respect to itself and its subsidiaries in the Acquisition Agreement as are material to the interests of the Lenders, but only to the extent that Holdings (or one of Holdings' Affiliates) has the right (taking into account any applicable cure provisions) to terminate its obligations under the Acquisition Agreement or decline to consummate the Acquisition as a result of a breach of such representations and warranties in the Acquisition Agreement.

"**Compliance Certificate**" shall mean a certificate of a responsible financial or accounting officer of Holdings or the Borrower delivered pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(d)</u> for the applicable Test Period.

"**Compliance Period**" shall mean any period during which the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Credit Loans, (ii) Swingline Loans then outstanding, and (iii) the aggregate face amount of Letters of Credit then outstanding (other than (a) Cash Collateralized Letters of Credit and (b) non-Cash Collateralized Letters of Credit in an aggregate face amount not to exceed \$10,000,000) at such time exceeds 30.0% of the amount of the Total Revolving Credit Commitment; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding the foregoing, no Compliance Period shall be in effect prior to the date by which Section 9.1 Financials in respect of the period ending June 28, 2014 are due.

"Confidential Information" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.16</u>.

"Confidential Information Memorandum" shall mean the Confidential Information Memorandum of Holdings dated February 2014.

"Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense" shall mean with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense, including the amortization of deferred financing fees or costs, debt issuance costs, commissions, fees, and expenses, capitalized expenditures, customer acquisition costs, the amortization of original issue discount resulting from the issuance of Indebtedness at less than par and incentive payments, conversion costs, and contract acquisition costs of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated EBITDA" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period:

(i) increased (without duplication) by:

(a) provision for taxes based on income or profits or capital, including, without limitation, U.S. federal, state, non-U.S., franchise, excise, value added, and similar taxes and foreign withholding taxes of such Person paid or accrued during such period deducted, including any penalties and interest related to such taxes or arising from any tax examinations (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(b) Fixed Charges of such Person for such period (including (1) net losses on Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments entered into for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk and (2) costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities, in each case, to the extent included in Fixed Charges), together with items excluded from the definition of Consolidated Interest Expense and any non-cash interest expense, to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in calculating such Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(c) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense of such Person for such period to the extent the same were deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(d) any expenses, fees, charges, or losses (other than depreciation or amortization expense) related to any Equity Offering, Permitted Investment, Restricted Payment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization, or the incurrence of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred by this Agreement (including a refinancing thereof) (whether or not successful and including any such transaction consummated prior to the Closing Date), including (1) such fees, expenses, or charges related to the incurrence of the Second Lien Loans and the Loans hereunder and all Transaction Expenses, (2) such fees, expenses, or charges related to the offering of the Credit Documents and any other credit facilities, and (3) any amendment or other modification of the Second Lien Loans, the Loans hereunder, or other Indebtedness, and, in each case, deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(e) any other non-cash charges, including any write offs, write downs, expenses, losses, or items to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income (provided that if any such non-cash charges represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be deducted from Consolidated EBITDA to such extent, and excluding amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period), *plus* 

(f) the amount of any minority interest expense consisting of Subsidiary income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-Wholly Owned Subsidiary deducted (and not added back) in such period in calculating Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(g) the amount of management, monitoring, consulting, and advisory fees (including termination fees) and related indemnities and expenses paid or accrued in such period to the Initial Investors or any of their respective Affiliates, *plus* 

(h) costs of surety bonds incurred in such period in connection with financing activities, *plus* 

(i) the amount of reasonably identifiable and factually supportable "run-rate" cost savings, operating expense reductions, and synergies that are projected by the Borrower in good faith to result from actions either taken or expected to be taken within 24 months of the determination to take such action, net of the amount of actual benefits realized prior to or during such period from such actions (which cost savings, operating expense reductions, and synergies shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though such cost savings, operating expense reductions, or synergies had been realized on the first day of such period), *plus* 

(j) the amount of loss or discount on sale of receivables and related assets to the Receivables Subsidiary in connection with a Receivables Facility, *plus* 

(k) any costs or expense incurred by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement, to the extent that such cost or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of Holdings or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Equity Interests of Holdings (other than Disqualified Stock) solely to the extent that such net cash proceeds are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and have not been relied on for purposes of any incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to <u>clause (l)(i)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u>, *plus* 

(l) the amount of expenses relating to payments made to option holders of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any of its direct or indirect parent companies in connection with, or as a result of, any distribution being made to shareholders of such Person or its direct or indirect parent companies, which payments are being made to compensate such option holders as though they were shareholders at the time of, and entitled to share in, such distribution, in each case to the extent permitted under this Agreement, *plus* 

(m) with respect to any joint venture that is not a Restricted Subsidiary, an amount equal to the proportion of those items described in <u>clauses (a)</u> and (c) above relating to such joint venture corresponding to Holdings' and the Restricted Subsidiaries' proportionate share of such joint venture's Consolidated Net Income (determined as if such joint venture were a Restricted Subsidiary), *plus* 

(n) costs associated with, or in anticipation of, or preparation for, compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith and Public Company Costs, *plus* 

(o) cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenses) not included in Consolidated EBITDA in any period solely to the extent that the corresponding non-cash gains relating to such receipts were deducted in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to paragraph (2) below for any previous period and not added back, *plus* 

(p) to the extent not already included in the Consolidated Net Income, (1) any expenses and charges that are reimbursed by indemnification or other similar provisions in connection with any investment or any sale, conveyance, transfer, or other Asset Sale of assets permitted hereunder and (2) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as the Borrower has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (A) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (B) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of the determination by Borrower that there exists such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within such 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption, *plus* 

(q) for any Test Period, the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income projected by the Borrower in good faith to be attributable to New Contracts entered into during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for the delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such New Contracts had been realized during such Test Period (without duplication of any amounts attributable to such New Contracts already received in such Test Period)), *plus* 

- (r) New Store Consolidated EBITDA Adjustments, plus
- (s) pre-opening costs and expenses incurred during the Test Period for Stores or facilities opened during or after the Test Period, plus
- (t) charges, expenses, and other items described in the Confidential Information Memorandum or the Sponsor Model,
- (ii) decreased by (without duplication):

(a) non-cash gains increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period, excluding any non-cash gains which represent the reversal of any accrual of, or cash reserve for, anticipated cash charges that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period other than non-cash gains relating to the application of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 840— *Leases* (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13); provided that, to the extent non cash gains are deducted pursuant to this <u>clause (ii)(a)</u> for any previous period and not otherwise added back to Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated EBITDA shall be increased by the amount of any cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenses) in respect of such non cash gains received in subsequent periods to the extent not already included therein, *plus* 

(b) for any Test Period, the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income attributable to Terminated Contracts that have terminated or expired during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to Section 9.1(a) or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Terminated Contracts during such Test Period), *plus* 

(iii) increased or decreased by (without duplication):

(a) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from currency gains or losses related to Indebtedness, intercompany balances, and other balance sheet items, plus or minus, as the case may be, and

(b) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations, and the application of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 815—Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815) (formerly Financing Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 133), and its related pronouncements and interpretations, or the equivalent accounting standard under GAAP or an alternative basis of accounting applied in lieu of GAAP.

For the avoidance of doubt:

(i) to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income, there shall be excluded in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period any adjustments resulting from the application of ASC 815 and its related pronouncements and interpretations, or the equivalent accounting standard under GAAP or an alternative basis of accounting applied in lieu of GAAP,

(ii) there shall be included in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period, without duplication, (1) the Acquired EBITDA of any Person or business, or attributable to any property or asset acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during such period (but not the Acquired EBITDA of any related Person or business or any Acquired EBITDA attributable to any assets or property, in each case to the extent not so acquired) to the extent not subsequently sold, transferred, abandoned, or otherwise disposed by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each such Person, business, property, or asset acquired and not subsequently so disposed of, an "Acquired Entity or Business") and the Acquired EBITDA of any Unrestricted Subsidiary that is converted into a Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each, a "Converted Restricted Subsidiary"), based on the actual Acquired EBITDA of such Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such acquisit

(iii) to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income, there shall be excluded in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period the Disposed EBITDA of any Person, property, business, or asset sold, transferred, abandoned, or otherwise disposed of, closed or classified as discontinued operations by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each such Person, property, business, or asset so sold or disposed of, a "**Sold Entity or Business**"), and the Disposed EBITDA of any Restricted Subsidiary that is converted into an Unrestricted Subsidiary during such period (each, a "**Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary**") based on the actual Disposed EBITDA of such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such sale, transfer, or disposition or conversion); <u>provided</u> that for the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding any classification under GAAP of any Person or business in respect of which a definitive agreement for the disposition thereof has been entered into as discontinued operations, the Disposed EBITDA of such Person or business shall not be excluded pursuant to this paragraph until such disposition shall have been consummated; and

(iv) the Equity Rollover Contribution shall not be included in determining Consolidated EBITDA.

"Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt" shall mean Consolidated Total Debt as of such date secured by a Lien on the Collateral on an equal priority basis (but without regard to the control of remedies) with liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations.

"Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt as of such date of determination, *minus* cash and Cash Equivalents (in each case, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens) of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds of any Indebtedness being incurred and giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio) to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings for the Test Period then last ended, in each case with such pro forma adjustments to Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt and Consolidated EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:

(i) consolidated cash interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income (including (a) all commissions, discounts, and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit or bankers acceptances, (b) capitalized interest to the extent paid in cash, and (c) net payments, if any, pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations with respect to Indebtedness, and excluding (1) any one-time cash costs associated with breakage in respect of hedging agreements for interest rates, (2) all non-recurring cash interest expense consisting of liquidated damages for failure to timely comply with registration rights obligations, all as calculated on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, (3) any "additional interest" owing pursuant to a registration rights agreement, (4) non-cash interest expense attributable to a parent entity resulting from push-down accounting, but solely to the extent not reducing consolidated cash interest expense in any prior period, (5) any non-cash expensing of bridge, commitment, and other financing fees that have been previously paid in cash, but solely to the extent not reducing consolidated cash interest expense in any prior period, and (6) commissions, discounts, yield, and other fees and charges (including any interest expense) related to any Receivables Facility); less

(ii) cash interest income for such period.

For purposes of this definition, interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by such Person to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

"**Consolidated Net Income**" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income, of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP; <u>provided</u> that, without duplication,

(i) any after-tax effect of extraordinary, non-recurring, or unusual gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) or expenses (including relating to the Transactions), severance, relocation costs, curtailments, or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefits plans, start-up, transition, integration, and other restructuring and business optimization costs, charges, reserves, or expenses (including related to acquisitions after the Closing Date and to the start-up, closure, and/or consolidation of facilities), new product introductions, and one-time compensation charges shall be excluded,

(ii) the Net Income for such period shall not include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles and changes as a result of the adoption or modification of accounting policies during such period,

(iii) any net after-tax gains or losses on disposal of disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed, or discontinued operations or Stores shall be excluded,

(iv) any after-tax effect of gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) attributable to asset dispositions or abandonments other than in the ordinary course of business, as determined in good faith by the board of directors of Holdings, shall be excluded,

(v) the Net Income for such period of any Person that is not a Subsidiary, or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, shall be excluded; <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income of Holdings shall be increased by the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments that are actually paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash or Cash Equivalents) to the referent Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period,

(vi) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under <u>clause (iii)(A)</u> of <u>Section 10.5</u> the Net Income for such period of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Guarantor) shall be excluded to the extent the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of its Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (which has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by the operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule, or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders, unless such restriction with respect to the payment of dividends or similar distributions (a) has been legally waived, or otherwise released, (b) is imposed pursuant to this Agreement and other Credit Documents, the Second Lien Credit Documents, Permitted Debt Exchange Notes, Incremental Loans, or Permitted Other Indebtedness, or (c) arises pursuant to an agreement or instrument if the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such agreement or instrument taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Secured Parties than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Credit Documents (as determined by the Borrower in good faith); provided that Consolidated Net Income of the referent Person will be increased by the amount of dividends or other distributions or other payments actually paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) or Cash Equivalents to such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such period, to the extent not already included therein,

(vii) effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries) in any line item in such Person's consolidated financial statements required or permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805 – Business Combinations and Topic 350 – Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (ASC 805 and ASC 350) (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 141 and 142, respectively) resulting from the application of purchase accounting, including in relation to the Transactions and any acquisition that is consummated after the Closing Date or the amortization or write-off of any amounts thereof, net of taxes, shall be excluded,

(viii) (a) any after-tax effect of income (loss) from the early extinguishment of Indebtedness or Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments (including deferred financing costs written off and premiums paid), (b) any non-cash income (or loss) related to currency gains or losses related to Indebtedness, intercompany balances, and other balance sheet items and to Hedging Obligations pursuant to ASC 815 (or such successor provision), and (c) any non-cash expense, income, or loss attributable to the movement in mark to market valuation of foreign currencies, Indebtedness, or derivative instruments pursuant to GAAP, shall be excluded,

(ix) any impairment charge, asset write-off, or write-down pursuant to ASC 350 and Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 360 – Impairment and Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (ASC 360) (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 142 and 144, respectively) and the amortization of intangibles arising pursuant to ASC 805 shall be excluded,

(x) (a) any non-cash compensation expense recorded from grants of stock appreciation or similar rights, phantom equity, stock options units, restricted stock, or other rights to officers, directors, managers, or employees and (b) non-cash income (loss) attributable to deferred compensation plans or trusts, shall be excluded,

(xi) any fees and expenses incurred during such period, or any amortization thereof for such period, in connection with any acquisition, Investment, recapitalization, Asset Sale, issuance, or repayment of Indebtedness, issuance of Equity Interests, refinancing transaction or amendment or modification of any debt instrument (in each case, including any such transaction consummated prior to the Closing Date and any such transaction undertaken but not completed) and any charges or non-recurring merger costs incurred during such period as a result of any such transaction shall be excluded,

(xii) accruals and reserves (including contingent liabilities) that are established or adjusted within twelve months after the Closing Date that are so required to be established as a result of the Transactions in accordance with GAAP, or changes as a result of adoption or modification of accounting policies, shall be excluded,

(xiii) to the extent covered by insurance or indemnification and actually reimbursed, or, so long as the Borrower has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer or indemnifying party and only to the extent that such amount is (a) not denied by the applicable carrier or indemnifying party in writing within 180 days and (b) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of the determination by Borrower that there exists such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), losses and expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be excluded,

(xiv) any deferred tax expense associated with tax deductions or net operating losses arising as a result of the Transactions, or the release of any valuation allowance related to such items, shall be excluded,

(xv) any costs or expenses incurred during such period relating to environmental remediation, litigation, or other disputes in respect of events and exposures that occurred prior to the Closing Date shall be excluded, and

(xvi) Consolidated Net Income for any Test Period shall be (a) increased by the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income projected by the Borrower in good faith to be attributable to New Contracts entered into during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for the delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such New Contracts had been realized during such Test Period (without duplication of any amounts attributable to such New Contracts already received in such Test Period)) and (b) decreased by the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income attributable to Terminated Contracts that have terminated or expired during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Test Period), and

(xvii) any net increase or decrease in deferred revenue from the sale of Eye Care Club memberships, product warranty programs and other programs providing deferred revenue shall be excluded.

"**Consolidated Total Assets**" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the amount that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total assets" (or any like caption) on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date.

"**Consolidated Total Debt**" shall mean, as at any date of determination, an amount equal to the sum of the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis consisting of Indebtedness for borrowed money, Capitalized Lease Obligations and debt obligations evidenced by promissory notes and similar instruments (and excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, Hedging Obligations); <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Total Debt shall not include Letters of Credit, except to the extent of Unpaid Drawings thereunder.

"**Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio**" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Total Debt as of such date of determination, *minus* cash and Cash Equivalents (in each case, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens) of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds of any Indebtedness being incurred and giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated Total Debt as Of Holdings for the Test Period then last ended, in each case with such pro forma adjustments to Consolidated Total Debt and Consolidated EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Working Capital" shall mean, at any date, the excess of (i) the sum of all amounts (other than cash and Cash Equivalents) that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total current assets" (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date excluding the current portion of current and deferred income taxes *over* (ii) the sum of all amounts that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total current liabilities" (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on such date, but excluding, without duplication, (a) the current portion of any Funded Debt, (b) all Indebtedness consisting of Loans and Letter of Credit Exposure and Capital Leases to the extent otherwise included therein, (c) the current portion of interest, (d) the current portion of current and deferred income taxes, (e) any liabilities that are not Indebtedness and will not be settled in cash or Cash Equivalents during the next succeeding twelve month period after such date, (f) the effects from applying purchase accounting, (g) any accrued professional liability risks, (h) restricted marketable securities and (i) current portion of deferred revenue.

"**Contingent Obligations**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any leases, dividends, or other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness ("**primary obligations**") of any other Person (the "**primary obligor**") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including, without limitation, any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, or (iii) to purchase property, securities, or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

"Contract Consideration" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of Excess Cash Flow.

"Contractual Requirement" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 8.3</u>.

"Converted Restricted Subsidiary" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Counterparty" shall mean a Person other than a retail customer.

"Credit Documents" shall mean this Agreement, each Joinder Agreement, the Guarantees, the Security Documents, and any promissory notes issued by the Borrower pursuant hereto.

"Credit Event" shall mean and include the making (but not the conversion or continuation) of a Loan and the issuance of a Letter of Credit.

"Credit Facilities" shall mean, collectively, each category of Commitments and each extension of credit hereunder.

"Credit Facility" shall mean a category of Commitments and extensions of credit thereunder.

"Credit Party" shall mean Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Guarantors.

"Cure Amount" shall have the meaning provided in Section 11.14.

"Cure Right" shall have the meaning provided in Section 11.14.

"**Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event**" shall mean any issuance or incurrence by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries of any Indebtedness (excluding any Indebtedness permitted to be issued or incurred under <u>Section 10.1</u> other than <u>Section 10.1(w)(i)</u>).

"Declined Proceeds" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>.

"Default" shall mean any event, act, or condition that with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"Default Rate" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.8(c).

"Defaulting Lender" shall mean any Lender whose acts or failure to act, whether directly or indirectly, cause it to meet any part of the definition of Lender Default.

"Deferred Net Cash Proceeds" shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Net Cash Proceeds.

"Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date" shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Net Cash Proceeds.

"Designated Non-Cash Consideration" shall mean the Fair Market Value of non-cash consideration received by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an Asset Sale that is so designated as Designated Non-Cash Consideration pursuant to a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower, setting forth the basis of such valuation, executed by either a senior vice president or the principal financial officer of Holdings or the Borrower, less the amount of cash or Cash Equivalents received in connection with a subsequent sale of or collection on or other disposition of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration will no longer be considered to be outstanding when and to the extent it has been paid, redeemed or otherwise retired or sold or otherwise disposed of in compliance with <u>Section 10.4</u>.

"**Designated Preferred Stock**" shall mean preferred stock of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (in each case other than Disqualified Stock) that is issued for cash (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries) and is so designated as Designated Preferred Stock, pursuant to an officer's certificate executed by the principal financial officer of Holdings or the parent company thereof, as the case may be, on the issuance date thereof, the cash proceeds of which are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u>.

"**Disposed EBITDA**" shall mean, with respect to any Sold Entity or Business or any Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary for any period, the amount for such period of Consolidated EBITDA of such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary (determined as if references to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries in the definition of Consolidated EBITDA were references to such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary, as the case may be.

"disposition" shall have the meaning assigned such term in <u>clause (i)</u> of the definition of Asset Sale.

"**Disqualified Lenders**" shall mean such Persons (i) that have been specified in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Lead Arrangers prior to the commencement of "primary syndication" as being Disqualified Lenders, (ii) who are competitors of Holdings and its Subsidiaries that are separately identified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent from time to time, and (iii) in the case of each of <u>clauses (i)</u> and (ii), any of their Affiliates (other than any such Affiliate that is affiliated with a financial investor in such Person and that is not itself an operating company or otherwise an Affiliate of an operating company so long as such Affiliate is a bona fide Fund) that are either (a) identified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent from time to time or (b) clearly identifiable on the basis of such Affiliate's name. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Loan Party and the Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Administrative Agent shall not have any responsibility or obligation to determine whether any Lender or potential Lender is a Disqualified Lender and the Administrative Agent shall have no liability with respect to any assignment made to a Disqualified Lender.

"**Disqualified Stock**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which, by its terms, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is putable or exchangeable, or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, in whole or in part, in each case, prior to the date that is 91 days after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date hereunder; <u>provided</u> that if such Capital Stock is issued to any plan for the benefit of employees of Holdings or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by Holdings or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's termination, death, or disability.

"**Dollar Equivalent**" shall mean, at any time, (i) with respect to any amount denominated in Dollars, such amount, and (ii) with respect to any amount denominated in any currency other than Dollars, the equivalent amount thereof in Dollars, as determined by the Administrative Agent on the basis of the Spot Rate (determined on the most recent date of determination) for the purchase of Dollars with such currency.

"Dollars" and "\$" shall mean dollars in lawful currency of the United States.

"Domestic Subsidiary" shall mean each Subsidiary of Holdings that is organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia.

"Effective Yield" shall mean, as to any Indebtedness, the effective yield on such Indebtedness in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower and consistent with generally accepted financial practices, taking into account the applicable interest rate margins, any interest rate floors (the effect of which floors shall be determined in a manner set forth in the proviso below), or similar devices and all fees, including upfront or similar fees or original issue discount (amortized over the shorter of (i) the remaining weighted average life to maturity of such Indebtedness and (ii) the four years following the date of incurrence thereof) payable generally to Lenders or other institutions providing such Indebtedness, but excluding any arrangement, structuring, ticking, or other similar fees payable in connection therewith that are not generally shared with the relevant Lenders and, if applicable, consent fees for an amendment paid generally to consenting Lenders; provided that with respect to any Indebtedness that includes a "LIBOR floor," or "ABR floor," (a) to the extent that the LIBOR Rate (with an Interest Period of three months) or ABR (without giving effect to any floors in such definitions), as applicable, on the date that the Effective Yield is being calculated is less than such floor, the amount of such difference shall be deemed added to the interest rate margin for such Indebtedness for the purpose of calculating the Effective Yield and (b) to the extent that the LIBOR Rate (with an Interest Period of three months) or ABR (without giving effect to any floors in such definitions), as applicable, on the date that the Effective Yield is being calculated is greater than such floor, then the floor shall be disregarded in calculating the Effective Yield.

"Environmental Claims" shall mean any and all actions, suits, orders, decrees, demand letters, claims, notices of noncompliance or potential responsibility or violation, or proceedings pursuant to any Environmental Law or any permit issued, or any approval given, under any such Environmental Law (hereinafter, "Claims"), including, without limitation, (i) any and all Claims by governmental or regulatory authorities for enforcement, cleanup, removal, response, remedial, or other actions or damages pursuant to any Environmental Law and (ii) any and all Claims by any third party seeking damages, contribution, indemnification, cost recovery, compensation, or injunctive relief relating to the presence Release or threatened Release of Hazardous Materials or arising from alleged injury or threat of injury to health or safety (to the extent relating to human exposure to Hazardous Materials), or the environment including, without limitation, ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, soil, land surface and subsurface strata, and natural resources such as wetlands.

"Environmental Law" shall mean any applicable federal, state, foreign, or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, and rule of common law now or hereafter in effect and in each case as amended, and any binding judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any binding judicial or administrative order, consent decree, or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of the environment, including, without limitation, ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, soil, land surface and subsurface strata and natural resources such as flora, fauna, or wetlands, or protection of human health or safety (to the extent relating to human exposure to Hazardous Materials) and including those relating to the generation, storage, treatment, transport, Release, or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials.

"Equity Interest" shall mean Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to acquire Capital Stock, but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock.

"Equity Investments" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Equity Offering" shall mean any public or private sale of common stock or preferred stock of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (excluding Disqualified Stock), other than: (i) public offerings with respect to the Company or any of its direct or indirect parent company's (including Holdings') common stock registered on Form S-8, (ii) issuances to any Subsidiary of Holdings, (iii) any such public or private sale that constitutes an Excluded Contribution, (iv) any Cure Amount, and (v) any Rollover Equity Rollover Contribution.

"Equity Rollover Contribution" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Equity Rollover Interests" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"ERISA" shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliate" shall mean any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with any Credit Party, is treated as a single employer under 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" shall mean (i) the failure of any Plan to comply with any provisions of ERISA and/or the Code (and applicable regulations under either) or with the terms of such Plan; (ii) the existence with respect to any Plan of a non-exempt Prohibited Transaction; (iii) any Reportable Event; (iv) the failure of any Credit Party or ERISA Affiliate to make by its due date a required installment under Section 430(j) of the Code with respect to any Pension Plan or any failure by any Pension Plan to satisfy the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) applicable to such Pension Plan, whether or not waived; (v) a determination that any Pension Plan is in "at risk" status (within the meaning of Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); (vi) 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; (vii) the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or the incurrence by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Pension Plan, including but not limited to the imposition of any Lien in favor of the PBGC or any Pension Plan; (viii) the receipt by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice to terminate any Pension Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Pension Plan under Section 4042 of ERISA; (ix) the failure by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates to make any required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan; (x) the incurrence by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Pension Plan (or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA) or Multiemployer Plan; (xi) the receipt by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any notice concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, Insolvent or in Reorganization, in "endangered" or "critical" status (within the meaning of Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA), or terminated (within the meaning of Section 4041A of ERISA); or (xii) the failure by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates to pay when due (after expiration of any applicable grace period) any installment payment with respect to Withdrawal Liability under Section 4201 of ERISA.

"Event of Default" shall have the meaning provided in Section 11.

"Excess Cash Flow" shall mean, for any period, an amount equal to the excess of:

- (i) the sum, without duplication, of:
- (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period,

(b) an amount equal to the amount of all non-cash charges to the extent deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income and cash receipts to the extent excluded in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

(c) decreases in Consolidated Working Capital for such period (other than (1) reclassification of items from short-term to long-term or vice versa and (2) any such decreases arising from acquisitions or Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries completed during such period or the application of purchase accounting),

(d) an amount equal to the aggregate net non-cash loss on Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period (other than Asset Sales in the ordinary course of business) to the extent deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, and

(e) cash receipts in respect of Hedge Agreements during such period to the extent not otherwise included in Consolidated Net Income,

(f) increases in current and non-current deferred revenue to the extent deducted or not included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

over (ii) the sum, without duplication, of:

(a) an amount equal to the amount of all non-cash credits included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, cash charges to the extent excluded in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, and Transaction Expenses to the extent not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income and paid in cash during such period,

(b) without duplication of amounts deducted pursuant to <u>clause (k)</u> below in prior periods, the amount of Capital Expenditures or acquisitions of Intellectual Property accrued or made in cash during such period, except to the extent that such Capital Expenditures or acquisitions were financed with the proceeds of long-term Indebtedness of Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries (unless such Indebtedness has been repaid other than with the proceeds of long-term indebtedness) other than intercompany loans,

(c) the aggregate amount of all principal payments of Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (including (1) the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations, (2) the amount of any scheduled repayment of Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.5</u> or Second Lien Loans permitted hereunder, and (3) the amount of a mandatory prepayment of Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> to the extent required due to an Asset Sale that resulted in an increase to Consolidated Net Income and not in excess of the amount of such increase but excluding (A) all other prepayments of Term Loans and Second Lien Loans and (B) all prepayments of Revolving Loans (and any other revolving loans (unless there is an equivalent permanent reduction in commitments thereunder)) made during such period, except to the extent financed with the proceeds of other long-term Indebtedness of Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries,

(d) an amount equal to the aggregate net non-cash gain on Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period (other than Asset Sales in the ordinary course of business) to the extent included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

(e) increases in Consolidated Working Capital for such period (other than (1) reclassification of items from short-term to long-term or vice versa and (2) any such increases arising from acquisitions or Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries completed during such period or the application of purchase accounting),

(f) payments in cash by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period in respect of long-term liabilities of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries other than Indebtedness, to the extent not already deducted from Consolidated Net Income,

(g) without duplication of amounts deducted pursuant to <u>clause (k)</u> below in prior fiscal periods, the aggregate amount of cash consideration paid by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) in connection with Investments (including acquisitions (but excluding Permitted Investments of the type described in clauses (i) and (ii) thereof) made during such period constituting Permitted Investments or made pursuant to <u>Section</u> <u>10.5</u> to the extent that such Investments were not financed with the proceeds received from (1) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (2) the issuance of Capital Stock,

(h) the amount of dividends paid in cash during such period (on a consolidated basis) by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, to the extent such dividends were not financed with the proceeds received from (1) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (2) the issuance of Capital Stock,

(i) the aggregate amount of expenditures actually made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries in cash during such period (including expenditures for the payment of financing fees) to the extent that such expenditures are not expensed during such period and are not deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income,

(j) the aggregate amount of any premium, make-whole, or penalty payments actually paid in cash by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period that are made in connection with any prepayment of Indebtedness to the extent that such payments are not deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income,

(k) without duplication of amounts deducted from Excess Cash Flow in other periods, (1) the aggregate consideration required to be paid in cash by Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to binding contracts (the "**Contract Consideration**") entered into prior to or during such period and (2) any planned cash expenditures by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (the "**Planned Expenditures**"), in the case of each of clauses (1) and (2), relating to Permitted Acquisitions (or Investments similar to those made for Permitted Acquisitions), Capital Expenditures, or acquisitions of Intellectual Property to be consummated or made during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of Holdings following the end of such period (except to the extent financed with any of the proceeds received from (A) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (B) the issuance of Equity Interests); provided that to the extent that the aggregate amount of cash actually utilized to finance such Permitted Acquisitions (or Investments similar to those made for Permitted Acquisitions), Capital Expenditures, or acquisitions of Intellectual Property during such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters is less than the Contract Consideration and Planned Expenditures, the amount of such shortfall shall be added to the calculation of Excess Cash Flow, at the end of such period of four consecutive fiscal quarters,

(l) the amount of taxes (including penalties and interest) paid in cash or tax reserves set aside or payable (without duplication) in such period to the extent they exceed the amount of tax expense deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period,

(m) cash expenditures in respect of Hedge Agreements during such period to the extent not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, and

(n) decreases in current and non-current deferred revenue to the extent included or not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income.

"Excluded Contribution" shall mean net cash proceeds, the Fair Market Value of marketable securities, or the Fair Market Value of Qualified Proceeds received by Holdings from (i) contributions to its common equity capital, and (ii) the sale (other than to a Subsidiary of Holdings or to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement of Holdings) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock and Designated Preferred Stock) of Holdings, in each case designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an officer's certificate executed by either a senior vice president or the principal financial officer of the Borrower on the date such capital contributions are made or the date such Equity Interests are sold, as the case may be, which are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u>; provided that (i) any non-cash assets shall qualify only if acquired by a parent of Holdings in an arm's-length transaction within the six months prior to such contribution, (ii) no Cure Amount shall constitute an Excluded Contribution and (iii) the Equity Rollover Contribution shall not constitute an Excluded Contribution.

"Excluded Property" shall have the meaning set forth in the Security Agreement.

"Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents" shall mean (i) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents with respect to which, in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of pledging such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom, (ii) solely in the case of any pledge of Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Foreign Subsidiary or any CFC Holding Company, any Voting Stock or Stock Equivalents of any class of such Foreign Subsidiary or such CFC Holding Company in excess of 66% of the outstanding Voting Stock of such class, (iii) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents to the extent the pledge thereof would violate any applicable Requirement of Law (including any legally effective requirement to obtain the consent of any Governmental Authority unless such consent has been obtained), (iv) in the case of (A) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary to the extent such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents are subject to a Lien permitted by clause (ix) of the definition of Permitted Lien or (B) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary that is not Wholly-Owned by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at the time such Subsidiary becomes a Subsidiary, any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of each such Subsidiary described in <u>clause (A)</u> or (B) to the extent (I) that a pledge thereof to secure the Obligations is prohibited by any applicable Contractual Requirement (other than customary non-assignment provisions which are ineffective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law and other than proceeds thereof the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), (II) any Contractual Requirement prohibits such a pledge without the consent of any other party; provided that this clause (II) shall not apply if (x) such other party is a Credit Party or Wholly-Owned Subsidiary or (y) consent has been obtained to consummate such pledge (it being understood that the foregoing shall not be deemed to obligate Holdings or any Subsidiary to obtain any such consent) and for so long as such Contractual Requirement or replacement or renewal thereof is in effect, or (III) a pledge thereof to secure the Obligations would give any other party (other than a Credit Party or Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) to any contract, agreement, instrument, or indenture governing such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents the right to terminate its obligations thereunder (other than customary non-assignment provisions which are ineffective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law and other than proceeds thereof the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), (v) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary to the extent that the pledge of such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents would result in materially adverse tax consequences to Holdings or any Subsidiary as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, (vi) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents that are margin stock, and (vii) any Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary that is not a Material Subsidiary or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, a captive insurance Subsidiary, an SPV, any special purpose entity or a Managed Care Subsidiary.

"Excluded Subsidiary" shall mean (i) each Subsidiary, in each case, for so long as any such Subsidiary does not (on a consolidated basis with its Restricted Subsidiaries) constitute a Material Subsidiary. (ii) each Subsidiary that is not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary on any date such Subsidiary would otherwise be required to become a Guarantor pursuant to the requirements of Section 9.11 (for so long as such Subsidiary remains a non-Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary), (iii) any CFC Holding Company, (iv) any Domestic Subsidiary that is a Subsidiary of a Foreign Subsidiary that is a CFC, (v) any Foreign Subsidiary, (vi) each Subsidiary that is prohibited by any applicable Contractual Requirement or Requirement of Law from guaranteeing or granting Liens to secure the Obligations at the time such Subsidiary becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (and for so long as such restriction or any replacement or renewal thereof is in effect), (vii) each Subsidiary with respect to which, as reasonably determined by Holdings, the consequence of providing a Guarantee of the Obligations would adversely affect the ability of Holdings and its Subsidiaries to satisfy applicable Requirements of Law, (viii) any other Subsidiary with respect to which, (a) in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent and Borrower, as agreed in writing, the cost or other consequences of providing a Guarantee of the Obligations shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom or (b) providing such a Guarantee would result in material adverse tax consequences as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, (ix) each Unrestricted Subsidiary, (x) any Receivables Subsidiary, (xi) each other Subsidiary acquired pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder and financed with assumed secured Indebtedness permitted hereunder, and each Restricted Subsidiary acquired in such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder that guarantees such Indebtedness, in each case to the extent that, and for so long as, the documentation relating to such Indebtedness to which such Subsidiary is a party prohibits such Subsidiary from guaranteeing the Obligations and such prohibition was not created in contemplation of such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder, (xii) each SPV or not-for-profit Subsidiary and (xiii) any Managed Care Subsidiary.

"Excluded Swap Obligation" shall mean, with respect to any Credit Party, (a) any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the Obligations of such Credit Party of, or the grant by such Credit Party of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any Obligations thereof) is or becomes illegal or unlawful under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation, or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) or (b) any other Swap Obligation designated as an "Excluded Swap Obligation" of such Guarantor as specified in any agreement between the relevant Credit Parties and Hedge Bank applicable to such Swap Obligation. If a Swap Obligation arises under a master agreement governing more than one swap, such exclusion shall apply only to the portion of such Swap Obligation that is attributable to swaps for which such Obligation or security interest is or becomes illegal or unlawful.

"Excluded Taxes" shall mean, with respect to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document, (i) Taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income, net profits, or branch profits (however denominated, and including (for the avoidance of doubt) any backup withholding in respect thereof under Section 3406 of the Code or any similar provision of state, local, or foreign law), and franchise (and similar) Taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income Taxes), in each case by a jurisdiction (including any political subdivision thereof) as a result of such recipient being organized in, having its principal office in, or in the case of any Lender, having its applicable lending office in, such jurisdiction, or as a result of any other present or former connection with such jurisdiction (other than any such connection arising solely from this Agreement or any other Credit Documents or any transactions contemplated thereunder), (ii) any United States federal withholding Tax imposed on any payment by or on account of a Lender pursuant to laws in force at the time such Lender acquires an interest in any Credit Document (or designates a new lending office), other than in the case of a Lender that is an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under <u>Section 13.7</u> (or that designates a new lending office pursuant to a request by the Borrower), except to the extent that such Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, immediately prior to the designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Credit Parties with respect to such withholding Tax imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Class" shall mean any Existing Term Loan Class and any Existing Revolving Credit Class.

"Existing Debt Facility" shall mean the Credit Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2012, by and among the Company, the lenders party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.

"Existing Revolving Credit Class" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(ii).

"Existing Revolving Credit Commitment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(ii).

"Existing Revolving Credit Loans" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(g)(ii)</u>.

"Existing Term Loan Class" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(i).

"Expiring Credit Commitment" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.1(e)</u>.

"Extended Repayment Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(c).

"Extended Revolving Credit Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(ii).

"Extended Revolving Credit Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(ii).

"Extended Revolving Loan Maturity Date" shall mean the date on which any tranche of Extended Revolving Credit Loans matures.

"Extended Term Loan Repayment Amount" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(c).

"Extended Term Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(i).

"Extending Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iii).

"Extension Amendment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iv).

"Extension Date" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(g)(v)</u>.

"Extension Election" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iii).

"Extension Request" shall mean a Term Loan Extension Request.

"Extension Series" shall mean all Extended Term Loans and Extended Revolving Credit Commitments that are established pursuant to the same Extension Amendment (or any subsequent Extension Amendment to the extent such Extension Amendment expressly provides that the Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, provided for therein are intended to be a part of any previously established Extension Series) and that provide for the same interest margins, extension fees, and amortization schedule.

"Eye Care Club" shall mean the multi-year programs offered from locations operated by Holdings or its Subsidiaries pursuant to which a purchaser/customer obtains the right to obtain multiple eye examinations and discounts on eyewear during the program period.

"Fair Market Value" shall mean with respect to any asset or group of assets on any date of determination, the value of the consideration obtainable in a sale of such asset at such date of determination assuming a sale by a willing seller to a willing purchaser dealing at arm's length and arranged in an orderly manner over a reasonable period of time having regard to the nature and characteristics of such asset, as determined in good faith by the Borrower.

"FATCA" shall mean Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version described above), and any intergovernmental agreements (or related legislation or official administrative rules or practices) implementing the foregoing.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall mean, for any day, the weighted average of the per annum rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers on such day, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; provided that (i) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Effective 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 (ii) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day shall be the average rate charged to the Administrative Agent on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Fees" shall mean all amounts payable pursuant to, or referred to in, Section 4.1.

"**First Lien Intercreditor Agreement**" shall mean an Intercreditor Agreement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit H</u> (with such changes to such form as may be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) among the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, and the representatives for purposes thereof for holders of one or more classes of First Lien Obligations (other than the Obligations).

"First Lien Obligations" shall mean the Obligations and the Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations that are secured by the Collateral on an equal priority basis (but without regard to the control of remedies) with liens on the Collateral securing the Obligations.

"First Lien Secured Leverage Test" shall mean, as of any date of determination, with respect to the last day of the most recently ended Test Period, the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall be no greater than 4.75 to 1.00.

"FirstSight" shall mean FirstSight Vision Services, Inc., a California corporation.

"**Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio**" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated EBITDA for the Test Period then last ended to (ii) the Fixed Charges for such Test Period. In the event that Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary incurs, assumes, guarantees, redeems, retires, or extinguishes any Indebtedness or issues or redeems Disqualified Stock or preferred stock subsequent to the commencement of the Test Period but prior to or simultaneously with the date of determination, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving Pro Forma Effect to such incurrence, assumption, guarantee, redemption, retirement, or extinguishment of Indebtedness, or such issuance or redemption of Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (in each case, including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom), as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the Test Period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that Pro Forma Effect shall not give effect to any Indebtedness incurred on the date of such determination (except pursuant to the first paragraph of <u>Section 10.1</u> and <u>Section 10.1(n)</u>).

"Fixed Charges" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of:

(i) Consolidated Interest Expense of such Person for such period,



(ii) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of preferred stock (including any Designated Preferred Stock) or any Refunding Capital Stock of such Person made during such period, and

(iii) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Disqualified Stock made during such period.

"Foreign Benefit Arrangement" shall mean any employee benefit arrangement mandated by non-U.S. law that is maintained or contributed to by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Foreign Plan" shall mean each employee benefit plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA) that is not subject to U.S. law and is maintained or contributed to by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Foreign Plan Event" shall mean, with respect to any Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement, (i) the failure to make or, if applicable, accrue in accordance with normal accounting practices, any employee or employee contributions required by applicable law or by the terms of such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement; (ii) the failure to register or loss of good standing (if applicable) with applicable regulatory authorities of any such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement required to be registered; or (iii) the failure of any Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement to comply with any provisions of applicable law and regulations or with the terms of such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement.

"Foreign Subsidiary" shall mean each Subsidiary of Holdings that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"Fronting Exposure" shall mean, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (i) with respect to the Letter of Credit Issuer, such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof, and (ii) with respect to the Swingline Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Percentage of Swingline Loans other than Swingline Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Fronting Fee" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 4.1(d)</u>.

"Fund" shall mean any Person (other than a natural Person) that is engaged or advises funds or other investment vehicles that are engaged in making, purchasing, holding, or investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course.

"Funded Debt" shall mean all Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for borrowed money that matures more than one year from the date of its creation or matures within one year from such date that is renewable or extendable, at the option of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, to a date more than one year from the date of its creation or arises under a revolving credit or similar agreement that obligates the lender or lenders to extend credit during a period of more than one year from such date (including all amounts of such Funded Debt required to be paid or prepaid within one year from the date of its creation), and, in the case of the Credit Parties, Indebtedness in respect of the Loans and the Second Lien Loans.

"GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, as in effect from time to time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower requests an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the Closing Date in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision, regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then 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 notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith. Furthermore, at any time after the Closing Date, Holdings may elect to apply International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") accounting principles in lieu of GAAP and, upon any such election, references herein to GAAP and GAAP concepts shall thereafter be construed to refer to IFRS and corresponding IFRS concepts (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement); <u>provided</u> any such election, once made, shall be irrevocable; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any calculation or determination in this Agreement that requires the application of GAAP. The Borrower shall give written notice of any such election made in accordance with this definition to the Administrative Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, solely making an election (without any other action) referred to in this definition will not be treated as an incurrence of Indebtedness. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the amount of any Indebtedness under GAAP with respect to Capitalized Lease Obligations shall be determined in accordance with the definition of Capitalized Lease Obligations.

"Governmental Authority" shall mean any nation, sovereign, or government, any state, province, territory, or other political subdivision thereof, and any entity or authority exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory, or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, including a central bank or stock exchange.

## "Granting Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(g).

"Guarantee" shall mean (i) the Guarantee made by Holdings and each other Guarantor in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, and (ii) any other guarantee of the Obligations made by a Restricted Subsidiary in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"guarantee obligations" shall mean, as to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing or intended to guarantee any Indebtedness of any primary obligor in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such Indebtedness or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such Indebtedness or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities, or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such Indebtedness of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such Indebtedness, or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of such Indebtedness against loss in respect thereof; provided, however, that the term guarantee obligations shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business or customary and reasonable indemnity obligations or product warranties in effect on the Closing Date or entered into in connection with any acquisition or disposition of assets permitted under this Agreement (other than such obligations with respect to Indebtedness). The amount of any guarantee obligation shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the Indebtedness in respect of which such guarantee obligation is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof (assuming such Person is required to perform thereunder) as determined by such Person in good faith.

"Guarantors" shall mean (i) each Subsidiary of Holdings that is party to the Guarantee on the Closing Date, (ii) each Subsidiary of Holdings that becomes a party to the Guarantee after the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 9.11</u> or otherwise, and (iii) Holdings; provided that in no event shall any Excluded Subsidiary be required to be a Guarantor (unless such Subsidiary is no longer an Excluded Subsidiary).

"Hazardous Materials" shall mean (i) any petroleum or petroleum products, radioactive materials, friable asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, and radon gas; (ii) any chemicals, materials, or substances defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous waste," "hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous waste," "restricted hazardous waste," "toxic substances," "toxic pollutants," contaminants," or "pollutants," or words of similar import, under any Environmental Law; and (iii) any other chemical, material, or substance, which is prohibited, limited, or regulated due to its dangerous or deleterious properties or characteristics by, any Environmental Law.

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

"Hedge Bank" shall mean (i) (a) any Person that, at the time it enters into a Hedge Agreement, is a Lender, an Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Agent and (b) with respect to any Hedge Agreement entered into prior to the Closing Date, any Person that is a Lender or an Agent or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Agent on the Closing Date and (ii) any other Person that is designated by the Borrower as a "Hedge Bank" by written notice to the Administrative Agent substantially in the form of Exhibit M-1 or such other form reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Hedging Obligations" shall mean, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person under any Hedge Agreements.

"Historical Financial Statements" shall mean (i) the audited consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at December 31, 2011 and December 29, 2012, and the related audited consolidated statements of income and cash flow of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 29, 2012 and (ii) the unaudited interim consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarters ending March 30, 2013, June 29, 2013 and September 28, 2013 and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and cash flow of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarters ending March 30, 2013, June 29, 2013, June 29, 2013 and September 28, 2013.

"Holdings" shall mean (i) Holdings (as defined in the preamble to this Agreement) or (ii) after the Closing Date any other Person or Persons ("New Holdings") that is a Subsidiary of (or are Subsidiaries of) Holdings or of any Parent Entity of Holdings (or the previous New Holdings, as the case may be) but not the Company ("Previous Holdings"); <u>provided</u> that (a) such New Holdings directly owns (i) 100% of the Equity Interests of the Company and (ii) 100% of the Equity Interests of each other direct Subsidiary of Previous Holdings which were owned by Previous Holdings immediately prior thereto, (b) New Holdings shall expressly assume all the obligations of Previous Holdings under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents pursuant to a supplement hereto or thereto in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (c) if reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, an opinion of counsel shall be delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent to the effect that, without limitation, such substitution does not violate this Agreement or any other Credit Document, (d) all Capital Stock of the Company and each other direct Subsidiary of Previous Holdings and pledged to secure the Obligations, (f) (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such substitution and such substitution does not result in any Event of Default, (ii) such substitution does not result in any adverse tax consequences to any Credit Party and (iii) such substitution does not result in any adverse tax consequences to any Credit Party and (iii) such substitution does not result in any adverse tax consequences to any Lender (unless reimbursed hereunder), and (g) no Change of Control shall occur; <u>provided, further</u>, that if each of the foregoing is satisfied, Previous Holdings shall be automatically released of all its obligations under the Credit Documents and any reference to Holdings in the Credit Documents shall be meant to refer to New Holdings.

"IFRS" shall have the meaning given such term in the definition of GAAP.

"Impacted Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.10(a).

"Increased Amount Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"Incremental Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(c).

"Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"Incremental Revolving Credit Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"Incremental Revolving Credit Maturity Date" shall mean the date on which any tranche of Revolving Credit Loans made pursuant to the Lenders' Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments matures.

"Incremental Revolving Loan Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"incur" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.1.

"Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any Person, (i) any indebtedness (including principal and premium) of such Person, whether or not contingent (a) in respect of borrowed money, (b) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures, or similar instruments or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances (or, without double counting, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof), (c) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (including Capitalized Lease Obligations), or (d) representing any Hedging Obligations, if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a net liability upon a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP; provided that Indebtedness of any direct or indirect parent company appearing upon the balance sheet of Holdings solely by reason of push down accounting under GAAP shall be excluded, (ii) to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation by such Person to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, on the obligations of the type referred to in clause (i) of another Person (whether or not such items would appear upon the balance sheet of such obligor or guarantor), other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, and (iii) to the extent not otherwise included, the obligations of the type referred to in clause (i) of another Person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall be deemed not to include (1) Contingent Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (2) obligations under or in respect of Receivables Facilities, (3) prepaid or deferred revenue arising in the ordinary course of business, (4) purchase price holdbacks arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of a portion of the purchase price of an asset to satisfy warrants or other unperformed obligations of the seller of such asset, (5) any balance that constitutes a trade payable or similar obligation to a trade creditor, accrued in the ordinary course of business, or (6) any earn-out obligation until such obligation, within 60 days of becoming due and payable, has not been paid and such obligation is reflected as a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP. The amount of Indebtedness of any Person for purposes of clause (iii) above shall (unless such Indebtedness has been assumed by such Person) be deemed to be equal to the lesser of (x) the aggregate unpaid amount of such Indebtedness and (y) the Fair Market Value of the property encumbered thereby as determined by such Person in good faith.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries, shall exclude all intercompany Indebtedness having a term not exceeding 365 days (inclusive of any roll-over or extensions of terms) and made in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

"Indemnified Liabilities" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.5</u>.

"Indemnified Person" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.5</u>.

"Indemnified Taxes" shall mean all Taxes imposed on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document, other than Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes.

"Initial Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Initial Investors" shall mean Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., KKR North America Fund XI L.P., KKR North America Fund XI ESC L.P.,KKR North America Fund XI SBS L.P., KKR Partners III, L.P. KKR CIS Global Investor L.P., CPS Managers Fund L.P., KKR Principal Opportunities Partnership (Domestic) L.P., KKR Principal Opportunities Partnership (Domestic) L.P., Berkshire Fund VI, Limited Partnership, Berkshire Investors LLC and Berkshire Investors III LLC, and each of their respective Affiliates.

"Initial Term Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.1(a).

"**Initial Term Loan Commitment**" shall mean, in the case of each Lender that is a Lender on the Closing Date, the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u> as such Lender's Initial Term Loan Commitment. The aggregate amount of the Initial Term Loan Commitments as of the Closing Date is \$500,000,000.

"Initial Term Loan Lender" shall mean a Lender with an Initial Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Initial Term Loan.

"Initial Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean March 13, 2021 or, if such date is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day.

"Initial Term Loan Repayment Amount" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(b).

"Initial Term Loan Repayment Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(b).

"**Insolvent**" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Multiemployer Plan is insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Intellectual Property" shall mean U.S. and foreign intellectual property, including all (i) (a) patents, inventions, processes, developments, technology, and know-how; (b) copyrights and works of authorship in any media, including graphics, advertising materials, labels, package designs, and photographs; (c) trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, corporate names, domain names, logos, trade dress, and other source indicators, and the goodwill of any business symbolized thereby; and (d) trade secrets, confidential, proprietary, or non-public information and (ii) all registrations, issuances, applications, renewals, extensions, substitutions, continuations-in-part, divisions, re-issues, re-examinations, foreign counterparts, or similar legal protections related to the foregoing.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any Loan, the interest period applicable thereto, as determined pursuant to Section 2.9.

"**Investment**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of loans (including guarantees), advances, or capital contributions (excluding accounts receivable, trade credit, advances to customers, commission, travel, and similar advances to officers and employees, in each case made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests, or other securities issued by any other Person and investments that are required by GAAP to be classified on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes) of Holdings 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; <u>provided</u> that Investments shall not include, in the case of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries, intercompany loans, advances, or Indebtedness having a term not exceeding 364 days (inclusive of any roll-over or extensions of terms) and made in the ordinary course of business.

For purposes of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary and Section 10.5,

(i) Investments shall include the portion (proportionate to Holdings' equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of a Subsidiary of Holdings at the time that such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, Holdings shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent Investment in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (a) Holdings' Investment in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation *less* (b) the portion (proportionate to Holdings' equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; and

(ii) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be valued at its Fair Market Value at the time of such transfer.

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 of capital, repayment, or other amount received by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such Investment (provided that, with respect to amounts received other than in the form of Cash Equivalents, such amount shall be equal to the Fair Market Value of such consideration).

"**Investment Grade Rating**" shall mean a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or an equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency.

# "Investment Grade Securities" shall mean:

(i) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents),

(ii) debt securities or debt instruments with an Investment Grade Rating, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among Holdings and its Subsidiaries,

(iii) investments in any fund that invest at least 90% in investments of the type described in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> which fund may also hold immaterial amounts of cash pending investment or distribution, and

(iv) corresponding instruments in countries other than the United States customarily utilized for high-quality investments.

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

"Issuer Documents" shall mean with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Request, and any other document, agreement, and instrument entered into by the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Borrower (or any other Restricted Subsidiary or Holdings) or in favor of the Letter of Credit Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Joinder Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., Barclays Bank PLC and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.

"Judgment Currency" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.19.

"Junior Debt" shall mean any Indebtedness in respect of (i) the Second Lien Loans and (ii) Subordinated Indebtedness.

"KKR" shall mean each of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and KKR North America Fund XI L.P.

"Latest Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean, at any date of determination, the latest maturity or expiration date applicable to any Term Loan hereunder at such time, including the latest maturity or expiration date of any New Term Loan or any Extended Term Loan, in each case as extended in accordance with this Agreement from time to time.

"L/C Borrowing" shall mean an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Borrowing.

"L/C Facility Maturity Date" shall mean the date that is three Business Days prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date; provided that the L/C Facility Maturity Date may be extended beyond such date with the consent of the Letter of Credit Issuer.

"L/C Obligations" shall mean, as at any date of determination, the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit *plus* the aggregate of all Unpaid Drawings, including all L/C Borrowings. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the International Standby Practices (ISP98), such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time.

"L/C Participant" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.3(a).

"L/C Participation" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.3(a).

"LCA Election" shall have the meaning provided in Section 1.12(a).

"LCA Test Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 1.12(a).

"Lender" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Lender Default" shall mean (i) the refusal or failure of any Lender to make available its portion of any incurrence of Loans or Reimbursement Obligations, which refusal or failure is not cured within one business day after the date of such refusal or failure, unless such Lender notifies the Administrative Agent in writing that such refusal or failure is the result of such Lender's good faith determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in writing) has not been satisfied, (ii) the failure of any Lender to pay over to the Administrative Agent, any Swingline Lender, any Letter of Credit Issuer or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within one business day of the date when due, unless the subject of a good faith dispute, (iii) a Lender has notified, in writing, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or has made a public statement to that effect with respect to its funding obligations under this Agreement, the Second Lien Facility or a Lender has publicly announced that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations under other loan agreements, credit agreements or similar facilities generally, (iv) a Lender has failed to confirm in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent that it will comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or (v) a Distressed Person has admitted in writing that it is insolvent or such Distressed Person becomes subject to a Lender-Related Distress Event.

"Lender-Related Distress Event" shall mean, with respect to any Lender or any other Person that directly or indirectly controls such Lender (each, a "Distressed Person"), a voluntary or involuntary case with respect to such Distressed Person under any debt relief law, or a custodian, conservator, receiver, or similar official is appointed for such Distressed Person or any substantial part of such Distressed Person's assets, or such Distressed Person, or any Person that directly or indirectly controls such Distressed Person or is subject to a forced liquidation or such Distressed Person makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or is otherwise adjudicated as, or determined by any governmental authority having regulatory authority over such Distressed Person to be, insolvent or bankrupt; provided that a Lender-Related Distress Event shall not be deemed to have occurred solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interests in any Lender or any Person that directly controls such Lender by a governmental authority or an instrumentality thereof.

"Letter of Credit" shall mean each letter of credit issued pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Letter of Credit Commitment" shall mean \$20,000,000 (provided the Letter of Credit Commitment of Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. shall not exceed \$15,000,000 unless otherwise agreed to by Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A. in its sole discretion), as the same may be reduced from time to time pursuant to <u>Section</u> <u>3.1</u>.

"Letter of Credit Expiration Date" shall mean the day that is three Business Days prior to the scheduled Maturity Date then in effect for the Revolving Credit Facility.

"Letter of Credit Exposure" shall mean, with respect to any Lender, at any time, the sum of (i) the amount of the principal amount of any Unpaid Drawings in respect of which such Lender has made (or is required to have made) payments to the Letter of Credit Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 3.4(a)</u> at such time and (ii) such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the Letters of Credit Outstanding at such time (excluding the portion thereof consisting of Unpaid Drawings in respect of which the Lenders have made (or are required to have made) payments to the Letter of Credit Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 3.4(a)</u>).

## "Letter of Credit Fee" shall have the meaning provided in Section 4.1(b).

"Letter of Credit Issuer" shall mean (i) in the case of standby Letters of Credit only, Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A., (ii) any of its respective Affiliates or branches and (iii) any replacement, additional issuer, or successor pursuant to <u>Section 3.6</u>. In the event that there is more than one Letter of Credit Issuer at any time, references herein and in the other Credit Documents to the Letter of Credit Issuer shall be deemed to refer to the Letter of Credit Issuer in respect of the applicable Letter of Credit or to all Letter of Credit Issuers, as the context requires.

"Letter of Credit Request" shall mean a notice executed and delivered by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 3.2</u>, and substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit L</u> or another form which is acceptable to the Letter of Credit Issuer in its reasonable discretion.

"Letters of Credit Outstanding" shall mean, at any time the sum of, without duplication, (i) the aggregate Stated Amount of all outstanding Letters of Credit and (ii) the aggregate amount of the principal amount of all Unpaid Drawings.

"Level I Status" shall mean, on any date, the circumstance that Level II Status does not exist.

"Level II Status" shall mean, on any date, the circumstance that the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 as of such date.

"LIBOR" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of LIBOR Rate.

"LIBOR Loan" shall mean any Loan bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the LIBOR Rate.

#### "LIBOR Rate" shall mean,

(i) for any Interest Period with respect to a LIBOR Loan, the rate per annum equal to the offered rate administered by ICE Benchmark Administration ("LIBOR") or a comparable or successor rate, which rate is approved by the Administrative Agent, on the applicable Reuters screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations of LIBOR as designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the LIBOR Rate applicable to the Initial Term Loans at any time be less than 1.00% per annum, and

(ii) for any interest calculation with respect to an ABR Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to LIBOR, at or about 11:00 a.m., London time determined two Business Days prior to such date for Dollar deposits with a term of one month commencing that day; <u>provided</u> that to the extent a comparable or successor rate is approved by the Administrative Agent in connection herewith, the approved rate shall be applied in a manner consistent with market practice; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, such approved rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower.

"Lien" shall mean with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority, or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall an operating lease or a license to Intellectual Property be deemed to constitute a Lien.

"Limited Condition Acquisition" shall mean any acquisition by one or more of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries of any assets, business or Person permitted to be acquired by this Agreement, in each case whose consummation is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing.

"Loan" shall mean any Revolving Loan, Swingline Loan, Term Loan, Extended Term Loan, New Term Loan, or any other loan made by any Lender pursuant to this Agreement.

"Managed Care Subsidiary" shall mean FirstSight and any other Subsidiary of the Borrower (i) whose financial condition or activities are regulated under laws of any state in connection with the provision of health or vision care products or services (or related administrative services) and (ii) a pledge of the Capital Stock of whom, or whose guaranty of the Obligations or granting of a lien on its assets to secure the Obligations would violate any applicable law or regulation or require a consent of a Governmental Authority which has not been obtained.

"Mandatory Borrowing" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.1(d)</u>.

"Master Agreement" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term "Hedge Agreement."

"Material Adverse Effect" shall mean a circumstance or condition affecting the business, assets, operations, properties, or financial condition of Holdings and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that would, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect (i) the ability of Holdings and the other Credit Parties, taken as a whole, to perform their payment obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents or (ii) the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under the Credit Documents.

"**Material Subsidiary**" shall mean, at any date of determination, each Restricted Subsidiary (i) whose total assets at the last day of the Test Period ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal period for which Section 9.1 Financials have been delivered were equal to or greater than 5.0% of the Consolidated Total Assets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date or (ii) whose revenues during such Test Period were equal to or greater than 5.0% of the consolidated revenues of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP; <u>provided</u> that if, at any time and from time to time after the Closing Date, Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Material Subsidiaries (other than Subsidiaries that are Excluded Subsidiaries by virtue of any of clauses (ii) through (xii) of the definition of "Excluded Subsidiary") have, in the aggregate, (a) total assets at the last day of such Test Period equal to or greater than 7.5% of the Consolidated Total Assets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP, then Holdings shall, on the date on which financial statements for such quarter are delivered pursuant to this Agreement, designate in writing to the Administrative Agent one or more of such Restricted Subsidiaries as Material Subsidiaries for each fiscal period until this proviso is no longer applicable.

"Maturity Date" shall mean the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, the New Term Loan Maturity Date, the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the maturity date of an Extended Term Loan or the maturity date of an Extended Revolving Credit Loan, as applicable.

"Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" shall mean, at any date of determination, (i) the amount such that, after giving effect to the incurrence of such amount Holdings would be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis (including any adjustments required by such definition as a result of a contemplated Permitted Acquisition and, only in the case of a simultaneous incurrence of the maximum amount permitted to be incurred under this clause (i) on the date of such incurrence together with an incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below on such date, without giving pro forma effect to such simultaneous incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below) with the First Lien Secured Leverage Test (assuming that all Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 2.14(a) or Section 10.1(x) prior to or on such date of determination would be included in the definition of Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt, whether or not such Indebtedness would otherwise be so included and assuming the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments established at such time are fully drawn), *plus* (ii) the sum of (a) \$100,000,000 (less the Second Lien Base Incremental Amount) and (b) the aggregate amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans (including purchases of the Loans by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at or below par, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans below par) (and in the case of any Loans that are not Term Loans, a corresponding commitment reduction), in each case, other than from proceeds of the incurrence of Indebtedness, *minus* (iii) the sum of (a) the aggregate principal amount of New Loan Commitments incurred pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(a)</u> prior to such date and (b) the aggregate principal amount of New Loan Commitments incurred pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(x)(i)(a)</u> prior to such date.

"Merger" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Merger Sub" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Minimum Borrowing Amount" shall mean (i) with respect to a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans, \$1,000,000 (or, if less, the entire remaining applicable Commitments at the time of such Borrowing) and (ii) with respect to a Borrowing of ABR Loans, \$1,000,000 (or, if less, the entire remaining applicable Commitments at the time of such Borrowing).

"Minimum Collateral Amount" shall mean, at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or Cash Equivalents or deposit account balances provided to reduce or eliminate Fronting Exposure during the existence of a Defaulting Lender, an amount equal to 101% of the Fronting Exposure of the Letter of Credit Issuer with respect to Letters of Credit issued and outstanding at such time and (ii) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or Cash Equivalents or deposit account balances provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.8(a)(i), (a)(ii), or (a)(iii), an amount equal to 101% of the outstanding amount of all L/C Obligations.

"Minimum Equity Amount" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Minimum Tender Condition" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(b).

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor by merger or consolidation to its business.

"**Mortgage**" shall mean a mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, trust deed, or other security document entered into by the owner of a Mortgaged Property and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in respect of that Mortgaged Property to secure the Obligations, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent and the Borrower, together with such terms and provisions as may be required by local laws.

"**Mortgaged Property**" shall mean, initially, each parcel of real estate and the improvements thereto owned in fee by a Credit Party and identified on <u>Schedule 1.1(a)</u>, and each other parcel of real property and improvements thereto with respect to which a Mortgage is granted pursuant to <u>Section 9.14</u>.

"Multiemployer Plan" shall mean a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA to which any Credit Party or ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the five preceding calendar years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"**Net Cash Proceeds**" shall mean, with respect to any Prepayment Event and any incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness, (i) the gross cash proceeds (including payments from time to time in respect of installment obligations, if applicable, but only as and when received) received by or on behalf of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of such Prepayment Event or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness, as the case may be, less (ii) the sum of:

(a) the amount, if any, of all taxes (including in connection with any repatriation of funds) paid or estimated to be payable by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such Prepayment Event or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness,

(b) the amount of any reasonable reserve established in accordance with GAAP against any liabilities (other than any taxes deducted pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> above) (1) associated with the assets that are the subject of such Prepayment Event and (2) retained by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that the amount of any subsequent reduction of such reserve (other than in connection with a payment in respect of any such liability) shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of such a Prepayment Event occurring on the date of such reduction,

(c) the amount of any Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Permitted Other Indebtedness) secured by a Lien on the assets that are the subject of such Prepayment Event to the extent that the instrument creating or evidencing such Indebtedness requires that such Indebtedness be repaid upon consummation of such Prepayment Event,

(d) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event or Casualty Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, the amount of any proceeds of such Prepayment Event that Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary has reinvested (or intends to reinvest within the Reinvestment Period or has entered into a binding commitment prior to the last day of the Reinvestment Period to reinvest) in the business of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that any portion of such proceeds that has not been so reinvested within such Reinvestment Period (with respect to such Prepayment Event, the "**Deferred Net Cash Proceeds**") shall, unless Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a binding commitment prior to the last day of such Reinvestment Period to reinvest such proceeds no later than 180 days following the last day of such Reinvestment Period, (1) be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback occurring on the last day of such Reinvestment Period or, if later, 180 days after the date Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary has entered into such binding commitment, as applicable (such last day or 180th day, as applicable, the "**Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date**"), and (2) be applied to the repayment of Term Loans in accordance with <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (i),

(e) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback by a non-Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary, the pro rata portion of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof (calculated without regard to this <u>clause (e)</u>) attributable to minority interests and not available for distribution to or for the account of Holdings or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary as a result thereof,

(f) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, any funded escrow established pursuant to the documents evidencing any such sale or disposition to secure any indemnification obligations or adjustments to the purchase price associated with any such sale or disposition; provided that the amount of any subsequent reduction of such escrow (other than in connection with a payment in respect of any such liability) shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of such a Prepayment Event occurring on the date of such reduction solely to the extent that Holdings and/or any Restricted Subsidiaries receives cash in an amount equal to the amount of such reduction, and

(g) all fees and out of pocket expenses paid by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with any of the foregoing (for the avoidance of doubt, including, (1) in the case of the issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness, any fees, underwriting discounts, premiums, and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such issuance and (2) attorney's fees, investment banking fees, survey costs, title insurance premiums, and related search and recording charges, transfer taxes, deed or mortgage recording taxes, underwriting discounts and commissions, other customary expenses, and brokerage, consultant, accountant, and other customary fees),

in each case only to the extent not already deducted in arriving at the amount referred to in clause (i) above.

"Net Income" shall mean, with respect to any Person, the net income (loss) of such Person, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of preferred stock dividends.

"New Contracts" shall mean binding contracts or purchase orders (i) entered with new Counterparties or (ii) for new business with existing Counterparties, in each case, under which Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries have begun to provide goods or services, which are expected to increase the Consolidated Net Income of Holdings.

"New Loan Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"New Revolving Credit Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"New Revolving Credit Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"New Revolving Loan Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(b).

"New Revolving Loan Repayment Amount" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(c).

"New Revolving Loan Repayment Date" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.5(c)</u>.

"New Store Consolidated EBITDA Adjustment" shall mean, for any applicable Test Period, the excess (not to be less than zero) of (i) aggregate amount derived from the product of (a) the aggregate number of New Stores and (b) Average New Store Consolidated EBITDA during the previous Test Period over (ii) the actual Consolidated EBITDA generated by New Stores during the Test Period.

"New Stores" shall mean, with respect to any Test Period, the number of Stores opened within the last 24 months, measured from and including the last month in such Test Period.

"New Term Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(c).

"New Term Loan Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(a)</u>.

"New Term Loan Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(c).

"New Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean the date on which a New Term Loan matures.

"New Term Loan Repayment Amount" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(c).

"New Term Loan Repayment Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.5(c).

"Non-Bank Tax Certificate" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 5.4(e)(ii)(3)</u>.

"Non-Consenting Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.7(b).

"Non-Defaulting Lender" shall mean and include each Lender other than a Defaulting Lender.

"Non-Expiring Credit Commitment" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.1(e)</u>.

"Non-Extension Notice Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.2(d).

"Non-U.S. Lender" shall mean any Lender that is not a "United States person" as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"Notice of Borrowing" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.3(a).

"Notice of Conversion or Continuation" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.6(a)</u>.

"NVI" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"**Obligations**" shall mean all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants, and duties of, any Credit Party arising under any Credit Document or otherwise with respect to any Revolving Credit Commitment, Loan, or Letter of Credit or under any Secured Cash Management Agreement, Secured Hedge Agreement (other than with respect to any Credit Party's obligations that constitute Excluded Swap Obligations solely with respect to such Credit Party), in each case, entered into with Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Obligations of the Credit Parties under the Credit Documents (and any of their Subsidiaries to the extent they have obligations under the Credit Documents) include the obligation (including guarantee obligations) to pay principal, interest, charges, expenses, fees, attorney costs, indemnities, and other amounts payable by any Credit Party under any Credit Document.

"Original Revolving Credit Commitments" shall mean all Revolving Credit Commitments, Existing Revolving Credit Commitments, and Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, other than any New Revolving Credit Commitments (and any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments related thereto).

"Other Taxes" shall mean all present or future stamp, registration, court or documentary Taxes or any other excise, property, intangible, mortgage recording, filing or similar Taxes arising from any payment made hereunder or under any other Credit Document or from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Credit Document; <u>provided</u> that such term shall not include (i) any Taxes that result from an assignment, grant of a participation pursuant to <u>Section 13.6(c)</u> or transfer or assignment to or designation of a new lending office or other office for receiving payments under any Credit Document ("Assignment Taxes") to the extent such Assignment Taxes are imposed as a result of a connection between the assignor/participating Lender and/or the assignee/Participant and the taxing jurisdiction (other than a connection arising solely from any Credit Documents or any transactions contemplated thereunder), except to the extent that any such action described in this proviso is requested or required by the Borrower or Holdings or (ii) Excluded Taxes.

"**Overnight Rate**" shall mean, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate and (b) an overnight rate determined by the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer, or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

"Parent" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"**Parent Entity**" shall mean any Person that is a direct or indirect parent company (which may be organized as, among other things, a partnership) of Holdings and/or the Company, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that for purposes of <u>clauses (i)</u>, (<u>ii)</u> and (<u>iv</u>) of the definition of Change of Control, references to Holdings shall be deemed to refer to any such Parent Entity.

"Participant" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.6(c)(i)</u>.

"Participant Register" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(c)(ii).

"**Participating Member State**" shall mean any member state of the European Union that adopts or has adopted the Euro as its lawful currency in accordance with legislation of the European Union relating to economic and monetary union.

"Patriot Act" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.18.

"PBGC" shall mean the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

"**Pension Plan**" shall mean any employee benefit pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, but excluding any Multiemployer Plan) in respect of which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4062 or Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"**Permitted Acquisition**" shall have the meaning provided in <u>clause (iii)</u> of the definition of Permitted Investment.

"**Permitted Asset Swap**" shall mean the concurrent purchase and sale or exchange of Related Business Assets or a combination of Related Business Assets and cash or Cash Equivalents between Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary and another Person; <u>provided</u> that any cash or Cash Equivalents received must be applied in accordance with <u>Section 10.4</u>.

"Permitted Debt Exchange" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"Permitted Debt Exchange Notes" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"Permitted Debt Exchange Offer" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"**Permitted Holders**" shall mean each of (i) the Initial Investors and their respective Affiliates (other than any portfolio company of an Initial Investor) and members of management of Holdings or the Borrower (or their respective direct or indirect parent) who are holders of Equity Interests of Holdings (or its direct or indirect parent company) on the Closing Date and any group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) of which any of the foregoing are members; <u>provided</u> that, in the case of such group and without giving effect to the existence of such group or any other group, such Initial Investors, their respective Affiliates (other than any portfolio company of an Initial Investor) and members of management, collectively, have beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Holdings or any other direct or indirect parent company of Holdings formed not in connection with, or in contemplation of, a transaction (other than the Transactions) that, assuming such parent was not formed, after giving effect thereto would constitute a Change of Control.

"**Permitted Investments**" shall mean:

- (i) any Investment in Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (ii) any Investment in cash, Cash Equivalents, or Investment Grade Securities at the time such Investment is made;

(iii) (a) any transactions or Investments otherwise made in connection with the Transactions and in accordance with the Acquisition Agreement and (b) any Investment by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in a Person that is engaged in a Similar Business if as a result of such Investment (a "**Permitted Acquisition**"), (1) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (2) such Person, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, is merged, consolidated, or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary, and, in each case, any Investment held by such Person; <u>provided</u> that such Investment was not acquired by such Person in contemplation of such acquisition, merger, consolidation, or transfer;

(iv) any Investment in securities or other assets not constituting cash, Cash Equivalents, or Investment Grade Securities and received in connection with an Asset Sale made pursuant to <u>Section 10.4</u> or any other disposition of assets not constituting an Asset Sale;

(v) (a) any Investment existing or contemplated on the Closing Date and, in each case, listed on <u>Schedule 10.5</u> and (b) Investments consisting of any modification, replacement, renewal, reinvestment, or extension of any such Investment; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any such Investment is not increased from the amount of such Investment on the Closing Date except pursuant to the terms of such Investment (including in respect of any unused commitment), *plus* any accrued but unpaid interest (including any portion thereof which is payable in kind in accordance with the terms of such modified, extended, renewed, or replaced Investment) and premium payable by the terms of such Indebtedness thereon and fees and expenses associated therewith as of the Closing Date;

(vi) any Investment acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (a) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by Holdings or any such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization, or recapitalization of Holdings of such other Investment or accounts receivable or (b) as a result of a foreclosure by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default;

(vii) Hedging Obligations permitted under <u>clause (j)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u> and Cash Management Services;

(viii) any Investment in a Similar Business having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause (viii)</u> that are at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of (a) \$40,000,000 and (b) 40.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Investment pursuant to this <u>clause</u> (<u>viii</u>) is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this <u>clause (viii)</u> for so long as such Person continues to be a Restricted Subsidiary;

(ix) Investments the payment for which consists of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (exclusive of Disqualified Stock); provided that such Equity Interests will not increase the amount available for Restricted Payments under <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u>;

(x) guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 10.1</u>;

(xi) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted and made in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 9.9</u> (except transactions described in clauses (b) of such paragraph);

(xii) Investments consisting of purchases and acquisitions of inventory, supplies, material, equipment, or other similar assets in the ordinary course of business;

(xiii) additional Investments having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause</u> (<u>xiii</u>) that are at that time outstanding (without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash or marketable securities), not to exceed the greater of (a) \$35,000,000 and (b) 35.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Investment pursuant to this <u>clause (xiii</u>) is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this <u>clause (xiii</u>) for so long as such Person continues to be a Restricted Subsidiary;

(xiv) Investments relating to any Receivables Subsidiary that, in the good faith determination of the board of directors of Holdings, are necessary or advisable to effect a Receivables Facility or any repurchases in connection therewith;

(xv) advances to, or guarantees of Indebtedness of, employees not in excess of the greater of (a) \$10,000,000 and (b) 5.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment;

(xvi) (a) loans and advances to officers, directors, managers, and employees for business-related travel expenses, moving expenses, and other similar expenses, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practices or to fund such Person's purchase of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company thereof and (b) promissory notes received from stockholders of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any Subsidiary in connection with the exercise of stock options in respect of the Equity Interests of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings and the Subsidiaries;

(xvii) Investments consisting of extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business;

(xviii) Investments in the ordinary course of business consisting of Uniform Commercial Code Article 3 endorsements for collection or deposit and Uniform Commercial Code Article 4 customary trade arrangements with customers consistent with past practices;

(xix) non-cash Investments in connection with tax planning and reorganization activities; <u>provided</u> that after giving effect to any such activities, the security interests of the Lenders in the Collateral, taken as a whole, would not be materially impaired;

(xx) Investments made in the ordinary course of business in connection with obtaining, maintaining or renewing client, franchisee and customer contracts and loans or advances made to, and guarantees with respect to obligations of, independent eye care professionals (or to professional corporations owned by such professionals), franchisees, distributors, suppliers, licensors and licensees in the ordinary course of business;

(xxi) the licensing and contribution of Intellectual Property pursuant to joint marketing arrangements with other Persons, in the ordinary course of business; and

(xxii) to the extent constituting Investments, transactions pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements.

#### "Permitted Liens" shall mean, with respect to any Person:

(i) pledges or deposits by such Person under workmen's compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws, or similar legislation, or good faith deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness), or leases to which such Person is a party, or deposits to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or U.S. government bonds to secure surety or appeal bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for the payment of rent or deposits made to secure obligations arising from contractual or warranty refunds, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(ii) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, repairmen's, and mechanics' Liens, in each case for sums not yet overdue for a period of more than 60 days or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or other Liens arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP;

(iii) Liens for taxes, assessments, or other governmental charges not yet overdue for a period of more than 60 days or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP or are not required to be paid pursuant to <u>Section 8.11</u>, or for property taxes on property Holdings or one of its Subsidiaries has determined to abandon if the sole recourse for such tax, assessment, charge, levy, or claim is to such property;

(iv) Liens in favor of issuers of performance, surety, bid, indemnity, warranty, release, appeal, or similar bonds or with respect to other regulatory requirements or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances issued, and completion guarantees provided for, in each case pursuant to the request of and for the account of such Person in the ordinary course of its business;

(v) minor survey exceptions, minor encumbrances, ground leases, easements, or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-ofway, servitudes, sewers, electric lines, drains, telegraph and telephone and cable television lines, gas and oil pipelines, and other similar purposes, or zoning, building codes, or other restrictions (including, without limitation, minor defects or irregularities in title and similar encumbrances) as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental, to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not incurred in connection with Indebtedness and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;

Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be outstanding pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u>, (b) (so long as such Liens are subject to the Second Lien (vi) Intercreditor Agreement), (d), (l)(ii), (r), (w), (x) or (y) of Section 10.1; provided that, (a) in the case of clause (d) of Section 10.1, such Lien may not extend to any property or equipment (or assets affixed or appurtenant thereto) other than the property or equipment being financed or refinanced under such clause (d) of Section 10.1, replacements of such property, equipment or assets, and additions and accessions and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender; (b) in the case of <u>clause (r)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u>, such Lien may not extend to any assets other than the assets owned by the Restricted Subsidiaries incurring such Indebtedness; (c) in the case of Liens securing Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations that constitute First Lien Obligations pursuant to this <u>clause (vi)</u>, the applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties (or a representative thereof on behalf of such holders) shall enter into security documents with terms and conditions not materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, than the terms and conditions of the Security Documents and (1) in the case of the first such issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness constituting First Lien Obligations, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have entered into the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and (2) in the case of subsequent issuances of Permitted Other Indebtedness constituting First Lien Obligations, the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have become a party to the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof; and (d) in the case of Liens securing Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations that do not constitute First Lien Obligations pursuant to this clause (vi), the applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties (or a representative thereof on behalf of such holders) shall enter into security documents with terms and conditions not materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, than the terms and conditions of the Security Documents and shall (x) in the case of the first such issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness that do not constitute First Lien Obligations, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the representative of the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have entered into the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement and (y) in the case of subsequent issuances of Permitted Other Indebtedness that do not constitute First Lien Obligations, the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness shall have become a party to the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof; without any further consent of the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Secured Parties the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement contemplated by this <u>clause (vi)</u>;

(vii) subject to <u>Section 9.14</u>, other than with respect to Mortgaged Property, Liens existing on the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that any Lien securing Indebtedness or other obligations in excess of (a) \$5,000,000 individually or (b) \$10,000,000 in the aggregate (when taken together with all other Liens securing obligations outstanding in reliance on this <u>clause (b)</u> that are not listed on <u>Schedule 10.2</u>) shall only be permitted if set forth on <u>Schedule 10.2</u>, and, in each case, any modifications, replacements, renewals, or extensions thereof;

(viii) Liens on property or shares of stock of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that such Liens may not extend to any other property owned by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than, with respect to such Person, any replacements of such property or assets and additions and accessions thereto, after-acquired property subject to a Lien securing Indebtedness and other obligations incurred prior to such time and which Indebtedness and other obligations are permitted hereunder that require, pursuant to their terms at such time, a pledge of after-acquired property of such Person, and the proceeds and the products thereof and customary security deposits in respect thereof and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender, it being understood that such requirement shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition);

(ix) Liens on property at the time Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary acquired the property, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition, merger, consolidation, or designation; provided, further, however, that such Liens may not extend to any other property owned by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than, with respect to such property, any replacements of such property or assets and additions and accessions thereto, after-acquired property subject to a Lien securing Indebtedness and other obligations incurred prior to such time and which Indebtedness and other obligations are permitted hereunder that require, pursuant to their terms at such time, a pledge of after-acquired property, and the proceeds and the products thereof and customary security deposits in respect thereof and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender, it being understood that such requirement shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition);

(x) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary permitted to be incurred in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u>;

(xi) Liens securing Hedging Obligations and Cash Management Services so long as the related Indebtedness is, and is permitted hereunder to be, secured by a Lien on the same property securing such Hedging Obligations and Cash Management Services;

(xii) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment, or storage of such inventory or other goods;

(xiii) leases, subleases, licenses, or sublicenses (including of Intellectual Property) granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary and do not secure any Indebtedness;

(xiv) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding operating leases or consignments entered into by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(xv) Liens in favor of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Guarantor;

(xvi) Liens on equipment of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary granted in the ordinary course of business to Holdings' or such Restricted Subsidiary's client at which such equipment is located;

(xvii) Liens on accounts receivable and related assets incurred in connection with a Receivables Facility;

(xviii) Liens to secure any refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal, or replacement (or successive refinancing, refunding, extensions, renewals, or replacements) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Lien referred to in <u>clauses (vi)</u>, (<u>vii)</u>, (<u>viii)</u>, (<u>ix</u>), (<u>x</u>), and (<u>xv</u>) of this definition of Permitted Liens; <u>provided</u> that (a) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property that secured the original Lien (plus improvements on such property), and (b) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (1) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness described under <u>clauses (vi)</u>, (<u>vii)</u>, (<u>vii)</u>, (<u>x</u>), and (<u>xv</u>) at the time the original Lien became a Permitted Lien under this Agreement, and (2) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums and accrued and unpaid interest, related to such refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal, or replacement;

(xix) deposits made or other security provided to secure liabilities to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements in the ordinary course of business;

(xx) other Liens securing obligations which do not exceed the greater of (a) \$40,000,000 and (b) 40.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of the incurrence of such Lien;

(xxi) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 11.5 or Section 11.10;

(xxii) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with the importation of goods in the ordinary course of business;

(xxiii) Liens (a) of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code or any comparable or successor provision on items in the course of collection, (b) attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodity brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business, and (c) in favor of banking or other financial institutions or other electronic payment service providers arising as a matter of law encumbering deposits (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking or finance industry;

(xxiv) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under <u>Section 10.1</u>; <u>provided</u> that such Liens do not extend to any assets other than those that are the subject of such repurchase agreement;

(xxv) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(xxvi) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (a) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (b) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, or (c) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xxvii) Liens (a) solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted under this Agreement or (b) consisting of an agreement to dispose of any property pursuant to a disposition permitted hereunder;

(xxviii) rights reserved or vested in any Person by the terms of any lease, license, franchise, grant, or permit held by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or by a statutory provision, to terminate any such lease, license, franchise, grant, or permit, or to require annual or periodic payments as a condition to the continuance thereof;

(xxix) restrictive covenants affecting the use to which real property may be put; provided that the covenants are complied with;

(xxx) security given to a public utility or any municipality or governmental authority when required by such utility or authority in connection with the operations of that Person in the ordinary course of business;

(xxxi) zoning by-laws and other land use restrictions, including, without limitation, site plan agreements, development agreements, and contract zoning agreements;

(xxxii) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment, or similar arrangements for sale of goods entered into by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(xxxiii) Liens arising under the Security Documents;

(xxxiv) Liens on goods purchased in the ordinary course of business the purchase price of which is financed by a documentary letter of credit issued for the account of Holdings, the Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries;

(xxxv) (a) Liens on Equity Interests in joint ventures; <u>provided</u> that any such Lien is in favor of a creditor of such joint venture and such creditor is not an Affiliate of any partner to such joint venture and (b) purchase options, call, and similar rights of, and restrictions for the benefit of, a third party with respect to Equity Interests held by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in joint ventures;

(xxxvi) Liens on cash and Cash Equivalents that are earmarked to be used to satisfy or discharge Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> (a) such cash and/or Cash Equivalents are deposited into an account from which payment is to be made, directly or indirectly, to the Person or Persons holding the Indebtedness that is to be satisfied or discharged, (b) such Liens extend solely to the account in which such cash and/or Cash Equivalents are deposited and are solely in favor of the Person or Persons holding the Indebtedness (or any agent or trustee for such Person or Persons) that is to be satisfied or discharged, and (c) the satisfaction or discharge of such Indebtedness is expressly permitted hereunder;

(xxxvii) with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary, other Liens and privileges arising mandatorily by any Requirement of Law;

(xxxviii) Liens on the assets of a Managed Care Subsidiary pursuant to applicable rules, or regulations of, or undertakings made to, any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction and authority over such Managed Care Subsidiary; and

(xxix) Liens arising pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements.

For purposes of this definition, the term Indebtedness shall be deemed to include interest on such Indebtedness.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness" shall mean subordinated or senior Indebtedness (which Indebtedness may (i) be unsecured, (ii) have the same lien priority as the First Lien Obligations (without regard to control of remedies); provided such Permitted Other Indebtedness is in the form of secured first lien notes, or (iii) be secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the First Lien Obligations), in each case issued or incurred by the Borrower or other Guarantor, (a) the terms of which do not provide for any scheduled repayment, mandatory repayment, or redemption or sinking fund obligations prior to, at the time of incurrence, the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date (other than, in each case, customary offers or obligations to repurchase upon a change of control, asset sale, or casualty or condemnation event, AHYDO payments and customary acceleration rights after an event of default), (b) the covenants, taken as a whole, are not more restrictive to the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries than those herein (taken as a whole) (except for covenants applicable only to periods after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date at the time of such refinancing) (it being understood that, (1) to the extent that any financial maintenance covenant is added for the benefit of any such Indebtedness, no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if such financial maintenance covenant is also added for the benefit of any corresponding Loans remaining outstanding after the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness or (2) no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if any covenants are only applicable after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date at the time of such refinancing); provided that a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Borrower delivered to the Administrative Agent at least five Business Days (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree) prior to the incurrence of such Indebtedness, together with a reasonably detailed description of the material terms and conditions of such Indebtedness or drafts of the documentation relating thereto, stating that the Borrower has determined in good faith that such terms and conditions satisfy the foregoing requirement shall be conclusive evidence that such terms and conditions satisfy the foregoing requirement unless the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower within two Business Days after receipt of such certificate that it disagrees with such determination (including a reasonable description of the basis upon which it disagrees), (c) of which no Subsidiary of Holdings (other than the Borrower or a Guarantor) is an obligor, and (d) that, if secured, is not secured by a lien any assets other than the Collateral.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents" shall mean any document or instrument (including any guarantee, security agreement, or mortgage and which may include any or all of the Credit Documents) issued or executed and delivered with respect to any Permitted Other Indebtedness by any Credit Party.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations" shall mean, if any Permitted Other Indebtedness is issued or incurred, all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants, and duties of, any Credit Party arising under any Permitted Other Indebtedness Document, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising, and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents (and any of their Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent they have obligations under the Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents) include the obligation (including guarantee obligations) to pay principal, interest, charges, expenses, fees, attorney costs, indemnities, and other amounts payable by any such Credit Party under any Permitted Other Indebtedness Document.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties" shall mean the holders from time to time of secured Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations (and any representative on their behalf).

"Permitted Other Provision" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(i).

"**Permitted Sale Leaseback**" shall mean any Sale Leaseback consummated by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that any such Sale Leaseback not between Holdings and a Restricted Subsidiary is consummated for fair value as determined at the time of consummation in good faith by (i) Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) in the case of any Sale Leaseback (or series of related Sales Leasebacks) the aggregate proceeds of which exceed the greater of (a) \$40,000,000 and (b) 35.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of the incurrence of such Sale Leaseback, the board of directors (or analogous governing body) of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary (which such determination may take into account any retained interest or other Investment of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, and any other material economic terms of, such Sale Leaseback).

"**Permitted Second Lien Exchange Notes**" shall mean "Permitted Debt Exchange Notes" as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement that are not prohibited by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

"**Person**" shall mean any individual, partnership, joint venture, firm, corporation, limited liability company, association, trust, or other enterprise or any Governmental Authority.

"**Plan**" shall mean, other than any Multiemployer Plan, any employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), including any employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), and any plan which is both an employee welfare benefit plan and an employee pension benefit plan, and in respect of which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such Plan were terminated, would under Section 4062 or Section 4069 of ERISA be reasonably likely to be deemed to be) an "employee" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Platform" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.17(a).

"**Pledge Agreement**" shall mean the Pledge Agreement, entered into by the Credit Parties party thereto and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

"**Post-Acquisition Period**" shall mean, with respect to any Permitted Acquisition, the period beginning on the date such Permitted Acquisition is consummated and ending on the last day of the eighth full consecutive fiscal quarter immediately following the date on which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated.

"**Prepayment Event**" shall mean any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or any Permitted Sale Leaseback.

"primary obligor" shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Contingent Obligations.

"Prime Rate" shall mean the "prime rate" referred to in the definition of ABR.

"**Pro Forma Adjustment**" shall mean, for any Test Period that includes all or any part of a fiscal quarter included in any Post-Acquisition Period, with respect to the Acquired EBITDA of the applicable Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary or the Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings, the pro forma increase or decrease in such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, projected by Holdings in good faith as a result of (i) actions taken during such Post-Acquisition Period for the purposes of realizing reasonably identifiable and factually supportable cost savings or (ii) any additional costs incurred during such Post-Acquisition Period, in each case in connection with the combination of the operations of such Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary with the operations of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that (a) at the election of Holdings, such Pro Forma Adjustment shall not be required to be determined for any Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary to the extent the aggregate consideration paid in connection with such acquisition was less than \$10,000,000 and (b) so long as such actions are taken during such Post-Acquisition Period, as applicable, it may be assumed, for purposes of projecting such pro forma increase or decrease to such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, shall be realizable during the entirety of such Test Period, or the applicable amount of such acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, shall be without duplication for cost savings or additional costs already included in such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, shall be without duplication for cost savings or additional costs already included in such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, for such Test Period.

"**Pro Forma Basis**," "**Pro Forma Compliance**," and "**Pro Forma Effect**" shall mean, with respect to compliance with any test, financial ratio, or covenant hereunder, that (i) to the extent applicable, the Pro Forma Adjustment shall have been made and (ii) all Specified Transactions and the following transactions in connection therewith shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement in such test or covenant: (a) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property or Person subject to such Specified Transaction, (1) in the case of a sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all Capital Stock in any Subsidiary of Holdings or any division, product line, or facility used for operations of Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, shall be excluded, and (2) in the case of a Permitted Acquisition or Investment described in the definition of Specified Transaction, shall be included, (b) any retirement of Indebtedness, and (c) any incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection therewith (it being agreed that if such Indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, such Indebtedness shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate that is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination); provided that, without limiting the application of the Pro Forma Adjustment pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> above, the foregoing pro forma adjustments may be applied to any such test or covenant solely to the extent that such adjustments are consistent with the definition of Consolidated EBITDA and give effect to operating expense reductions that are (x)(1) directly attributable to such transaction, (2) expected to have a continuing impact on Holdings, the Borrower or any of the other Restricted Subsidiaries, and (3) factually supportable or (y) otherwise consistent with the

"Pro Forma Entity" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Acquired EBITDA.

"**Pro Forma Financial Statements**" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 6.12</u>.

"Prohibited Transaction" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975(c) of the Code.

"Public Company Costs" shall mean costs relating to compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as applicable to companies with equity or debt securities held by the public, the rules of national securities exchange companies with listed equity or debt securities, directors' or managers' compensation, fees and expense reimbursement, costs relating to investor relations, shareholder meetings and reports to shareholders or debtholders, directors' and officers' insurance and other executive costs, legal and other professional fees, and listing fees.

"Qualified Proceeds" shall mean assets that are used or useful in, or Capital Stock of any Person engaged in, a Similar Business.

"Qualified Stock" of any Person shall mean Capital Stock of such Person other than Disqualified Stock of such Person.

"Qualifying IPO" shall mean the issuance by Holdings or any Parent Entity of its common Equity Interests in an underwritten primary public offering (other than a public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8) pursuant to an effective registration statement filed with the SEC in accordance with the Securities Act (whether alone or in connection with a secondary public offering) or in a firm commitment underwritten offering (or series of related offerings of securities to the public pursuant to a final prospectus) made pursuant to the Securities Act.

"Real Estate" shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.1(f).

"Receivables Facility" shall mean any of one or more receivables financing facilities (and any guarantee of such financing facility), as amended, supplemented, modified, extended, renewed, restated, or refunded from time to time, the obligations of which are non-recourse (except for customary representations, warranties, covenants, and indemnities made in connection with such facilities) to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) pursuant to which Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary sells, directly or indirectly, grants a security interest in or otherwise transfers its accounts receivable to either (i) a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) a Receivables Subsidiary that in turn funds such purchase by purporting to sell its accounts receivable to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or by borrowing from such a Person or from another Receivables Subsidiary that in turn funds itself by borrowing from such a Person.

"Receivables Fee" shall mean distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any accounts receivable or participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, any Receivables Facility.

"**Receivables Subsidiary**" shall mean any Subsidiary formed for the purpose of facilitating or entering into one or more Receivables Facilities, and in each case engages only in activities reasonably related or incidental thereto or another Person formed for the purposes of engaging in a Receivables Facility in which Holdings or any Subsidiary makes an Investment and to which Holdings or any Subsidiary transfers accounts receivables and related assets.

"Refinanced Term Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.1.

"Refinancing Indebtedness" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 10.1(m)</u>.

"Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.1(x).

"Refunding Capital Stock" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(b)(2).

"Register" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(b)(iv).

"**Regulation T**" shall mean Regulation T of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"**Regulation U**" shall mean Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"**Regulation X**" shall mean Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"Reimbursement Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.4(a).

"Reimbursement Obligations" shall mean the Borrower's obligations to reimburse Unpaid Drawings pursuant to Section 3.4(a).

"Reinvestment Period" shall mean 450 days following the date of receipt of Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback.

"Rejection Notice" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(f).

"**Related Business Assets**" shall mean assets (other than cash or Cash Equivalents) used or useful in a Similar Business; <u>provided</u> that any assets received by Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries in exchange for assets transferred by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary shall not be deemed to be Related Business Assets if they consist of securities of a Person, unless upon receipt of the securities of such Person, such Person would become a Restricted Subsidiary.

"**Related Fund**" shall mean, with respect to any Lender that is a Fund, any other Fund that is advised or managed by (a) such Lender, (b) an Affiliate of such Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of such entity that administers, advises or manages such Lender.

"**Related Parties**" shall mean, with respect to any specified Person, such Person's Affiliates and the directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, and advisors of such Person and any Person that possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise.

"**Release**" shall mean any release, spill, emission, discharge, disposal, escaping, leaking, pumping, pouring, dumping, emptying, injection, or leaching into the environment.

## "Removal Effective Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 12.9(b).

"**Reorganization**" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such plan is in reorganization within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

"**Repayment Amount**" shall mean the Initial Term Loan Repayment Amount, a New Term Loan Repayment Amount with respect to any Series, or an Extended Term Loan Repayment Amount with respect to any Extension Series, as applicable.

"Replacement Term Loan Commitment" means the commitments of the Lenders to make Replacement Term Loans.

"Replacement Term Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.1.

"**Reportable Event**" shall mean any "reportable event", as defined in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder, with respect to a Pension Plan (other than a Pension Plan maintained by an ERISA Affiliate that is considered an ERISA Affiliate only pursuant to subsection (m) or (o) of Section 414 of the Code), other than those events as to which notice is waived pursuant to DOL Reg. § 4043.

"**Repricing Transaction**" shall mean (i) the incurrence by the Borrower of any Indebtedness in the form of a similar term loan that is broadly marketed or syndicated to banks and other institutional investors (a) having an Effective Yield for the respective Type of such Indebtedness that is less than the Effective Yield for the Initial Term Loans of the respective equivalent Type, but excluding Indebtedness incurred in connection with a Qualifying IPO, Change of Control or Transformative Acquisition, and (b) the proceeds of which are used to prepay (or, in the case of a conversion, deemed to prepay or replace), in whole or in part, outstanding principal of Initial Term Loans or (ii) any effective reduction in the Effective Yield for the Initial Term Loans (e.g., by way of amendment, waiver or otherwise), except for a reduction in connection with a Qualifying IPO, Change of Control or Transformative Agent with respect to whether a Repricing Transaction shall have occurred shall be conclusive and binding on all Lenders holding the Initial Term Loans.

"**Required Initial Term Loan Lenders**" shall mean, at any date, Non-Defaulting Lenders having or holding a majority of the sum of (i) the Adjusted Total Initial Term Loan Commitment at such date and (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Initial Term Loans (excluding Initial Term Loans held by Defaulting Lenders) at such date.

"**Required Lenders**" shall mean, at any date, (i) Non-Defaulting Lenders having or holding a majority of the sum of (a) the Adjusted Total Revolving Credit Commitment at such date, (b) the Adjusted Total Term Loan Commitment at such date, and (c) the outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans (excluding Term Loans held by Defaulting Lenders) at such date or (ii) if the Total Revolving Credit Commitment and the Total Term Loan Commitment have been terminated or for the purposes of acceleration pursuant to <u>Section 11</u>, Non-Defaulting Lenders having or holding a majority of the outstanding principal amount of the Loans and Letter of Credit Exposure (excluding the Loans and Letter of Credit Exposure of Defaulting Lenders) in the aggregate at such date.

"**Required Revolving Credit Lenders**" shall mean, at any date, Non-Defaulting Lenders holding a majority of the Adjusted Total Revolving Credit Commitment at such date (or, if the Total Revolving Credit Commitment has been terminated at such time, a majority of the Revolving Credit Exposure (excluding Revolving Credit Exposure of Defaulting Lenders) at such time).

"**Required Term Loan Lenders**" shall mean, at any date, Non-Defaulting Lenders having or holding a majority of the sum of (i) the Adjusted Total Term Loan Commitment at such date and (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans (excluding Term Loans held by Defaulting Lenders) at such date.

"**Requirement of Law**" shall mean, as to any Person, the certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule, or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or assets or to which such Person or any of its property or assets is subject.

"Resignation Effective Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 12.9(a).

"Restricted Investment" shall mean an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"Restricted Payment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(a).

"Restricted Subsidiary" shall mean any Subsidiary of Holdings other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Retained Declined Proceeds" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(f).

"Retired Capital Stock" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(b)(2).

"**Revolving Credit Commitment**" shall mean, as to each Revolving Credit Lender, its obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.1(b)</u>, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth, and opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u> under the caption Revolving Credit Commitment or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement (including <u>Section 2.14</u>). The aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments of all Revolving Credit Lenders shall be \$75,000,000 on the Closing Date (the "**Initial Revolving Credit Commitments**"), as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

"**Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage**" shall mean at any time, for each Lender, the percentage obtained by dividing (i) such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment at such time; <u>provided</u> that at any time when the Total Revolving Credit Commitment shall have been terminated, each Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage shall be the percentage obtained by dividing (a) such Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure at such time by (b) the Revolving Credit Exposure of all Lenders at such time.

"**Revolving Credit Exposure**" shall mean, with respect to any Lender at any time, the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans of such Lender then outstanding, (ii) such Lender's Letter of Credit Exposure at such time, and (iii) such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of all outstanding Swingline Loans at such time.

"Revolving Credit Facility" shall mean, at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Commitments at such time.

"**Revolving Credit Lender**" shall mean, at any time, any Lender that has a Revolving Credit Commitment or Extended Revolving Credit Commitment at such time.

"Revolving Credit Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.1(b).

"Revolving Credit Maturity Date" shall mean March 13, 2019, or, if such date is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day.

"**Revolving Credit Termination Date**" shall mean the date on which the Revolving Credit Commitments shall have terminated, no Revolving Credit Loans or Swingline Loans shall be outstanding and the Letters of Credit Outstanding shall have been reduced to zero or Cash Collateralized.

"**Revolving Loan**" shall mean, collectively or individually as the context may require, any (i) Revolving Credit Loan, (ii) Extended Revolving Credit Loan, (iii) Incremental Revolving Credit Loan, and (iv) Additional Revolving Credit Loan, in each case made pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

"S&P" shall mean Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or any successor by merger or consolidation to its business.

"Sale Leaseback" shall mean any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of any real or tangible personal property, which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person in contemplation of such leasing.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto.

"Second Lien Administrative Agent" shall have the meaning assigned to the term "Administrative Agent" in the Second Lien Credit Agreement.

"Second Lien Base Incremental Amount", as of any date, shall mean the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of New Loans and New Loan Commitments (in each case, as defined in the Second Lien Credit Agreement) (including any unused commitments obtained) incurred in reliance on clause (ii)(a) of the definition of "Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" in the Second Lien Credit Agreement and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred (including any unused commitment obtained) pursuant to Section 10.1(x)(i)(a) incurred in reliance on clause (ii)(a) of the definition of "Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" in the Second Lien Credit Agreement on or prior to such date.

"Second Lien Credit Agreement" shall mean the Credit Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Holdings, the Borrower, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto, and the Second Lien Administrative Agent.

"Second Lien Credit Documents" shall mean the Second Lien Credit Agreement and each other document executed in connection therewith or pursuant thereto.

"Second Lien Facility" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals of this Agreement.

"Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement" shall mean a First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit I</u> (with such changes to such form as may be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) among the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Second Lien Administrative Agent, and the representatives for purposes thereof for any other Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties that are holders of Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations having a Lien on the Collateral ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations.

"Second Lien Loans" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Loans" in the Second Lien Credit Agreement and any modification, replacement, refinancing, refunding, renewal, or extension thereof.

"Secondary Merger" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.

"Section 2.14 Additional Amendment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iv).

"Section 9.1 Financials" shall mean the financial statements delivered, or required to be delivered, pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> together with the accompanying officer's certificate delivered, or required to be delivered, pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(d)</u>.

"Secured Cash Management Agreement" shall mean any Cash Management Agreement that is entered into by and between Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries and any Cash Management Bank, which is specified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent as constituting a Secured Cash Management Agreement hereunder.

"Secured Cash Management Obligations" shall mean Obligations under Secured Cash Management Agreements.

"Secured Hedge Agreement" shall mean any Hedge Agreement that is entered into by and between the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and any Hedge Bank, which is specified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent as constituting a "Secured Hedge Agreement" hereunder. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the Borrower may deliver one notice designating all Hedge Agreements entered into pursuant to a specified Master Agreement as "Secured Hedge Agreements".

"Secured Hedge Obligations" shall mean Obligations under Secured Hedge Agreements.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer, and each Lender, in each case with respect to the Credit Facilities, each Hedge Bank that is party to any Secured Hedge Agreement with the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary, each Cash Management Bank that is party to a Secured Cash Management Agreement with the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary and each sub-agent pursuant to <u>Section 12</u> appointed by the Administrative Agent with respect to matters relating to the Credit Facilities or the Collateral Agent with respect to matters relating to any Security Document.

"Security Agreement" shall mean the Security Agreement entered into by the Borrower, the other grantors party thereto, and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit D</u>.

"Security Documents" shall mean, collectively, the Pledge Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Mortgages, if executed, the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, and each other security agreement or other instrument or document executed and delivered pursuant to Sections 9.11, 9.12, or 9.14 or pursuant to any other such Security Documents to secure the Obligations or to govern the lien priorities of the holders of Liens on the Collateral.

"Series" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(a)</u>.

"Significant Subsidiary" shall mean, at any date of determination, (a) any Restricted Subsidiary whose gross revenues (when combined with the gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) for the Test Period most recently ended on or prior to such date were equal to or greater than 10% of the consolidated gross revenues of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined in accordance with GAAP or (b) each other Restricted Subsidiary that, when such Restricted Subsidiary's total gross revenues (when combined with the total gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) are aggregated with each other Restricted Subsidiary (when combined with the total gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) that is the subject of an Event of Default described in Section 11.5 would constitute a "Significant Subsidiary" under clause (a) above.

"Similar Business" shall mean any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on the Closing Date or any business that is similar, reasonably related, synergistic, incidental, or ancillary thereto.

"Sold Entity or Business" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Solvent" shall mean, after giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions, (i) the sum of the liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, does not exceed the present fair saleable value of the present assets of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis; (ii) the fair value of the property of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, is greater than the total amount of liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis; (iii) the capital of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, is not unreasonably small in relation to their business as contemplated on the date hereof; and (iv) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, have not incurred and do not intend to incur, or believe that they will incur, debts including current obligations beyond their ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise).

# "Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(ii).

"Specified Representations" shall mean the representations and warranties with respect to the Borrower set forth in <u>Sections 8.1(a)</u>, 8.2 (as related to the borrowing under, guaranteeing under, granting of security interests in the Collateral to, and performance of, the Credit Documents), <u>8.3(c)</u> (as related to the borrowing under, guaranteeing under, granting of security interests in the Collateral to, and performance of, the Credit Documents), <u>8.5</u>, <u>8.7</u>, <u>8.17</u>, <u>8.18</u>, and in Section 3.2(a) and (b) of the Security Agreement and Section 4(d) of the Pledge Agreement, except with respect to items referred to on <u>Schedules 9.14</u>, of this Agreement.

"Specified Transaction" shall mean, with respect to any period, any Investment (including a Permitted Acquisition), any asset sale, incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness, Restricted Payment, Subsidiary designation, New Term Loan, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment, or other event or action that in each case by the terms of this Agreement requires Pro Forma Compliance with a test or covenant hereunder or requires such test or covenant to be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis.

"Sponsor" shall mean any of KKR and its Affiliates but excluding portfolio companies of any of the foregoing.

"Sponsor Management Agreement" shall mean the management agreement between certain of the management companies associated with the Initial Investors and Holdings dated as of March 13, 2014.

"Sponsor Model" shall mean the Sponsor's financial model dated February 25, 2014 used in connection with the syndication of the Facilities.

"**Spot Rate**" for any currency shall mean the rate determined by the Administrative Agent to be the rate quoted by the Administrative Agent as the spot rate for the purchase by the Administrative Agent of such currency with another currency through its principal foreign exchange trading office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on the date two Business Days prior to the date as of which the foreign exchange computation is made; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may obtain such spot rate from another financial institution designated by the Administrative Agent if it does not have as of the date of determination a spot buying rate for any such currency.

"SPV" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.6(g)</u>.

"Stated Amount" of any Letter of Credit shall mean the maximum amount from time to time available to be drawn thereunder, determined without regard to whether any conditions to drawing could then be met; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that with respect to any Letter of Credit that by its terms or the terms of any Issuer Document provides for one or more automatic increases in the stated amount thereof, the Stated Amount 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.

"Status" shall mean the existence of Level I Status or Level II Status, as the case may be, on such date. Changes in Status resulting from changes in the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall become effective as of the first day following each date that (i) Section 9.1 Financials for the first full fiscal quarter ended after the Closing Date are delivered to the Administrative Agent under <u>Section 9.1</u> and (ii) an officer's certificate is delivered by Holdings or the Borrower to the Administrative Agent setting forth, with respect to such Section 9.1 Financials, the then-applicable Status, and shall remain in effect until the next change to be effected pursuant to this definition; <u>provided</u> that each determination of the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio pursuant to this definition shall be made as of the end of the Test Period ending at the end of the fiscal period covered by the relevant Section 9.1 Financials.

"Stock Equivalents" shall mean all securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to purchase or subscribe for any Capital Stock, whether or not presently convertible, exchangeable, or exercisable.

"Stores" shall mean any retail store (which may include any real property, fixtures, equipment, inventory and other property related thereto) operated, or to be operated, by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" shall mean Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Guarantor that is by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the obligations of Holdings, the Borrower, or such Guarantor, as applicable, under this Agreement or the Guarantee, as applicable.

"Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean and include (i) any corporation more than 50% of whose Capital Stock of any class or classes having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the directors of such corporation (irrespective of whether or not at the time Capital Stock of any class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time owned by such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries, or (ii) any limited liability company, partnership, association, joint venture, or other entity of which such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries has more than a 50% equity interest at the time. Unless otherwise expressly provided, all references herein to a Subsidiary shall mean a Subsidiary of Holdings.

"Successor Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.3(a).

"Surviving Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Swap Obligation" shall mean, with respect to any Credit Party, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract, or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of section 1(a)(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Swingline Commitment" shall mean \$20,000,000. The Swingline Commitment is part of and not in addition to the Revolving Credit Commitment.

"Swingline Exposure" shall mean at any time the aggregate principal amount at such time of all outstanding Swingline Loans. The Swingline Exposure of any Revolving Credit Lender at any time shall equal its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the aggregate Swingline Exposure at such time.

"Swingline Lender" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, in its capacity as lender of Swingline Loans hereunder or any replacement or successor thereto.

"Swingline Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.1(c).

"Swingline Maturity Date" shall mean, with respect to any Swingline Loan, the date that is five Business Days prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

"**Taxes**" shall mean any and all present or future taxes, duties, levies, imposts, assessments, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), fees, or other similar charges imposed by any Governmental Authority and any interest, fines, penalties, or additions to tax with respect to the foregoing.

"**Term Loan Commitment**" shall mean, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's Initial Term Loan Commitment, and, if applicable, New Term Loan Commitment with respect to any Series and Replacement Term Loan Commitment with respect to any Series.

"Term Loan Extension Request" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14 (g)(i).

"Term Loan Lender" shall mean, at any time, any Lender that has a Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Term Loan.

"Term Loans" shall mean the Initial Term Loans, any New Term Loans, any Replacement Term Loans, and any Extended Term Loans, collectively.

"Terminated Contracts" shall mean binding contracts with Counterparties that have terminated (whether on or before their stated expiration).

"**Test Period**" shall mean, for any determination under this Agreement, the four consecutive fiscal quarters of Holdings then last ended and for which Section 9.1 Financials shall have been delivered (or were required to be delivered) to the Administrative Agent (or, before the first delivery of Section 9.1 Financials, the most recent period of four fiscal quarters at the end of which financial statements are available).

"Title Policy" shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.14(d)(ii).

"**Total Credit Exposure**" shall mean, at any date, the sum, without duplication, of (i) the Total Revolving Credit Commitment at such date (or, if the Total Revolving Credit Commitment shall have terminated on such date, the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of all Lenders at such date), (ii) the Total Term Loan Commitment at such date, and (iii) without duplication of <u>clause (ii)</u>, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Term Loans at such date.

"Total Initial Term Loan Commitment" shall mean the sum of the Initial Term Loan Commitments of all Lenders.

"Total Revolving Credit Commitment" shall mean the sum of the Revolving Credit Commitments of all the Lenders.

"Total Term Loan Commitment" shall mean the sum of the Initial Term Loan Commitments, and the New Term Loan Commitments, if applicable, of all the Lenders.

"**Transaction Expenses**" shall mean any fees, costs, or expenses incurred or paid by Holdings, the Borrower, or any of their respective Affiliates in connection with the Transactions, this Agreement, and the other Credit Documents, and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

"**Transactions**" shall mean, collectively, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the Second Lien Credit Agreement, the Acquisition, the contribution of the Equity Rollover Interests, the Equity Rollover Contribution, the Secondary Merger and the Equity Investments, any repayment, repurchase, prepayment, or defeasance of Indebtedness of Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith, the consummation of any other transactions in connection with the foregoing (including in connection with the Acquisition Agreement and the payment of the fees and expenses incurred in connection with any of the foregoing (including the Transaction Expenses)).

## "Transferee" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.6(e)</u>.

"**Transformative Acquisition**" shall mean any acquisition by Holdings, the Borrower or any other Restricted Subsidiary that (i) is not permitted by the terms of the Credit Documents immediately prior to the consummation of such acquisition or (ii) if permitted by the terms of the Credit Documents immediately prior to the consummation of such acquisition, would not provide Holdings, the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries with adequate flexibility under the Credit Documents for the continuation and/or expansion of their combined operations following such consummation, as determined by the Borrower acting in good faith.

"Trigger Date" shall mean the day following the date on which Section 9.1 Financials are delivered to the Administrative Agent for the fiscal quarter ending on June 28, 2014.

"**Type**" shall mean (i) as to any Term Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan or a LIBOR Loan and (ii) as to any Revolving Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan or a LIBOR Revolving Credit Loan.

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

"Unpaid Drawing" shall have the meaning provided in Section 3.4(a).

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" shall mean (i) any Subsidiary of Holdings which at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary (as designated by the board of directors of Holdings, as provided below) and (ii) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The board of directors of Holdings may designate any Subsidiary of Holdings (including any existing Subsidiary and any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary) other than the Company or a Subsidiary of Holdings that is a direct or indirect parent of the Company to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Equity Interests or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on, any property of, Holdings or any Subsidiary of Holdings (other than any Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated or an Unrestricted Subsidiary); provided that:

(a) such designation complies with <u>Section 10.5</u>; and

(b) each of (1) the Subsidiary to be so designated and (2) its Subsidiaries has not at the time of designation, and does not thereafter, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee, or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender has recourse to any of the assets of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary.

The board of directors of Holdings may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that, immediately after giving effect to such designation no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either: (i) Holdings could incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of <u>Section 10.1</u> or (ii) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be greater than such ratio for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such designation, in each case on a Pro Forma Basis taking into account such designation.

Any such designation by the board of directors of Holdings shall be notified by Holdings to the Administrative Agent by promptly delivering to the Administrative Agent a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

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

"U.S. Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.4(e)(ii)(A).

"Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person as of any date, the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Wal-Mart Agreements" shall mean (i) the Management & Services Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Wal-Mart"), its U.S. operating subsidiaries, including Sam's West, Inc., and the Borrower, (ii) the Lease of Premises and License of Equipment, dated May 2, 2009, by and among Wal-Mart, its affiliates and subsidiaries and FirstSight, as amended by the First Amendment to FirstSight Lease, dated as of March 31, 2012, (iii) the Management and Services Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2012, by and between Wal-Mart, but excluding its United States operating subsidiaries Sam's West, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Sam's East Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with Sam's West, Inc., "Sam's") and Arlington Contact Lens Services, Inc., an Ohio corporation ("AC Lens"), (iv) the Management and Services Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among Wal-Mart, its affiliates and subsidiaries and the Borrower and (vi) the Supplier Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among the Borrower and Wal-Mart, in each case, as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, otherwise modified or replaced from time to time.

"Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person, 100% of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean a Subsidiary of such Person, 100% of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Withdrawal Liability" shall mean liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Title IV of ERISA.

"Withholding Agent" shall mean any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent and, in the case of any U.S. federal withholding Tax, any other applicable withholding agent.

1.2 <u>Other Interpretive Provisions</u>. With reference to this Agreement and each other Credit Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Credit Document:

(a) The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.

(b) The words "herein", "hereof", and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in any Credit Document shall refer to such Credit Document as a whole and not to any particular provision thereof.

(c) Section, Exhibit, and Schedule references are to the Credit Document in which such reference appears.

(d) The term "including" is by way of example and not limitation.

(e) The term "documents" includes any and all instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, notices, reports, financial statements and other writings, however evidenced, whether in physical or electronic form.

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

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

(h) The words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(i) All references to "knowledge" or "awareness" of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof means the actual knowledge of an Authorized Officer of such Credit Party or such Restricted Subsidiary.

# 1.3 <u>Accounting Terms</u>.

(a) Except as expressly provided herein, all accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP, applied in a consistent manner.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of determining compliance with any test or covenant contained in this Agreement with respect to any period during which any Specified Transaction occurs, the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, and the First Lien Secured Leverage Test shall each be calculated with respect to such period and such Specified Transaction on a Pro Forma Basis.

(c) Where reference is made to "Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis" or similar language, such consolidation shall not include any Subsidiaries of Holdings other than Restricted Subsidiaries.

1.4 <u>Rounding</u>. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by Holdings pursuant to this Agreement (or required to be satisfied in order for a specific action to be permitted under this Agreement) shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number.

1.5 <u>References to Agreements Laws, Etc.</u> Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) references to organizational documents, agreements (including the Credit Documents), and other Contractual Requirements shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments, restatements, amendment, and restatements, extensions, supplements, modifications, replacements, refinancings, renewals, or increases, but only to the extent that such amendments, restatements, amendment, and restatements, extensions, supplements, modifications, replacements, refinancings, renewals, or increases are permitted by any Credit Document; and (b) references to any Requirement of Law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting such Requirement of Law.

1.6 Exchange Rates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any determination under Section 9, Section 10 or Section 11 or any determination under any other provision of this Agreement expressly requiring the use of a current exchange rate, all amounts incurred, outstanding, or proposed to be incurred or outstanding in currencies other than Dollars shall be translated into Dollars at the Spot Rate; provided, however, that for purposes of determining compliance with Section 10 with respect to the amount of any Indebtedness, Restricted Investment, Lien, Asset Sale, or Restricted Payment in a currency other than Dollars, no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of changes in rates of exchange occurring after the time such Indebtedness, Lien or Restricted Investment is incurred or Asset Sale or Restricted Payment made; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing provisions of this Section 1.6 shall otherwise apply to such Sections, including with respect to determining whether any Indebtedness, Lien, or Investment may be incurred or Asset Sale or Restricted Payment made at any time under such Sections. For purposes of any determination of Consolidated Total Debt or Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt, amounts in currencies other than Dollars shall be translated into Dollars at the currency exchange rates used in preparing the most recently delivered Section 9.1 Financials.

1.7 <u>Rates</u>. The Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept responsibility, nor shall the Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to the administration, submission, or any other matter related to the rates in the definition of LIBOR Rate or with respect to any comparable or successor rate thereto.

1.8 <u>Times of Day</u>. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.9 <u>Timing of Payment or Performance</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, when the payment of any obligation or the performance of any covenant, duty, or obligation is stated to be due or performance required on (or before) a day which is not a Business Day, the date of such payment (other than as described in the definition of Interest Period) or performance shall extend to the immediately succeeding Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

1.10 <u>Certifications</u>. All certifications to be made hereunder by an officer or representative of a Credit Party shall be made by such a Person in his or her capacity solely as an officer or a representative of such Credit Party, on such Credit Party's behalf and not in such Person's individual capacity.

1.11 <u>Compliance with Certain Sections</u>. In the event that any Lien, Investment, Indebtedness (whether at the time of incurrence or upon application of all or a portion of the proceeds thereof), disposition, Restricted Payment, Affiliate transaction, Contractual Requirement, or prepayment of Indebtedness meets the criteria of one or more than one of the categories of transactions then permitted pursuant to any clause or subsection of <u>Section 9.9</u> or any clause or subsection of <u>Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5</u> or <u>10.6</u> then, such transaction (or portion thereof) at any time shall be allocated to one or more of such clauses or subsections within the relevant sections as determined by the Borrower in its sole discretion at such time.

# 1.12 Pro Forma and Other Calculations.

(a) For purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations, and disposed operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP) that have been made by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during the Test Period or subsequent to such Test Period and on or prior to or simultaneously with the date of determination shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis assuming that all such Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations, and disposed operations (and the change in any associated fixed charge obligations and the change in Consolidated EBITDA resulting therefrom) had occurred on the first day of the Test Period. If since the beginning of such period any Person (that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) shall have made any Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation, or disposed operation that would have required adjustment pursuant to this definition, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving Pro Forma Effect thereto for such Test Period as if such Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation, or disposed operation had occurred at the beginning of the Test Period.

(b) Whenever Pro Forma Effect is to be given to a transaction, the pro forma calculations shall be made in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Borrower (and may include, for the avoidance of doubt and without duplication, cost savings, and operating expense reductions resulting from such Investment, acquisition, merger, or consolidation which is being given Pro Forma Effect that have been or are expected to be realized; provided that such costs savings and operating expense reductions are made in compliance with the definition of Pro Forma Adjustment). If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given Pro Forma Effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account for such entire period, any Hedging Obligation applicable to such Indebtedness with a remaining term of 12 months or longer, and in the case of any Hedging Obligation applicable to such Indebtedness with a remaining term of less than 12 months, taking into account such Hedging Obligation to the extent of its remaining term). Interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by a responsible financial or accounting officer of Holdings to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP. For purposes of making the computation referred to above, interest on any Indebtedness under a revolving credit facility computed on a Pro Forma Basis shall be computed based upon the average daily balance of such Indebtedness during the applicable period (or, if lower, the greater of (i) maximum commitments under such revolving credit facilities as of the date of determination and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under such a revolving credit facilities on such date). Interest on Indebtedness that may optionally be determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Borrower may designate.

In connection with any action being taken solely in connection with a Limited Condition Acquisition, for purposes of:

(i) determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement which requires the calculation of the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio or the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio; or

(ii) testing availability under baskets set forth in this agreement (including baskets measured as a percentage of Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets);

in each case, at the option of the Borrower (the Borrower's election to exercise such option in connection with any Limited Condition Acquisition, an "LCA Election"), the date of determination of whether any such action is permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be the date the definitive agreements for such Limited Condition Acquisition are entered into (the "LCA Test Date"), and if, after giving Pro Forma Effect to the Limited Condition Acquisition and the other transactions to be entered into in connection therewith (including any incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) as if they had occurred at the beginning of the most recent Test Period ending prior to the LCA Test Date, the Borrower could have taken such action on the relevant LCA Test Date in compliance with such ratio or basket, such ratio or basket shall be deemed to have been complied with. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Borrower has made an LCA Election and any of the ratios or baskets for which compliance was determined or tested as of the LCA Test Date are exceeded as a result of fluctuations in any such ratio or basket, including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets of the Borrower or the Person subject to such Limited Condition Acquisition, at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such baskets or ratios will not be deemed to have been exceeded as a result of such fluctuations. If the Borrower has made an LCA Election for any Limited Condition Acquisition, then in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio or basket availability with respect to the incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens, or the making of Restricted Payments, mergers, the conveyance, lease or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower, the prepayment, redemption, purchase, defeasance or other satisfaction of Indebtedness, or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary on or following the relevant LCA Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Acquisition is consummated or the date that the definitive agreement for such Limited Condition Acquisition is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Acquisition, any such ratio or basket shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis assuming such Limited Condition Acquisition and other transactions in connection therewith (including any incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) have been consummated.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 1.12 or in any classification under GAAP of any Person, business, assets or operations in respect of which a definitive agreement for the disposition thereof has been entered into as discontinued operations, no Pro Forma Effect shall be given to any discontinued operations (and the EBITDA attributable to any such Person, business, assets or operations shall not be excluded for any purposes hereunder) until such disposition shall have been consummated.

(d) Any determination of Consolidated Total Assets shall be made by reference to the last day of the Test Period most recently ended on or prior to the relevant date of determination.

#### Section 2. <u>Amount and Terms of Credit</u>.

#### 2.1 <u>Commitments</u>.

(a) Subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, each Lender having an Initial Term Loan Commitment severally agrees to make a loan or loans (each, an "**Initial Term Loan**") to Merger Sub on the Closing Date, which Initial Term Loans shall not exceed for any such Lender the Initial Term Loan Commitment of such Lender and in the aggregate shall not exceed \$500,000,000. Such Term Loans (i) may at the option of the Borrower be incurred and maintained as, and/or converted into, ABR Loans or LIBOR Loans; <u>provided</u> that all Term Loans made by each of the Lenders pursuant to the same Borrowing shall, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, consist entirely of Term Loans of the same Type, (ii) may be repaid or prepaid (without premium or penalty other than as set forth in Section 5.1(b)) in accordance with the provisions hereof, but once repaid or prepaid, may not be reborrowed, (iii) shall not exceed for any such Lender the Initial Term Loan Commitment of such Lender, and (iv) shall not exceed in the aggregate the Total Initial Term Loan Commitments. On the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, all then unpaid Initial Term Loans shall be repaid in full in Dollars.

(b) Subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth each Revolving Credit Lender severally agrees to make Revolving Credit Loans denominated in Dollars to the Borrower from its applicable lending office (each, a "**Revolving Credit Loan**") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment, provided that any of the foregoing such Revolving Credit Loans (A) shall be made at any time and from time to time on and after the Closing Date and prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, (B) may, at the option of the Borrower be incurred and maintained as, and/or converted into, ABR Loans or LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans; provided that all Revolving Credit Loans made by each of the Lenders pursuant to the same Borrowing shall, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, consist entirely of Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type, (C) may be repaid (without premium or penalty) and reborrowed in accordance with the provisions hereof, (D) shall not, for any Lender at any time, after giving effect thereto and to the application of the proceeds thereof, result in such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Exposure in respect of any Class of Revolving Loans at such time exceeding such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Exposures at such time exceeding the Total Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect or the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures of any Class of Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures of any Class of Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect or the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures of any Class of Revolving Loans at such time exceeding the Total Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect or the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures of any Class of Revolving Loans at such time exceeding the aggregate Revolving Credit Commitment with respect

(c) Subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, the Swingline Lender in its individual capacity agrees, at any time and from time to time on and after the Closing Date and prior to the Swingline Maturity Date, to make a loan or loans (each, a "Swingline Loan" and, collectively the "Swingline Loans") to the Borrower, which Swingline Loans (i) shall be ABR Loans, (ii) shall have the benefit of the provisions of Section 2.1(d), (iii) shall not exceed at any time outstanding the Swingline Commitment, (iv) shall not, after giving effect thereto and to the application of the proceeds thereof, result at any time in the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures at such time exceeding the Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect, and (v) may be repaid and reborrowed in accordance with the provisions hereof. On the Swingline Maturity Date, all Swingline Loans shall be repaid in full. The Swingline Lender shall not make any Swingline Loan after receiving a written notice from Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Required Revolving Credit Lenders stating that a Default or Event of Default exists and is continuing until such time as the Swingline Lender shall have received written notice of (i) rescission of all such notices from the party or parties originally delivering such notice or (ii) the waiver of such Default or Event of Default in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.1</u>.

On any Business Day, the Swingline Lender may, in its sole discretion, give notice to each Revolving Credit Lender that all then-outstanding (d) Swingline Loans shall be funded with a Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans, in which case (i) Revolving Credit Loans constituting ABR Loans shall be made on the immediately succeeding Business Day (each such Borrowing, a "Mandatory Borrowing") by each Revolving Credit Lender pro rata based on each Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied directly to the Swingline Lender to repay the Swingline Lender for such outstanding Swingline Loans. Each Revolving Credit Lender hereby irrevocably agrees to make such Revolving Credit Loans upon one Business Day's notice pursuant to each Mandatory Borrowing in the amount and in the manner specified in the preceding sentence and on the date specified to it in writing by the Swingline Lender notwithstanding (i) that the amount of the Mandatory Borrowing may not comply with the minimum amount for each Borrowing specified in Section 2.2, (ii) whether any conditions specified in Section 7 are then satisfied, (iii) whether a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (iv) the date of such Mandatory Borrowing, or (v) any reduction in the Total Revolving Credit Commitment after any such Swingline Loans were made. In the event that, in the sole judgment of the Swingline Lender, any Mandatory Borrowing cannot for any reason be made on the date otherwise required above (including as a result of the commencement of a proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code in respect of the Borrower), each Revolving Credit Lender hereby agrees that it shall forthwith purchase from the Swingline Lender (without recourse or warranty) such participation of the outstanding Swingline Loans as shall be necessary to cause the Lenders to share in such Swingline Loans ratably based upon their respective Revolving Credit Commitment Percentages; provided that all principal and interest payable on such Swingline Loans shall be for the account of the Swingline Lender until the date the respective participation is purchased and, to the extent attributable to the purchased participation, shall be payable to such Lender purchasing same from and after such date of purchase.

(e) If the maturity date shall have occurred in respect of any tranche of Revolving Credit Commitments (the "**Expiring Credit Commitment**") at a time when another tranche or tranches of Revolving Credit Commitments is or are in effect with a longer maturity date (each a "**Non-Expiring Credit Commitment**" and collectively, the "**Non-Expiring Credit Commitments**"), then with respect to each outstanding Swingline Loan, if consented to by the Swingline Lender (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), on the earliest occurring maturity date such Swingline Loan shall be deemed reallocated to the tranche or tranches of the Non-Expiring Credit Commitments on a pro rata basis; *provided* that (x) to the extent that the amount of such reallocation would cause the aggregate credit exposure to exceed the aggregate amount of such Non-Expiring Credit Commitments, immediately prior to such reallocation the amount of Swing Line Loans to be reallocated equal to such excess shall be repaid or Cash Collateralized and (y) notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower shall still be obligated to pay Swingline Loans allocated to the Revolving Credit Commitments at the maturity date of the Expiring Credit Commitments, the sublimit for Swingline Loans may be reduced as agreed between the Swingline Lender and the Borrower, without the consent of any other Person.

2.2 <u>Minimum Amount of Each Borrowing; Maximum Number of Borrowings</u>. The aggregate principal amount of each Borrowing of Term Loans or Revolving Credit Loans shall be in a minimum amount of at least the Minimum Borrowing Amount for such Type of Loans and in a multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof and Swingline Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$500,000 and in a multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof (except that Mandatory Borrowings shall be made in the amounts required by <u>Section 2.1(d)</u> and Revolving Credit Loans to reimburse the Letter of Credit Issuer with respect to any Unpaid Drawing shall be made in the amounts required by <u>Section 3.4</u>, as applicable). More than one Borrowing may be incurred on any date; <u>provided</u> that at no time shall there be outstanding more than five Borrowings of LIBOR Loans that are Term Loans and fifteen Borrowings of LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement.

### 2.3 <u>Notice of Borrowing</u>.

(a) The Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office prior to 12:00 p.m. (New York City time) at least one Business Day's prior written notice in the case of a Borrowing of Initial Term Loans to be made on the Closing Date if such Initial Term Loans are to be LIBOR Loans or ABR Loans. Such notice (a "**Notice of Borrowing**") shall specify (A) the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans to be made, (B) the date of the Borrowing (which shall be the Closing Date) and (C) whether the Term Loans shall consist of ABR Loans and/or LIBOR Loans and, if the Term Loans are to include LIBOR Loans, the Interest Period to be initially applicable thereto. If no election as to the Type of Borrowing is specified in any such notice, then the requested Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing. If no Interest Period with respect to any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans is specified in any such notice, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall promptly advise the applicable Lenders of any notice given pursuant to this <u>Section 2.3(a)</u> (and the contents thereof), and of each Lender's pro rata share of the requested Borrowing.

(b) Whenever the Borrower desires to incur Revolving Credit Loans (other than Mandatory Borrowings or borrowings to repay Unpaid Drawings), the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office, (i) prior to 12:00 noon (New York City Time) at least three Business Days' prior written notice of each Borrowing of LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans and (ii) prior to 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the day of such Borrowing prior written notice of each Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans that are ABR Loans. Each such Notice of Borrowing, except as otherwise expressly provided in Section 2.10, shall specify (x) the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Credit Loans to be made pursuant to such Borrowing, (y) the date of Borrowing (which shall be a Business Day) and (z) whether the respective Borrowing shall consist of ABR Loans or LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans and, if LIBOR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans, the Interest Period to be initially applicable thereto. The Administrative Agent shall promptly give each Revolving Credit Leaner written notice of each proposed Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans, of such Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage thereof, of the identity of the Borrower, and of the other matters covered by the related Notice of Borrowing.

(c) Whenever the Borrower desires to incur Swingline Loans hereunder, the Borrower shall give the Swingline Lender written notice with a copy to the Administrative Agent of each Borrowing of Swingline Loans prior to 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the date of such Borrowing. Each such notice shall specify (x) the aggregate principal amount of the Swingline Loans to be made pursuant to such Borrowing and (y) the date of Borrowing (which shall be a Business Day).

(d) Mandatory Borrowings shall be made upon the notice specified in <u>Section 2.1(d)</u>, with the Borrower irrevocably agreeing, by its incurrence of any Swingline Loan, to the making of Mandatory Borrowings as set forth in such Section.

(e) Borrowings to reimburse Unpaid Drawings shall be made upon the notice specified in <u>Section 3.4(a)</u>.

(f) Without in any way limiting the obligation of the Borrower to confirm in writing any notice it shall give hereunder by telephone (which obligation is absolute), the Administrative Agent may act prior to receipt of written confirmation without liability upon the basis of such telephonic notice believed by the Administrative Agent in good faith to be from an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower.

## 2.4 <u>Disbursement of Funds</u>.

(a) No later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the date specified in each Notice of Borrowing (including Mandatory Borrowings), each Lender shall make available its pro rata portion, if any, of each Borrowing requested to be made on such date in the manner provided below; <u>provided</u> that on the Closing Date, such funds may be made available at such earlier time as may be agreed among the Lenders, Holdings, and the Administrative Agent for the purpose of consummating the Transactions; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that all Swingline Loans shall be made available to the Borrower in the full amount thereof by the Swingline Lender no later than 4:00 p.m. (New York City time).

Each Lender shall make available all amounts it is to fund to the Borrower under any Borrowing for its applicable Commitments, and in (b)immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office and the Administrative Agent will (except in the case of Mandatory Borrowings and Borrowings to repay Unpaid Drawings) make available to the Borrower, by depositing to an account designated by Holdings or the Borrower to the Administrative Agent the aggregate of the amounts so made available in Dollars. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified by any Lender prior to the date of any such Borrowing that such Lender does not intend to make available to the Administrative Agent its portion of the Borrowing or Borrowings to be made on such date, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such amount available to the Administrative Agent on such date of Borrowing, and the Administrative Agent, in reliance upon such assumption, may (in its sole discretion and without any obligation to do so) make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. If such corresponding amount is not in fact made available to the Administrative Agent by such Lender and the Administrative Agent has made available such amount to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to recover such corresponding amount from such Lender. If such Lender does not pay such corresponding amount forthwith upon the Administrative Agent's demand therefor the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Borrower shall immediately pay such corresponding amount to the Administrative Agent in Dollars. The Administrative Agent shall also be entitled to recover from such Lender or the Borrower interest on such corresponding amount in respect of each day from the date such corresponding amount was made available by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower to the date such corresponding amount is recovered by the Administrative Agent, at a rate per annum equal to (i) if paid by such Lender, the Overnight Rate or (ii) if paid by the Borrower, the then-applicable rate of interest or fees, calculated in accordance with Section 2.8, for the respective Loans.

(c) Nothing in this <u>Section 2.4</u> shall be deemed to relieve any Lender from its obligation to, fulfill its commitments hereunder or to prejudice any rights that the Borrower may have against any Lender as a result of any default by such Lender hereunder (it being understood, however, that no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to fulfill its commitments hereunder).

# 2.5 <u>Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt.</u>

(a) The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the applicable Lenders, on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, the then outstanding Initial Term Loans. The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Lenders, on the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the then outstanding Revolving Credit Loans.

(b) The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Revolving Credit Lenders, on each Extended Revolving Loan Maturity Date, the then outstanding amount of Extended Revolving Credit Loans. The Borrower shall repay to the Swingline Lender, on the Swingline Maturity Date, the then outstanding Swingline Loans. The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Initial Term Loan Lenders, (x) on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, commencing with the fiscal quarter ending closest to June 30, 2014 (each, an "**Initial Term Loan Repayment Date**"), a principal amount in respect of each of the Initial Term Loans equal to 0.25% of the outstanding principal amount of Initial Term Loans made on the Closing Date and (y) on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date any remaining outstanding amount of Initial Term Loans (each, an "**Initial Term Loan Repayment Amount**"):

(c) In the event that any New Term Loans are made, such New Term Loans shall, subject to <u>Section 2.14(d)</u>, be repaid by the Borrower in the amounts (each, a "**New Term Loan Repayment Amount**") and on the dates (each a "**New Term Loan Repayment Date**") set forth in the applicable Joinder Agreement. In the event that any Incremental Revolving Credit Loans are made, such Incremental Revolving Credit Loans shall, subject to <u>Section 2.14(d)</u>, be repaid by the Borrower in the amounts (each, a "**New Revolving Loan Repayment Amount**") and on the dates (each a "**New Revolving Loan Repayment Date**") set forth in the applicable Joinder Agreement. In the event that any Extended Term Loans are established, such Extended Term Loans shall, subject to <u>Section 2.14(g)</u>, be repaid by the Borrower in the amounts (each such amount with respect to any Extended Repayment Date, an "**Extended Term Loan Repayment Amount**") and on the dates (each, an "**Extended Repayment Date**") set forth in the applicable Extension Amendment.

(d) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the Indebtedness of the Borrower to the appropriate lending office of such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such lending office of such Lender from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such lending office of such Lender from time to time under this Agreement.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall maintain the Register pursuant to <u>Section 13.6(b)</u>, and a subaccount for each Lender, in which Register and subaccounts (taken together) shall be recorded (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, whether such Loan is an Initial Term Loan, New Term Loan, Revolving Credit Loan or Swingline Loan, as applicable, the Type of each Loan made, the name of the Borrower and the Interest Period, if any, applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder, and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder from the Borrower and each Lender's share thereof.

(f) The entries made in the Register and accounts and subaccounts maintained pursuant to <u>clauses (d)</u> and (e) of this <u>Section 2.5</u> shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be prima facie evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations of the Borrower therein recorded; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that in the event of any inconsistency between the Registrar and any such account or subaccount, the Registrar shall govern, <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the failure of any Lender, the Administrative Agent or the Swingline Lender to maintain such account, such Register or subaccount, as applicable, or any error therein, shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay (with applicable interest) the Loans made to the Borrower by such Lender in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(g) The Borrower hereby agrees that, upon request of any Lender at any time and from time to time after the Borrower has made an initial borrowing hereunder, the Borrower shall provide to such Lender, at the Borrower's own expense, a promissory note, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit G-1</u> or <u>Exhibit G-2</u>, as applicable, evidencing the Initial Term Loans, New Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans, respectively, owing to such Lender. Thereafter, unless otherwise agreed to by the applicable Lender, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 13.6) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the order of the payee named therein (or, if requested by such payee, to such payee and its registered assigns).

#### 2.6 <u>Conversions and Continuations</u>.

Subject to the penultimate sentence of this clause (a), (x) the Borrower shall have the option on any Business Day to convert all or a portion (a) equal to at least \$5,000,000 of the outstanding principal amount of Term Loans of one Type or Revolving Credit Loans of one Type into a Borrowing or Borrowings of another Type and (y) the Borrower shall have the option on any Business Day to continue the outstanding principal amount of any LIBOR Loans as LIBOR Loans for an additional Interest Period; provided that (i) no partial conversion of LIBOR Loans shall reduce the outstanding principal amount of LIBOR Loans made pursuant to a single Borrowing to less than the Minimum Borrowing Amount, (ii) ABR Loans may not be converted into LIBOR Loans if an Event of Default is in existence on the date of the conversion and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such conversion, (iii) LIBOR Loans may not be continued as LIBOR Loans for an additional Interest Period if an Event of Default is in existence on the date of the proposed continuation and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such continuation, and (iv) Borrowings resulting from conversions pursuant to this Section 2.6 shall be limited in number as provided in Section 2.2. Each such conversion or continuation shall be effected by the Borrower by giving the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) at least (i) three Business Days prior, in the case of a continuation of or conversion to LIBOR Loans (other than in the case of a notice delivered on the Closing Date, which shall be deemed to be effective on the Closing Date), or (ii) one Business Day prior in the case of a conversion into ABR Loans (each, a "Notice of Conversion or Continuation" substantially in the form of Exhibit K) specifying the Loans to be so converted or continued, the Type of Loans to be converted or continued into and, if such Loans are to be converted into or continued as LIBOR Loans, the Interest Period to be initially applicable thereto. If no Interest Period is specified in any such notice with respect to any conversion to or continuation as a LIBOR Loan, the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall give each applicable Lender notice as promptly as practicable of any such proposed conversion or continuation affecting any of its Loans.

(b) If any Event of Default is in existence at the time of any proposed continuation of any LIBOR Loans denominated in Dollars and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such continuation, such LIBOR Loans shall be automatically converted on the last day of the current Interest Period into ABR Loans. If upon the expiration of any Interest Period in respect of LIBOR Loans, the Borrower has failed to elect a new Interest Period to be applicable thereto as provided in <u>clause (a)</u>, the Borrower shall be deemed to have elected to convert such Borrowing of LIBOR Loans into a Borrowing of ABR Loans, effective as of the expiration date of such current Interest Period.

2.7 Pro Rata Borrowings. Each Borrowing of Initial Term Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Lenders pro rata on the basis of their then-applicable Initial Term Loan Commitments. Each Borrowing of Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata on the basis of their then-applicable Revolving Credit Commitment Percentages. Each Borrowing of New Term Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata on the basis of their then-applicable New Term Loan Commitments. Each Borrowing of Incremental Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata on the basis of their then-applicable New Term Loan Commitments. Each Borrowing of Incremental Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata on the basis of their then-applicable New Term Loan Commitments. Each Borrowing of Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments. It is understood that (a) no Lender shall be responsible for any default by any other Lender in its obligation to make Loans hereunder and that each Lender severally but not jointly shall be obligated to make the Loans provided to be made by it hereunder, regardless of the failure of any other Lender to fulfill its commitments hereunder and (b) other than as expressly provided herein with respect to a Defaulting Lender, failure by a Lender to perform any of its obligations under any of the Credit Documents shall not release any Person from performance of its obligation, under any Credit Document.

2.8 <u>Interest</u>.

(a) The unpaid principal amount of each ABR Loan shall bear interest from the date of the Borrowing thereof until maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annum that shall at all times be the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans *plus* the ABR, in each case, in effect from time to time.

(b) The unpaid principal amount of each LIBOR Loan shall bear interest from the date of the Borrowing thereof until maturity thereof (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annum that shall at all times be the Applicable Margin for LIBOR Loans *plus* the relevant LIBOR Rate.

(c) If all or a portion of (i) the principal amount of any Loan or (ii) any interest payable thereon or any other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum (the "**Default Rate**") that is (x) in the case of overdue principal, the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto *plus* 2.00% or (y) in the case of any other overdue amount, including overdue interest, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the rate described in <u>Section 2.8(a)</u> for the applicable Class *plus* 2.00% from the date of such non-payment to the date on which such amount is paid in full (after as well as before judgment).

(d) Interest on each Loan shall accrue from and including the date of any Borrowing to but excluding the date of any repayment thereof and shall be payable in the same currency in which the Loan is denominated; <u>provided</u> that any Loan that is repaid on the same date on which it is made shall bear interest for one day. Except as provided below, interest shall be payable (i) in respect of each ABR Loan, quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, (ii) in respect of each LIBOR Loan, on the last day of each Interest Period applicable thereto and, in the case of an Interest Period in excess of three months, on each date occurring at three-month intervals after the first day of such Interest Period, and (iii) in respect of each Loan, (A) on any prepayment in respect thereof, (B) at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise), and (C) after such maturity, on demand.

(e) All computations of interest hereunder shall be made in accordance with <u>Section 5.5</u>.

(f) The Administrative Agent, upon determining the interest rate for any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans, shall promptly notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders thereof. Each such determination shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding on all parties hereto.

2.9 <u>Interest Periods</u>. At the time the Borrower gives a Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion or Continuation in respect of the making of, or conversion into or continuation as, a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans in accordance with <u>Section 2.6(a)</u>, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent written notice of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, which Interest Period shall, at the option of the Borrower be a one, two, three or six month period (or if available to all the Lenders making such LIBOR Loans as determined by such Lenders in good faith based on prevailing market conditions, a twelve month or shorter period).

#### Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained above:

(a) the initial Interest Period for any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans shall commence on the date of such Borrowing (including the date of any conversion from a Borrowing of ABR Loans) and each Interest Period occurring thereafter in respect of such Borrowing shall commence on the day on which the next preceding Interest Period expires;

(b) if any Interest Period relating to a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month or begins on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period;

(c) if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall expire on the next succeeding Business Day; <u>provided</u> that if any Interest Period in respect of a LIBOR Loan would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day but is a day of the month after which no further Business Day occurs in such month, such Interest Period shall expire on the immediately preceding Business Day; and

(d) the Borrower shall not be entitled to elect any Interest Period in respect of any LIBOR Loan if such Interest Period would extend beyond the Maturity Date of such Loan.

# 2.10 Increased Costs, Illegality, Etc.

(a) In the event that (x) in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> below, the Administrative Agent and (y) in the case of <u>clauses (ii)</u> and <u>(iii)</u> below, the Required Term Loan Lenders (with respect to Term Loans) or the Required Revolving Credit Lenders (with respect to Revolving Credit Commitments) shall have reasonably determined (which determination shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto):

(i) on any date for determining the LIBOR Rate for any Interest Period that (x) deposits in the principal amounts and currencies of the Loans comprising such LIBOR Borrowing are not generally available in the relevant market or (y) by reason of any changes arising on or after the Closing Date affecting the interbank LIBOR market, adequate and fair means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable interest rate on the basis provided for in the definition of LIBOR Rate; or

(ii) at any time, that such Lenders shall incur increased costs or reductions in the amounts received or receivable hereunder with respect to any LIBOR Loans (including any increased costs or reductions attributable to Taxes, other than any increase or reduction attributable to Indemnified Taxes, Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes) because of any Change in Law; or

(iii) at any time, that the making or continuance of any LIBOR Loan has become unlawful by compliance by such Lenders in good faith with any law, governmental rule, regulation, guideline or order (or would conflict with any such governmental rule, regulation, guideline or order not having the force of law even though the failure to comply therewith would not be unlawful), or has become impracticable as a result of a contingency occurring after the Closing Date that materially and adversely affects the interbank LIBOR market;

(such Loans, "**Impacted Loans**"), then, and in any such event, such Required Term Loan Lenders or Required Revolving Credit Lenders, as applicable (or the Administrative Agent, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above) shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice (if by telephone, confirmed in writing) to Holdings, the Borrower, and to the Administrative Agent of such determination (which notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly transmit to each of the other Lenders). Thereafter (x) in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, LIBOR Loans shall no longer be available until such time as the Administrative Agent notifies Holdings, the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice by the Administrative Agent no longer exist (which notice the Administrative Agent agrees to give at such time when such circumstances no longer exist), and any Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion given by the Borrower with respect to LIBOR Loans that have not yet been incurred shall be deemed rescinded by the Borrower, (y) in the case of <u>clause (ii)</u> above, the Borrower shall pay to such Lenders, promptly after receipt of written demand therefor such additional amounts (in the form of an increased rate of, or a different method of calculating, interest or otherwise as such Required Term Loan Lenders or Required Revolving Credit Lenders, as applicable, in their reasonable discretion shall determine) as shall be required to compensate such Lenders for such actual increased costs or reductions in amounts receivable hereunder (it being agreed that a written notice as to the additional amounts owed to such Lenders, showing in reasonable detail the basis for the calculation thereof, submitted to the Borrower by such Lenders shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto), and (z) in the case of <u>subclause (iii)</u> above, the Borrower shall take one of the actions specified in <u>subclause (x) or (y)</u>, as applicable, of <u>Section 2.10(b)</u> promptly and, in any

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrative Agent has made the determination described in <u>Section 2.10(a)(i)(x)</u>, the Administrative Agent, in consultation with the Borrower and the affected Lenders, may establish an alternative interest rate for the Impacted Loans, in which case, such alternative rate of interest shall apply with respect to the Impacted Loans until (1) the Administrative Agent revokes the notice delivered with respect to the Impacted Loans under <u>clause (x)</u> of the first sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph, (2) the Administrative Agent or the affected Lenders notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that such alternative interest rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding the Impacted Loans, or (3) any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for such Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to such alternative rate of interest or to determine or charge interest rates based upon such rate or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to do any of the foregoing and provides the Administrative Agent and the Borrower written notice thereof.

(b) At any time that any LIBOR Loan is affected by the circumstances described in <u>Section 2.10(a)(ii)</u> or (<u>iii</u>), the Borrower may (and in the case of a LIBOR Loan affected pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(a)(iii</u>) shall) either (x) if a Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion or Continuation with respect to the affected LIBOR Loan has been submitted pursuant to <u>Section 2.3</u> but the affected LIBOR Loan has not been funded or continued, cancel such requested Borrowing by giving the Administrative Agent written notice thereof on the same date that the Borrower was notified by Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(a)(ii)</u> or (<u>y</u>) if the affected LIBOR Loan is then outstanding, upon at least three Business Days' notice to the Administrative Agent, require the affected Lender to convert each such LIBOR Loan into an ABR Loan; <u>provided</u> that if more than one Lender is affected at any time, then all affected Lenders must be treated in the same manner pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(b)</u>.

(c) If, after the Closing Date, any Change in Law relating to capital adequacy or liquidity of any Lender or compliance by any Lender or its parent with any Change in Law relating to capital adequacy or liquidity occurring after the Closing Date, has or would have the effect of reducing the actual rate of return on such Lender's or its parent's or its Affiliate's capital or assets as a consequence of such Lender's commitments or obligations hereunder to a level below that which such Lender or its parent or its Affiliate could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or its parent's policies with respect to capital adequacy or liquidity), then from time to time, promptly after demand by such Lender or its parent for such actual reduction, it being understood and agreed, however, that a Lender shall not be entitled to such compensation as a result of such Lender's compliance with, or pursuant to any request or directive to comply with, any law, rule or regulation as in effect on the Closing Date or to the extent such Lender is not imposing such charges on, or requesting such compensation from, borrowers (similarly situated to the Borrower hereunder) under comparable syndicated credit facilities similar to the Credit Facilities. Each Lender, upon determining in good faith that any additional amounts will be payable pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(c)</u>, will give prompt written notice thereof to the Borrower, which notice shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis of the calculation of such additional amounts, although the failure to give any such notice shall not, subject to <u>Section 2.10(c)</u> promptly following receipt of such notice.

2.11 <u>Compensation</u>. If (a) any payment of principal of any LIBOR Loan is made by the Borrower to or for the account of a Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such LIBOR Loan as a result of a payment or conversion pursuant to <u>Sections 2.5, 2.6, 2.10, 5.1, 5.2</u> or <u>13.7</u>, as a result of acceleration of the maturity of the Loans pursuant to <u>Section 11</u> or for any other reason, (b) any Borrowing of LIBOR Loan as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Borrowing or a failure to satisfy borrowing conditions, (c) any ABR Loan is not converted into a LIBOR Loan as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Conversion or Continuation, (d) any LIBOR Loan is not continued as a LIBOR Loan, as the case may be, as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Conversion or (e) any prepayment of principal of any LIBOR Loan is not made as a result of a withdrawn notice of prepayment pursuant to <u>Sections 5.1</u> or <u>5.2</u>, the Borrower shall, after receipt of a written request by such Lender (which request shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis for requesting such amount), promptly pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required to compensate such Lender for any additional losses, costs or expense (excluding loss of anticipated profits) actually incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by any Lender to fund or maintain such LIBOR Loan. A certificate of a Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender as specified in this <u>Section 2.11</u> 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.

2.12 <u>Change of Lending Office</u>. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of <u>Sections 2.10(a)(ii)</u>, <u>2.10(a)(iii)</u>, <u>2.10(b)</u>, <u>3.5</u> or <u>5.4</u> with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrower use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event; <u>provided</u> that such designation is made on such terms that such Lender and its lending office suffer no unreimbursed cost or other material economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage, with the object of avoiding the consequence of the event giving rise to the operation of any such Section. Nothing in this <u>Section 2.12</u> shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of the Borrower or the right of any Lender provided in <u>Sections 2.10</u>, <u>3.5</u> or <u>5.4</u>.

2.13 <u>Notice of Certain Costs</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent any notice required by <u>Sections 2.10</u>, 2.11, 3.5 or 5.4 is given by any Lender more than 120 days after such Lender has knowledge (or should have had knowledge) of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the additional cost, reduction in amounts, loss, or other additional amounts described in such Sections, such Lender shall not be entitled to compensation under <u>Sections 2.10</u>, 2.11, 3.5 or 5.4, as the case may be, for any such amounts incurred or accruing prior to the 121st day prior to the giving of such notice to the Borrower.

## 2.14 <u>Incremental Facilities</u>.

The Borrower may by written notice to Administrative Agent elect to request the establishment of one or more (x) additional tranches of term (a) loans (the commitments thereto, the "New Term Loan Commitments"), (y) increases in Revolving Credit Commitments of any Class (the "New Revolving Credit Commitments"), and/or (z) additional tranches of Revolving Credit Commitments (the "Additional Revolving Credit Commitments" and, together with the New Revolving Loan Commitments, the "Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments"; together with the New Term Loan Commitments and the New Revolving Credit Commitments, the "New Loan Commitments"), by an aggregate amount not in excess of the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount in the aggregate and not less than \$10,000,000 individually (or such lesser amount as (x) may be approved by the Administrative Agent or (y) shall constitute the difference between the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount and all such New Loan Commitments obtained on or prior to such date). Each such notice shall specify the date (each, an "Increased Amount Date") on which the Borrower proposes that the New Loan Commitments shall be effective. In connection with the incurrence of any Indebtedness under this Section 2.14, at the request of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent a certificate certifying that the New Loan Commitments do not exceed the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount, which certificate shall be in reasonable detail and shall provide the calculations and basis therefor. The Borrower may approach any Lender or any Person (other than a natural Person) to provide all or a portion of the New Loan Commitments; provided that any Lender offered or approached to provide all or a portion of the New Loan Commitments may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide a New Loan Commitment. In each case, such New Loan Commitments shall become effective as of the applicable Increased Amount Date; provided that (i) no Event of Default (except in connection with an acquisition or investment, no Event of Default under Section 11.1 or Section 11.5) shall exist on such Increased Amount Date before or after giving effect to such New Loan Commitments, as applicable, (ii) the New Loan Commitments shall be effected pursuant to one or more Joinder Agreements executed and delivered by the Borrower and Administrative Agent, and each of which shall be recorded in the Register and shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Section 5.4(e), and (iii) the Borrower shall make any payments required pursuant to Section 2.11 in connection with the New Loan Commitments, as applicable. No Lender shall have any obligation to provide any Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.14(a). Any New Term Loans made on an Increased Amount Date shall, at the election of the Borrower and agreed to by Lenders providing such New Term Loan Commitments, be designated as (a) a separate series (a "Series") of New Term Loans for all purposes of this Agreement or (b) as part of a Series of existing Term Loans for all purposes of this Agreement. On and after the Increased Amount Date, Additional Revolving Credit Loans shall be designated a separate Series of Additional Revolving Credit Loans for all purposes of this Agreement.

On any Increased Amount Date on which Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments are effected, subject to the satisfaction of the foregoing (b) terms and conditions, (a) with respect to New Revolving Credit Commitments, each of the Lenders with Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class shall assign to each Lender with a New Revolving Credit Commitment (each, a "New Revolving Loan Lender") and each of the New Revolving Loan Lenders shall purchase from each of the Lenders with Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class, at the principal amount thereof, such interests in the Revolving Credit Loans outstanding on such Increased Amount Date as shall be necessary in order that, after giving effect to all such assignments and purchases, the Revolving Credit Loans of such Class will be held by existing Revolving Credit Lenders and New Revolving Loan Lenders ratably in accordance with their Revolving Credit Commitments of such Class after giving effect to the addition of such New Revolving Credit Commitments to the Revolving Credit Commitments, and (b) with respect to Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, (i) each Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment shall be deemed for all purposes a Revolving Credit Commitment and, each Loan made under a New Revolving Credit Commitment (a "New Revolving Credit Loan") and each Loan made under an Additional Revolving Credit Commitment (an "Additional Revolving Credit Loan" and, together with New Revolving Credit Loans, the "Incremental Revolving Credit Loan") shall be deemed, for all purposes, Revolving Credit Loans and (ii) each New Revolving Loan Lender and each Lender with an Additional Revolving Credit Commitment (each an "Additional Revolving Loan Lender" and, together with the New Revolving Loan Lenders, the "Incremental Revolving Loan Lenders") shall become a Lender with respect to the New Revolving Credit Commitment and all matters relating thereto; provided that the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer shall have consented (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to such Lender's or Incremental Revolving Loan Lender's providing such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment to the extent such consent, if any, would be required under Section 13.6(b) for an assignment of Revolving Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, to such Lender or Incremental Revolving Loan Lender.

(c) On any Increased Amount Date on which any New Term Loan Commitments of any Series are effective, subject to the satisfaction of the foregoing terms and conditions, (i) each Lender with a New Term Loan Commitment (each, a "**New Term Loan Lender**") of any Series shall make a Loan to the Borrower (a "**New Term Loan**" and, together with the Incremental Revolving Credit Loans, the "**Incremental Loans**") in an amount equal to its New Term Loan Commitment of such Series, and (ii) each New Term Loan Lender of any Series shall become a Lender hereunder with respect to the New Term Loan Commitment of such Series and the New Term Loans of such Series made pursuant thereto.

(d) The terms and provisions of the New Term Loans and New Term Loan Commitments of any Series shall be on terms and documentation set forth in the Joinder Agreement as determined by the Borrower; provided that (i) the applicable New Term Loan Maturity Date of each Series shall be no earlier than the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date; (ii) the weighted average life to maturity of all New Term Loans shall be no shorter than the weighted average life to maturity of the then existing Initial Term Loans, (iii) the pricing, interest rate margins, discounts, premiums, rate floors, fees, and amortization schedule applicable to any New Term Loans shall be determined by the Borrower and the Lenders thereunder; provided that solely in the case of New Term Loans incurred prior to the 18 month anniversary of the Closing Date, if the Effective Yield for LIBOR Loans in respect of such New Term Loans exceeds the Effective Yield for LIBOR Loans in respect of the then existing Initial Term Loans by more than 0.50%, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR Loans in respect of the then existing Initial Term Loans (ii) to the extent such terms and documentation are not consistent with the then existing Initial Term Loans (except to the extent permitted by <u>clause (i)</u>, (ii) or (iii) above), they shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (it being understood that, (1) to the extent that any financial maintenance covenant is alded for the benefit of any such Indebtedness, no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if any covenants or other provisions are only applicable after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date).

(e) Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and Incremental Revolving Credit Loans shall be identical to the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments and the related Revolving Credit Loans, other than the Maturity Date and as set forth in this <u>Section 2.14(e)</u>; *provided* that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 2.14</u> or otherwise:

(i) any such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments or Incremental Revolving Credit Loans shall rank *pari passu* in right of payment and of security with the Revolving Credit Loans and the Term Loans,

(ii) any such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments or Incremental Revolving Credit Loans shall not mature earlier than the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments and related Revolving Credit Loans at the time of incurrence of such Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments,

(iii) the borrowing and repayment (except for (1) payments of interest and fees at different rates on Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments (and related outstandings), (2) repayments required upon the maturity date of the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, and (3) repayment made in connection with a permanent repayment and termination of commitments (subject to <u>clause (v)</u> below)) of Loans with respect to Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Increased Amount Date shall be made on a pro rata basis with all other Revolving Credit Commitments on such Increased Amount Date,

(iv) subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.1(e)</u> and <u>Sections 3.12</u> to the extent dealing with Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit which mature or expire after a maturity date when there exists Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments with a longer maturity date, all Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit shall be participated on a pro rata basis by all Lenders with Revolving Credit Commitments of the same Series in accordance with their percentage of such Revolving Credit Commitments on the applicable Increased Amount Date (and except as provided in <u>Section 2.1(e)</u> and <u>Section 3.12</u>, without giving effect to changes thereto on an earlier maturity date with respect to Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit theretofore incurred or issued in respect of such Series),

(v) the permanent repayment of Revolving Credit Loans with respect to, and termination of, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments after the associated Increased Amount Date shall be made on a pro rata basis with all other Revolving Credit Commitments on such Increased Amount Date, except that the Borrower shall be permitted to permanently repay and terminate commitments of any such Class on a better than a pro rata basis as compared to any other Class with a later maturity date than such Class,

(vi) assignments and participations of Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments and Incremental Revolving Credit Loans shall be governed by the same assignment and participation provisions applicable to Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans on the applicable Increased Amount Date,

(vii) any Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments may constitute a separate Class or Classes, as the case may be, of Commitments from the Classes constituting the applicable Revolving Credit Commitments prior to such Increased Amount Date, and

(viii) the pricing, fees, maturity and other immaterial terms of the Additional Revolving Credit Loans may be different and shall be determined by the Borrower and the Lenders thereunder so long as the final maturity date and the weighted average maturity of any Additional Revolving Credit Loans and Additional Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, shall not be earlier than, or shorter than, as the case may be, the maturity date or the weighted average life, as applicable, of the Initial Revolving Credit Commitments and related Revolving Credit Loans.

(f) Each Joinder Agreement may, without the consent of any other Lenders, effect technical and corresponding amendments to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, to effect the provision of this <u>Section 2.14</u>.

The Borrower may at any time and from time to time request that all or a portion of the Term Loans of any Class (an "Existing Term (g) (i) Loan Class") be converted to extend the scheduled maturity date(s) of any payment of principal with respect to all or a portion of any principal amount of such Term Loans (any such Term Loans which have been so converted, "Extended Term Loans") and to provide for other terms consistent with this Section 2.14(g). In order to establish any Extended Term Loans, the Borrower shall provide a notice to the Administrative Agent (who shall provide a copy of such notice to each of the Lenders of the applicable Existing Term Loan Class which such request shall be offered equally to all such Lenders) (a "Term Loan Extension Request") setting forth the proposed terms of the Extended Term Loans to be established, which shall not be materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties (as determined in good faith by the Borrower), when taken as a whole, than the terms of the Term Loans of the Existing Term Loan Class unless (x) the Lenders of the Term Loans of such applicable Existing Term Loan Class receive the benefit of such more restrictive terms or (y) any such provisions apply after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date (a "Permitted Other Provision"); provided, however, that (x) the scheduled final maturity date shall be extended and all or any of the scheduled amortization payments of principal of the Extended Term Loans may be delayed to later dates than the scheduled amortization of principal of the Term Loans of such Existing Term Loan Class (with any such delay resulting in a corresponding adjustment to the scheduled amortization payments reflected in Section 2.5 or in the Joinder Agreement, as the case may be, with respect to the Existing Term Loan Class from which such Extended Term Loans were converted, in each case as more particularly set forth in paragraph (iv) of this Section 2.14(g) below), (y) (A) the interest margins with respect to the Extended Term Loans may be higher or lower than the interest margins for the Term Loans of such Existing Term Loan Class and/or (B) additional fees, premiums or AHYDO payments may be payable to the Lenders providing such Extended Term Loans in addition to or in lieu of any increased margins contemplated by the preceding clause (A), in each case, to the extent provided in the applicable Extension Amendment and to the extent that any Permitted Other Provision (including a financial maintenance covenant) is added for the benefit of any such Indebtedness, no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if such Permitted Other Provision is also added for the benefit of any corresponding Loans remaining outstanding after the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness or if such Permitted Other Provision applies only after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.14 or otherwise, no Extended Term Loans may be optionally prepaid prior to the date on which the Existing Term Loan Class from which they were converted is repaid in full, except in accordance with the last sentence of Section 5.1(a). No Lender shall have any obligation to agree to have any of its Term Loans of any Existing Term Loan Class converted into Extended Term Loans pursuant to any Extension Request. Any Extended Term Loans of any Extension Series shall constitute a separate Class of Term Loans from the Existing Term Loan Class from which they were converted.

The Borrower may at any time and from time to time request that all or a portion of the Revolving Credit Commitments of any Class, (ii) any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and/or any Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, each existing at the time of such request (each, an "Existing Revolving Credit Commitment" and any related revolving credit loans thereunder, "Existing Revolving Credit Loans"; each Existing Revolving Credit Commitment and related Existing Revolving Credit Loans together being referred to as an "Existing Revolving Credit Class") be converted to extend the termination date thereof and the scheduled maturity date(s) of any payment of principal with respect to all or a portion of any principal amount of Loans related to such Existing Revolving Credit Commitments (any such Existing Revolving Credit Commitments which have been so extended, "Extended Revolving Credit Commitments" and any related Loans, "Extended Revolving Credit Loans") and to provide for other terms consistent with this Section 2.14(g). In order to establish any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, the Borrower shall provide a notice to the Administrative Agent (who shall provide a copy of such notice to each of the Lenders of the applicable Class of Existing Revolving Credit Commitments which such request shall be offered equally to all such Lenders) setting forth the proposed terms of the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments to be established, which shall not be materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties (as determined in good faith by the Borrower), when taken as a whole, than the terms of the applicable Existing Revolving Credit Commitments (the "Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitment") unless (x) the Lenders providing existing Revolving Credit Loans receive the benefit of such more restrictive terms or (y) any such provisions apply after the Revolving Credit Termination Date, in each case, to the extent provided in the applicable Extension Amendment; provided, however, that (w) all or any of the final maturity dates of such Extended Revolving Credit Commitments may be delayed to later dates than the final maturity dates of the Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments, (x) (A) the interest margins with respect to the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments may be higher or lower than the interest margins for the Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and/or (B) additional fees and premiums may be payable to the Lenders providing such Extended Revolving Credit Commitments in addition to or in lieu of any increased margins contemplated by the preceding clause (A) and (y) the revolving credit commitment fee rate with respect to the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments may be higher or lower than the Revolving Credit Commitment Fee Rate for the Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitment; provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.14(g) or otherwise, (1) the borrowing and repayment (other than in connection with a permanent repayment and termination of commitments) of Loans with respect to any Original Revolving Credit Commitments shall be made on a pro rata basis with all other Original Revolving Credit Commitments and (2) assignments and participations of Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans shall be governed by the same assignment and participation provisions applicable to Revolving Credit Commitments and the Revolving Credit Loans related to such Commitments set forth in Section 13.6. No Lender shall have any obligation to agree to have any of its Revolving Credit Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments of any Existing Revolving Credit Class converted into Extended Revolving Credit Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments pursuant to any Extension Request. Any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments of any Extension Series shall constitute a separate Class of revolving credit commitments from the Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and from any other Existing Revolving Credit Commitments (together with any other Extended Revolving Credit Commitments so established on such date).

Any Lender (an "Extending Lender") wishing to have all or a portion of its Term Loans, Revolving Credit Commitments, Incremental (iiii) Revolving Credit Commitment or Extended Revolving Credit Commitment of the Existing Class or Existing Classes subject to such Extension Request converted into Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, shall notify the Administrative Agent (an "Extension Election") on or prior to the date specified in such Extension Request of the amount of its Term Loans, Revolving Credit Commitments, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment or Extended Revolving Credit Commitment of the Existing Class or Existing Classes subject to such Extension Request that it has elected to convert into Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable. In the event that the aggregate amount of Term Loans, Revolving Credit Commitments, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment or Extended Revolving Credit Commitment of the Existing Class or Existing Classes subject to Extension Elections exceeds the amount of Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, requested pursuant to the Extension Request, Term Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments of the Existing Class or Existing Classes subject to Extension Elections shall be converted to Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, on a pro rata basis based on the amount of Term Loans, Revolving Credit Commitments, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment or Extended Revolving Credit Commitment included in each such Extension Election. Notwithstanding the conversion of any Existing Revolving Credit Commitment into an Extended Revolving Credit Commitment, such Extended Revolving Credit Commitment shall be treated identically to all other Original Revolving Credit Commitments for purposes of the obligations of a Revolving Credit Lender in respect of Swingline Loans under Section 2.1(c) and Letters of Credit under Section 3, except that the applicable Extension Amendment may provide that the Swingline Maturity Date and/or the L/C Facility Maturity Date may be extended and the related obligations to make Swingline Loans and issue Letters of Credit may be continued so long as the Swingline Lender and/or the Letter of Credit Issuer, as applicable, have consented to such extensions in their sole discretion (it being understood that no consent of any other Lender shall be required in connection with any such extension).

Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, shall be established pursuant to an amendment (an (iv) "Extension Amendment") to this Agreement (which, except to the extent expressly contemplated by the penultimate sentence of this Section 2.14(g)(iv) and notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in Section 13.1, shall not require the consent of any Lender other than the Extending Lenders with respect to the Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments, as applicable, established thereby) executed by the Credit Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Extending Lenders. No Extension Amendment shall provide for any tranche of Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments in an aggregate principal amount that is less than \$10,000,000. In addition to any terms and changes required or permitted by Section 2.14(g)(i), each Extension Amendment (x) shall amend the scheduled amortization payments pursuant to Section 2.5 or the applicable Joinder Agreement with respect to the Existing Term Loan Class from which the Extended Term Loans were converted to reduce each scheduled Repayment Amount for the Existing Term Loan Class in the same proportion as the amount of Term Loans of the Existing Term Loan Class is to be converted pursuant to such Extension Amendment (it being understood that the amount of any Repayment Amount payable with respect to any individual Term Loan of such Existing Term Loan Class that is not an Extended Term Loan shall not be reduced as a result thereof) and (y) may, but shall not be required to, impose additional requirements (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement in effect at such time) with respect to the final maturity and weighted average life to maturity of New Term Loans incurred following the date of such Extension Amendment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.14(g) and without limiting the generality or applicability of Section 13.1 to any Section 2.14 Additional Amendments, any Extension Amendment may provide for additional terms and/or additional amendments other than those referred to or contemplated above (any such additional amendment, a "Section 2.14 Additional Amendment") to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents; provided that such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments are within the requirements of Section 2.14(g)(i) and do not become effective prior to the time that such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments have been consented to (including, without limitation, pursuant to (1) consents applicable to holders of New Term Loans and New Revolving Credit Commitments provided for in any Joinder Agreement and (2) consents applicable to holders of any Extended Term Loans or Extended Revolving Credit Commitments provided for in any Extension Amendment) by such of the Lenders, Credit Parties and other parties (if any) as may be required in order for such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments to become effective in accordance with Section 13.1.

(v) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, (A) on any date on which any Existing Class is converted to extend the related scheduled maturity date(s) in accordance with <u>clauses (i)</u> and/or (<u>ii)</u> above (an "**Extension Date**"), (I) in the case of the existing Term Loans of each Extending Lender, the aggregate principal amount of such existing Term Loans shall be deemed reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of Extended Term Loans so converted by such Lender on such date, and the Extended Term Loans shall be established as a separate Class of Term Loans (together with any other Extended Term Loans so established on such date), and (II) in the case of the Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments of each Extending Lender, the aggregate principal amount of such Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments shall be deemed reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of Extended Revolving Credit Commitments so converted by such Lender on such date, and such Extended Revolving Credit Commitments shall be established as a separate Class of revolving Credit Commitments and from any other Existing Revolving Credit Commitments (together with any other Extended Revolving Credit Commitments so established on such date) and (B) if, on any Extension Date, any Loans of any Extending Lender are outstanding under the applicable Specified Existing Revolving Credit Commitments, such Loans (and any related participations) shall be deemed to be allocated as Extended Revolving Credit Loans (and related participations) and Existing Revolving Credit Commitments.

(vi) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders (other than the Swingline Lender to the extent such consent is expressly required by this <u>Section 2.14</u>) hereby consent to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this <u>Section 2.14</u> (including, for the avoidance of doubt, payment of any interest, fees, or premium in respect of any Extended Term Loans and/or Extended Revolving Commitments on such terms as may be set forth in the relevant Extension Amendment) and hereby waive the requirements of any provision of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any pro rata payment or amendment section) or any other Credit Document that may otherwise prohibit or restrict any such extension or any other transaction contemplated by this <u>Section 2.14</u>.

## 2.15 <u>Permitted Debt Exchanges</u>.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, pursuant to one or more offers (each, a "Permitted Debt Exchange (a) made from time to time by the Borrower, the Borrower may from time to time following the Closing Date consummate one or more exchanges of Term Offer") Loans for Permitted Other Indebtedness in the form of notes (such notes, "Permitted Debt Exchange Notes," and each such exchange a "Permitted Debt Exchange"), so long as the following conditions are satisfied: (i) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time the final offering document in respect of a Permitted Debt Exchange Offer is delivered to the relevant Lenders, (ii) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Term Loans exchanged shall equal no more than the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Permitted Debt Exchange Notes issued in exchange for such Term Loans; provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Permitted Debt Exchange Notes may include accrued interest and premium (if any) under the Term Loans exchanged and underwriting discounts, fees, commissions and expenses in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes, (iii) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of all Term Loans exchanged under each applicable Class by the Borrower pursuant to any Permitted Debt Exchange shall automatically be cancelled and retired by the Borrower on the date of the settlement thereof (and, if requested by the Administrative Agent, any applicable exchanging Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance, or such other form as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, in respect thereof pursuant to which the respective Lender assigns its interest in the Term Loans being exchanged pursuant to the Permitted Debt Exchange to the Borrower for immediate cancellation), (iv) if the aggregate principal amount of all Term Loans of a given Class (calculated on the face amount thereof) tendered by Lenders in respect of the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange Offer (with no Lender being permitted to tender a principal amount of Term Loans which exceeds the principal amount thereof of the applicable Class actually held by it) shall exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount of Term Loans of such Class offered to be exchanged by the Borrower pursuant to such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer, then the Borrower shall exchange Term Loans subject to such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer tendered by such Lenders ratably up to such maximum amount based on the respective principal amounts so tendered, (v) all documentation in respect of such Permitted Debt Exchange shall be consistent with the foregoing, and all written communications generally directed to the Lenders in connection therewith shall be in form and substance consistent with the foregoing and made in consultation with the Borrower and the Auction Agent, and (vi) any applicable Minimum Tender Condition shall be satisfied.

(b) With respect to all Permitted Debt Exchanges effected by any of the Borrower pursuant to this <u>Section 2.15</u>, (i) such Permitted Debt Exchanges (and the cancellation of the exchanged Term Loans in connection therewith) shall not constitute voluntary or mandatory payments or prepayments for purposes of <u>Section 5.1</u> or <u>5.2</u>, and (ii) such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer shall be made for not less than \$10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Term Loans; <u>provided</u> that subject to the foregoing <u>clause (ii)</u> the Borrower may at its election specify as a condition (a "**Minimum Tender Condition**") to consummating any such Permitted Debt Exchange that a minimum amount (to be determined and specified in the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange Offer in the Borrower's discretion) of Term Loans of any or all applicable Classes be tendered.

(c) In connection with each Permitted Debt Exchange, the Borrower and the Auction Agent shall mutually agree to such procedures as may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this <u>Section 2.15</u> and without conflict with <u>Section 2.15(d)</u>; <u>provided</u> that the terms of any Permitted Debt Exchange Offer shall provide that the date by which the relevant Lenders are required to indicate their election to participate in such Permitted Debt Exchange shall be not less than a reasonable period (in the discretion of the Borrower and the Auction Agent) of time following the date on which the Permitted Debt Exchange Offer is made.

(d) The Borrower shall be responsible for compliance with, and hereby agrees to comply with, all applicable securities and other laws in connection with each Permitted Debt Exchange, it being understood and agreed that (x) none of the Auction Agent, the Administrative Agent nor any Lender assumes any responsibility in connection with the Borrower's compliance with such laws in connection with any Permitted Debt Exchange and (y) each Lender shall be solely responsible for its compliance with any applicable "insider trading" laws and regulations to which such Lender may be subject under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

## 2.16 <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>.

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

(i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of Required Lenders and <u>Section 13.1</u>.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the (ii) account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Section 11 or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 13.8 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 Letter of Credit Issuer or Swingline Lender hereunder; third, to Cash Collateralize the Letter of Credit Issuer's Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 3.8; fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; 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 Letter of Credit Issuer's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 3.8; sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower, the Lenders, the Letter of Credit Issuer or Swingline Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower, any Lender, the Letter of Credit Issuer or the Swingline Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and *seventh*, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or L/C Borrowings in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (v) such Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 7 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Commitments hereunder without giving effect to Section 2.16(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 2.16(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

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

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under <u>Section 4</u> for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).

- (B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to Section 3.8.
- (C) With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (A)</u> or (B) above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> below, (y) pay to the Letter of Credit Issuer the amount of any such fee otherwise payable 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>. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations and Swingline Loans shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Revolving Credit Commitment Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender 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 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 <u>clause (a)(iv)</u> above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall, without prejudice to any right or remedy available to them 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 Letter of Credit Issuers' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 3.8</u>.

(b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Swingline Lender, and the Letter of Credit Issuer agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), that Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Revolving Credit Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit and Swingline Loans to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders in accordance with their Revolving Credit Commitment Percentages (without giving effect to <u>Section 2.16(a)(iv)</u>), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

# Section 3. Letters of Credit

# 3.1 <u>Letters of Credit</u>.

(a) Subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, at any time and from time to time after the Closing Date and prior to the L/C Facility Maturity Date, the Letter of Credit Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the Revolving Credit Lenders set forth in this Section 3, to issue from time to time from the Closing Date through the L/C Facility Maturity Date for the account of the Borrower (or, so long as the Borrower is the primary obligor, for the account of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than the Borrower)) letters of credit (the "Letters of Credit" and each, a "Letter of Credit") in such form as may be approved by the Letter of Credit Issuer in its reasonable discretion.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no Letter of Credit shall be issued the Stated Amount of which, when added to the Letters of Credit Outstanding at such time, would exceed the Letter of Credit Commitment then in effect (or with respect to any Letter of Credit Issuer, exceed such Letter of Credit Issuer's Letter of Credit Commitment); (ii) no Letter of Credit shall be issued the Stated Amount of which would cause the aggregate amount of the Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures at the time of the issuance thereof to exceed the Total Revolving Credit Commitment then in effect; (iii) each Letter of Credit shall have an expiration date occurring no later than one year after the date of issuance thereof (except as set forth in Section 3.2(d)), provided that in no event shall such expiration date occur later than the L/C Facility Maturity Date, in each case, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and, unless such Letter of Credit Lenders; (iv) the Letter of Credit shall be denominated in Dollars; (v) no Letter of Credit shall be issued if it would be illegal under any applicable law for the beneficiary of the Letter of Credit Party or the Administrative Agent or the Required Revolving Credit Lenders stating that a Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing until such time as the Letter of Credit Issuer shall have received a written notice of (x) rescission of such notice from the party or parties originally delivering such notice or (y) the waiver of such Default or Event of Default in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.1.

(c) Upon at least two Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer (which notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly transmit to each of the Lenders), the Borrower shall have the right, on any day, permanently to terminate or reduce the Letter of Credit Commitment in whole or in part; provided that, after giving effect to such termination or reduction, the Letters of Credit Outstanding shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Commitment (or with respect to a Letter of Credit Issuer, the Letters of Credit outstanding with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Letter of Credit Issuer shall not exceed such Letter of Credit Issuer's Letter of Credit Commitment).

(d) [Reserved].

(e) The Letter of Credit Issuer shall not be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

(i) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms enjoin or restrain the Letter of Credit Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any law applicable to the Letter of Credit Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over the Letter of Credit Issuer shall prohibit, or request that the Letter of Credit Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular or shall impose upon the Letter of Credit Issuer with respect to such Letter of Credit any restriction, reserve or capital requirement (in each case, for which the Letter of Credit Issuer is not otherwise compensated hereunder) not in effect on the Closing Date, or shall impose upon the Letter of Credit Issuer any unreimbursed loss, cost or expense which was not applicable on the Closing Date and which the Letter of Credit Issuer in good faith deems material to it;

(ii) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of the Letter of Credit Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally;

(iii) except as otherwise agreed by the Letter of Credit Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial Stated Amount less than \$50,000, in the case of a commercial Letter of Credit, or \$10,000, in the case of a standby Letter of Credit;

(iv) such Letter of Credit is denominated in a currency other than Dollars;

(v) such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the Stated Amount after any drawing thereunder; or

(vi) a default of any Revolving Credit Lender's obligations to fund under <u>Section 3.3</u> exists or any Revolving Credit Lender is at such time a Defaulting Lender hereunder, unless, in each case, the Borrower have entered into arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Letter of Credit Issuer to eliminate the Letter of Credit Issuer's risk with respect to such Revolving Credit Lender or such risk has been reallocated in accordance with <u>Section 2.16</u>.

(f) The Letter of Credit Issuer shall not increase the Stated Amount of any Letter of Credit if the Letter of Credit Issuer would not be permitted at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof.

(g) The Letter of Credit Issuer shall be under no obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) the Letter of Credit Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to such Letter of Credit.

(h) The Letter of Credit Issuer shall act on behalf of the Revolving Credit Lenders with respect to any Letters of Credit issued by it and the documents associated therewith and the Letter of Credit Issuer shall have all of the benefits and immunities (A) provided to the Administrative Agent in Section 13 with respect to any acts taken or omissions suffered by the Letter of Credit Issuer in connection with Letters of Credit issued by it or proposed to be issued by it and Issuer Documents pertaining to such Letters of Credit as fully as if the term "Administrative Agent" as used in Section 13 included the Letter of Credit Issuer with respect to such acts or omissions, and (B) as additionally provided herein with respect to the Letter of Credit Issuer.

## 3.2 Letter of Credit Requests.

(a) Whenever the Borrower desires that a Letter of Credit be issued for its account or amended, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer a Letter of Credit Request by no later than 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) at least four Business Days (or such other period as may be agreed upon by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer) prior to the proposed date of issuance or amendment. Each Letter of Credit Request shall be executed by the Borrower. Such Letter of Credit Request may be sent by facsimile, by United States mail, by overnight courier, by electronic transmission using the system provided by the Letter of Credit Issuer, by personal delivery or by any other means acceptable to the Letter of Credit Issuer.

(b) In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Request shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the Letter of Credit Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the Stated Amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (G) the identity of the applicant; and (H) such other matters as the Letter of Credit Issuer may reasonably require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Request shall specify in form and detail reasonably satisfactory to the Letter of Credit Issuer (I) the Letter of Credit to be amended; (II) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day); (III) the nature of the proposed amendment; and (IV) such other matters as the Letter of Credit Issuer may reasonably require. Additionally, the Borrower shall furnish to the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Administrative Agent such other documents and information pertaining to such requested Letter of Credit issuance or amendment, including any Issuer Documents, as the Letter of Credit Issuer or the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.

(c) Unless the Letter of Credit Issuer has received written notice from any Revolving Credit Lender, the Administrative Agent or any Credit Party, at least one Business Day prior to the requested date of issuance or amendment of the Letter of Credit, that one or more applicable conditions contained in <u>Sections</u> <u>6</u> (solely with respect to any Letter of Credit issued on the Closing Date) and <u>7</u> shall not then be satisfied to the extent required thereby, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Letter of Credit Issuer shall, on the requested date, issue a Letter of Credit for the account of the Borrower (or, so long as the Borrower is the primary obligor, for the account of Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary) or enter into the applicable amendment, as the case may be, in each case in accordance with the Letter of Credit Issuer's usual and customary business practices.

(d) If the Borrower so requests in any Letter of Credit Request, the Letter of Credit Issuer shall agree to issue a Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions (each, an "**Auto-Extension Letter of Credit**"); provided that any such Auto-Extension Letter of Credit must permit the Letter of Credit Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each twelve-month period (commencing with the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof and the Borrower not later than a day (the "**Non-Extension Notice Date**") in each such twelve-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit Issuer, the Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the Letter of Credit Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than the L/C Facility Maturity Date, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer; provided, however, that the Letter of Credit Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (A) the Letter of Credit Issuer has reasonably determined that it would not be permitted, or would have no obligation, at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of <u>clause (b)</u> of <u>Section 3.1</u> or otherwise), or (B) it has received written notice on or before the day that is seven Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date from the Administrative Agent, any Lender or the Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in <u>Sections 6</u> and <u>7</u> are not then satisfied, and in each such case directing the Letter of Credit Issuer not to permit such extension.

(e) Promptly after its delivery of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit to an advising bank with respect thereto or to the beneficiary thereof, the Letter of Credit Issuer will also deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment. On the first Business Day of each month, the Letter of Credit Issuer shall provide the Administrative Agent a list of all Letters of Credit issued by it that are outstanding at such time.

(f) The making of each Letter of Credit Request shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Borrower that the Letter of Credit may be issued in accordance with, and will not violate the requirements of, <u>Section 3.1(b)</u>.

# 3.3 Letter of Credit Participations.

(a) Immediately upon the issuance by the Letter of Credit Issuer of any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Issuer shall be deemed to have sold and transferred to each Revolving Credit Lender (each such Revolving Credit Lender, in its capacity under this <u>Section 3.3</u>, an "L/C Participant"), and each such L/C Participant shall be deemed irrevocably and unconditionally to have purchased and received from the Letter of Credit Issuer, without recourse or warranty, an undivided interest and participation (each an "L/C Participation"), to the extent of such L/C Participant's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage in each Letter of Credit, each substitute therefor, each drawing made thereunder and the obligations of the Borrower under this Agreement with respect thereto, and any security therefor or guaranty pertaining thereto; <u>provided</u> that the Letter of Credit Fees will be paid directly to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the L/C Participants as provided in <u>Section 4.1(b)</u> and the L/C Participants shall have no right to receive any portion of any Fronting Fees.

(b) In determining whether to pay under any Letter of Credit, the relevant Letter of Credit Issuer shall have no obligation relative to the L/C Participants other than to confirm that any documents required to be delivered under such Letter of Credit have been delivered and that they appear to comply on their face with the requirements of such Letter of Credit. Any action taken or omitted to be taken by the relevant Letter of Credit Issuer under or in connection with any Letter of Credit issued by it, if taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, shall not create for the Letter of Credit Issuer any resulting liability.

(c) In the event that the Letter of Credit Issuer makes any payment under any Letter of Credit issued by it and the applicable Borrower shall not have repaid such amount in full to the respective Letter of Credit Issuer through the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 3.4(a)</u>, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each L/C Participant of such failure, and each L/C Participant shall promptly and unconditionally pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer, the amount of such L/C Participant's Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of such unreimbursed payment in Dollars and in immediately available funds. If and to the extent such L/C Participant shall not have so made its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the amount of such payment available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer, 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 the Letter of Credit Issuer in connection with the foregoing. The failure of any L/C Participant to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the Overnight Rate from time to time then in effect, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees that are reasonably and customarily charged by the Letter of Credit Issuer its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under any Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under any Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under such Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under such Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under such Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of any payment under such Letter of Credit Issuer is Revolving Credit Commitment Percen

(d) Whenever the Administrative Agent receives a payment in respect of an unpaid reimbursement obligation as to which the Administrative Agent has received for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer any payments from the L/C Participants pursuant to <u>clause (c)</u> above, the Administrative Agent shall promptly pay to each L/C Participant that has paid its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of such reimbursement obligation, in Dollars and in immediately available funds, an amount equal to such L/C Participant's share (based upon the proportionate aggregate amount originally funded by such L/C Participants) of the amount so paid in respect of such reimbursement obligation and interest thereon accruing after the purchase of the respective L/C Participations at the Overnight Rate.

(e) The obligations of the L/C Participants to make payments to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer with respect to Letters of Credit shall be irrevocable and not subject to counterclaim, set-off or other defense or any other qualification or exception whatsoever and shall be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement under all circumstances.

(f) If any payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in <u>Section 3.20</u> (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Letter of Credit Issuer in its discretion), each Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Letter of Credit Issuer its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, *plus* interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Lender, at a rate per annum equal to the applicable Overnight Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Lenders under this clause shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

#### 3.4 <u>Agreement to Repay Letter of Credit Drawings</u>.

The Borrower hereby agrees to reimburse the Letter of Credit Issuer, by making payment with respect to any drawing under any Letter of (a) Credit in the same currency in which such drawing was made unless the Letter of Credit Issuer (at its option) shall have specified in the notice of drawing that it will require reimbursement in Dollars. Any such reimbursement shall be made by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds for any payment or disbursement made by the Letter of Credit Issuer under any Letter of Credit (each such amount so paid until reimbursed, an "Unpaid Drawing") no later than the date that is one Business Day after the date on which the Borrower receives written notice of such payment or disbursement (the "Reimbursement Date"), with interest on the amount so paid or disbursed by the Letter of Credit Issuer, to the extent not reimbursed prior to 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Reimbursement Date, from the Reimbursement Date to the date the Letter of Credit Issuer is reimbursed therefor at a rate per annum that shall at all times be the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans that are Revolving Credit Loans plus the ABR as in effect from time to time, provided that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, (i) unless the Borrower shall have notified the Administrative Agent and the relevant Letter of Credit Issuer prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Reimbursement Date that the Borrower intends to reimburse the relevant Letter of Credit Issuer for the amount of such drawing with funds other than the proceeds of Loans, the Borrower shall be deemed to have given a Notice of Borrowing requesting that, with respect to Letters of Credit, the Revolving Credit Lenders make Revolving Credit Loans (which shall be denominated in Dollars and which shall be ABR Loans) on the Reimbursement Date in the amount of such drawing and (ii) the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each L/C Participant of such drawing and the amount of its Revolving Credit Loan to be made in respect thereof, and each L/C Participant shall be irrevocably obligated to make a Revolving Credit Loan to the Borrower in Dollars in the manner deemed to have been requested in the amount of its Revolving Credit Commitment Percentage of the applicable Unpaid Drawing by 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Reimbursement Date by making the amount of such Revolving Credit Loan available to the Administrative Agent. Such Revolving Credit Loans shall be made without regard to the Minimum Borrowing Amount. The Administrative Agent shall use the proceeds of such Revolving Credit Loans solely for purpose of reimbursing the Letter of Credit Issuer for the related Unpaid Drawing. In the event that the Borrower fails to Cash Collateralize any Letter of Credit that is outstanding on the L/C Facility Maturity Date, the full amount of the Letters of Credit Outstanding in respect of such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be an Unpaid Drawing subject to the provisions of this Section 3.4 except that the Letter of Credit Issuer shall hold the proceeds received from the L/C Participants as contemplated above as cash collateral for such Letter of Credit to reimburse any Drawing under such Letter of Credit and shall use such proceeds first, to reimburse itself for any Drawings made in respect of such Letter of Credit following the L/C Facility Maturity Date, second, to the extent such Letter of Credit expires or is returned undrawn while any such cash collateral remains, to the repayment of obligations in respect of any Revolving Credit Loans that have not been paid at such time and third, to the Borrower or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section 3.4(a) shall affect the Borrower's obligation to repay all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans when due in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(b) The obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the Letter of Credit Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:

(i) any lack of validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents;

(ii) the existence of any claim, set-off, defense or other right that the Borrower may have at any time against a beneficiary named in a Letter of Credit, any transferee of any Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such transferee may be acting), the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer, any Lender or other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, the transactions contemplated herein or any unrelated transactions (including any underlying transaction between the Borrower and the beneficiary named in any such Letter of Credit);

(iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;

(iv) waiver by the Letter of Credit Issuer of any requirement that exists for the Letter of Credit Issuer's protection and not the protection of the Borrower (or Holdings or other Restricted Subsidiary) or any waiver by the Letter of Credit Issuer which does not in fact materially prejudice the Borrower (or Holdings or other Restricted Subsidiary);

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

(vi) any payment by the Letter of Credit Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by the Letter of Credit Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code;

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

(viii) any adverse change in any relevant exchange rates or in the relevant currency markets generally; or

(ix) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, the Borrower (or Holdings or other Restricted Subsidiary) (other than the defense of payment or performance).

(c) The Borrower shall not be obligated to reimburse the Letter of Credit Issuer for any wrongful payment made by the Letter of Credit Issuer under the Letter of Credit issued by it as a result of acts or omissions constituting willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of the Letter of Credit Issuer as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Increased Costs. If after the Closing Date, the adoption of any applicable law, treaty, rule, or regulation, or any change therein, or any change in 3.5 the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or actual compliance by the Letter of Credit Issuer or any L/C Participant with any request or directive made or adopted after the Closing Date (whether or not having the force of law), by any such authority, central bank or comparable agency shall either (x) impose, modify or make applicable any reserve, deposit, capital adequacy or similar requirement against letters of credit issued by the Letter of Credit Issuer, or any L/C Participant's L/C Participation therein, or (y) impose on the Letter of Credit Issuer or any L/C Participant any other conditions or costs affecting its obligations under this Agreement in respect of Letters of Credit or L/C Participations therein or any Letter of Credit or such L/C Participant's L/C Participation therein, and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the actual cost to the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant of issuing, maintaining or participating in any Letter of Credit, or to reduce the actual amount of any sum received or receivable by the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant hereunder (including any increased costs or reductions attributable to Taxes, other than any increase or reduction attributable to Indemnified Taxes, Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes) in respect of Letters of Credit or L/C Participations therein, then, promptly after receipt of written demand to the Borrower by the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant, as the case may be (a copy of which notice shall be sent by the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant to the Administrative Agent (with respect to a Letter of Credit issued on account of the Borrower (or Holdings or other Restricted Subsidiary))), the Borrower shall pay to the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant such additional amount or amounts as will compensate the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant for such increased cost or reduction, it being understood and agreed, however, that the Letter of Credit Issuer or an L/C Participant shall not be entitled to such compensation as a result of such Person's compliance with, or pursuant to any request or directive to comply with, any such law, rule or regulation as in effect on the Closing Date. A certificate submitted to the Borrower by the relevant Letter of Credit Issuer or an L/C Participant, as the case may be (a copy of which certificate shall be sent by the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant to the Administrative Agent), setting forth in reasonable detail the basis for the determination of such actual additional amount or amounts necessary to compensate the Letter of Credit Issuer or such L/C Participant as aforesaid shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower absent clearly demonstrable error.

## 3.6 <u>New or Successor Letter of Credit Issuer</u>.

The Letter of Credit Issuer may resign as the Letter of Credit Issuer upon 60 days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent, the (a) Lenders, Holdings, and the Borrower. The Borrower may replace the Letter of Credit Issuer for any reason upon written notice to the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer. The Borrower may add Letter of Credit Issuers at any time upon notice to the Administrative Agent. If the Letter of Credit Issuer shall resign or be replaced, or if the Borrower shall decide to add a new Letter of Credit Issuer under this Agreement, then the Borrower may appoint from among the Lenders a successor issuer of Letters of Credit or a new Letter of Credit Issuer, as the case may be, or, with the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), another successor or new issuer of Letters of Credit, whereupon such successor issuer accepting such appointment shall succeed to the rights, powers and duties of the replaced or resigning Letter of Credit Issuer under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, or such new issuer of Letters of Credit accepting such appointment shall be granted the rights, powers and duties of the Letter of Credit Issuer hereunder, and the term Letter of Credit Issuer shall mean such successor or such new issuer of Letters of Credit effective upon such appointment. At the time such resignation or replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay to the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer all accrued and unpaid fees applicable to the Letters of Credit pursuant to Sections 4.1(b) and 4.1(d). The acceptance of any appointment as the Letter of Credit Issuer hereunder whether as a successor issuer or new issuer of Letters of Credit in accordance with this Agreement, shall be evidenced by an agreement entered into by such new or successor issuer of Letters of Credit, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and, from and after the effective date of such agreement, such new or successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall become the Letter of Credit Issuer hereunder. After the resignation or replacement of the Letter of Credit Issuer hereunder, the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of the Letter of Credit Issuer under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents with respect to Letters of Credit issued by it prior to such resignation or replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Letters of Credit. In connection with any resignation or replacement pursuant to this clause (a) (but, in case of any such resignation, only to the extent that a successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall have been appointed), either (i) the Borrower, the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer and the successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall arrange to have any outstanding Letters of Credit issued by the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer replaced with Letters of Credit issued by the successor issuer of Letters of Credit or (ii) the Borrower shall cause the successor issuer of Letters of Credit, if such successor issuer is reasonably satisfactory to the replaced or resigning Letter of Credit Issuer, to issue "back-stop" Letters of Credit naming the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer as beneficiary for each outstanding Letter of Credit issued by the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer, which new Letters of Credit shall be denominated in the same currency as, and shall have a face amount equal to, the Letters of Credit being back-stopped and the sole requirement for drawing on such new Letters of Credit shall be a drawing on the corresponding back-stopped Letters of Credit. After any resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer's resignation or replacement as Letter of Credit Issuer, the provisions of this Agreement relating to the Letter of Credit Issuer shall inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it (A) while it was the Letter of Credit Issuer under this Agreement or (B) at any time with respect to Letters of Credit issued by such Letter of Credit Issuer.

(b) To the extent there are, at the time of any resignation or replacement as set forth in <u>clause (a)</u> above, any outstanding Letters of Credit, nothing herein shall be deemed to impact or impair any rights and obligations of any of the parties hereto with respect to such outstanding Letters of Credit (including, without limitation, any obligations related to the payment of Fees or the reimbursement or funding of amounts drawn), except that the Borrower, the resigning or replaced Letter of Credit Issuer and the successor issuer of Letters of Credit shall have the obligations regarding outstanding Letters of Credit described in <u>clause (a)</u> above.

Role of Letter of Credit Issuer. Each Lender and the Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit 3.7 Issuer shall not have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by the Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering any such document. None of the Letter of Credit Issuer, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Affiliates nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of the Letter of Credit Issuer shall be liable to any Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document. The Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferee with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; provided that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude the Borrower's pursuit of such rights and remedies as they may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the Letter of Credit Issuer, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Affiliates nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of the Letter of Credit Issuer shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in Section 3.3(b); provided that anything in such Section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower may have a claim against the Letter of Credit Issuer, and the Letter of Credit Issuer may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by the Letter of Credit Issuer's willful misconduct or gross negligence or the Letter of Credit Issuer's willful failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the beneficiary of a sight draft and certificate(s) strictly complying with the terms and conditions of a Letter of Credit in each case as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the Letter of Credit Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in order, without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, and the Letter of Credit Issuer shall not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign a Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason.

The Letter of Credit Issuer may send a Letter of Credit or conduct any communication to or from the beneficiary via the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication ("SWIFT") message or overnight courier, or any other commercially reasonable means of communicating with a beneficiary.

# 3.8 <u>Cash Collateral</u>.

(a) Certain Credit Support Events. Upon the written request of the Administrative Agent or the Letter of Credit Issuer, if (i) as of the L/C Facility Maturity Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, (ii) the Borrower shall be required to provide Cash Collateral pursuant to Section 11.13, or (iii) the provisions of Section 2.16(a)(y) are in effect, the Borrower shall immediately (in the case of clause (ii) above) or within one Business Day (in all other cases) following any written request by the Administrative Agent or the Letter of Credit Issuer, provide Cash Collateral in an amount not less than the applicable Minimum Collateral Amount (determined in the case of Cash Collateral provided pursuant to clause (iii) above, after giving effect to Section 2.16(a)(iv) and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender).

(b) <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grant to (and subject to the control of) the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Lenders, and agree to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein as described in <u>Section 3.8(a)</u>, and all other property so provided as collateral pursuant hereto, and in all proceeds of the foregoing, all as security for the obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to <u>Section 3.8(c)</u>. If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent or the Letter of Credit Issuer as herein provided, other than Permitted Liens, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount (including, without limitation, as a result of exchange rate fluctuations), the Borrower will, promptly upon written demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency. Cash Collateral shall be maintained in blocked, interest bearing deposit accounts with the Administrative Agent. The Borrower shall pay on demand therefor from time to time all customary account opening, activity and other administrative fees and charges in connection with the maintenance and disbursement of Cash Collateral.

(c) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this <u>Section 3.8</u> or <u>Sections 2.16</u>, <u>5.2</u>, or <u>11.13</u> in respect of Letters of Credit shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific L/C Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.

(d) Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or to secure other obligations shall be released promptly following (i) the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender (or, as appropriate, its assignee following compliance with <u>Section 13.6(b)(ii)</u>) or there is no longer existing an Event of Default) or (ii) the determination by the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer that there exists excess Cash Collateral.

3.9 <u>Applicability of ISP and UCP</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the Letter of Credit Issuer and the applicable Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued, (i) the rules of the ISP shall apply to each standby Letter of Credit, and (ii) the rules of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, as most recently published by the International Chamber of Commerce at the time of issuance, shall apply to each commercial Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Letter of Credit Issuer shall not be responsible to the Borrower for, and the Letter of Credit Issuer's rights and remedies against the Borrower shall not be impaired by, any action or inaction of the Letter of Credit Issuer required or permitted under any law, order, or practice that is required or permitted to be applied to any Letter of Credit or this Agreement, including the applicable law or any order of a jurisdiction where the Letter of Credit Issuer or the beneficiary is located, the practice stated in the ISP or UCP, as applicable, or in the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade - International Financial Services Association (BAFT-IFSA), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, whether or not any Letter of Credit chooses such law or practice.

3.10 <u>Conflict with Issuer Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Document, the terms hereof shall control and any grant of security interest in any Issuer Documents shall be void.

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

3.12 <u>Provisions Related to Extended Revolving Credit Commitments</u>. If the Letter of Credit Expiration Date in respect of any tranche of Revolving Credit Commitments occurs prior to the expiry date of any Letter of Credit, then (i) if consented to by the Letter of Credit Issuer which issued such Letter of Credit, if one or more other tranches of Revolving Credit Commitments in respect of which the Letter of Credit Expiration Date shall not have so occurred are then in effect, such Letters of Credit for which consent has been obtained shall automatically be deemed to have been issued (including for purposes of the obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders to purchase participations therein and to make Revolving Credit Loans and payments in respect thereof pursuant to <u>Sections 3.3</u> and <u>3.4</u>) under (and ratably participated in by Lenders pursuant to) the Revolving Credit Commitments thereunder at such time (it being understood that no partial face amount of any Letter of Credit may be so reallocated) and (ii) to the extent not reallocated pursuant to immediately preceding <u>clause (i)</u>, the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize any such Letter of Credit in accordance with <u>Section 3.8</u>. Upon the maturity date of any tranche of Revolving Credit Commitments, the sublimit for Letters of Credit may be reduced as agreed between the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Borrower, without the consent of any other Person.

Section 4. Fees

4.1 <u>Fees</u>.

(a) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent in Dollars, for the account of each Revolving Credit Lender (in each case pro rata according to the respective Revolving Credit Commitments of all such Lenders), a commitment fee (the "**Commitment Fee**") for each day from the Closing Date to the Revolving Credit Termination Date. Each Commitment Fee shall be payable (x) quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower (for the quarterly period (or portion thereof) ended on such day for which no payment has been received) and (y) on the Revolving Credit Termination Date (for the period ended on such date for which no payment has been received pursuant to <u>clause (x)</u> above), and shall be computed for each day during such period at a rate per annum equal to the Commitment Fee Rate in effect on such day on the Available Commitment in effect on such day.

(b) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent in Dollars for the account of the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata on the basis of their respective Letter of Credit Exposure, a fee in respect of each Letter of Credit issued on the Borrower's or any of the other Restricted Subsidiaries' behalf (the "Letter of Credit Fee"), for the period from the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit to the termination date of such Letter of Credit computed at the per annum rate for each day equal to the Applicable Margin for LIBOR Rate Revolving Credit Loans less the Fronting Fee set forth in <u>clause (d)</u> below. Except as provided below, such Letter of Credit Fees shall be due and payable (x) quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower and (y) on the date upon which the Total Revolving Credit Commitment terminates and the Letters of Credit Outstanding shall have been reduced to zero.

(c) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent in Dollars, for its own account, administrative agent fees as have been previously agreed in writing or as may be agreed in writing from time to time.

(d) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay to the Letter of Credit Issuer a fee in Dollars in respect of each Letter of Credit issued by it to the Borrower (the "**Fronting Fee**") (i) with respect to each commercial Letter of Credit, at the rate of 0.125%, computed on the amount of such Letter of Credit, and (ii) with respect to each standby Letter of Credit, for the period from the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit to the termination date of such Letter of Credit, computed at the rate for each day equal to 0.125% per annum on the average daily Stated Amount of such Letter of Credit (or at such other rate per annum as agreed in writing between the Borrower and the Letter of Credit Issuer). Such Fronting Fees shall be due and payable (x) quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower and (y) on the date upon which the Total Revolving Credit Commitment terminates and the Letters of Credit Outstanding shall have been reduced to zero.

(e) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay directly to the Letter of Credit Issuer in Dollars upon each issuance or renewal of, drawing under, and/or amendment of, a Letter of Credit issued by it such amount as shall at the time of such issuance or renewal of, drawing under, and/or amendment be the processing charge that the Letter of Credit Issuer is customarily charging for issuances or renewals of, drawings under or amendments of, letters of credit issued by it.

(f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall not be obligated to pay any amounts to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 4.1</u>.

Voluntary Reduction of Revolving Credit Commitments. Upon at least two Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent at 4.2 the Administrative Agent's Office (which notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly transmit to each of the Lenders), the Borrower shall have the right, without premium or penalty, on any day, permanently to terminate or reduce the Revolving Credit Commitments in whole or in part; provided that (a) any such reduction shall apply proportionately and permanently to reduce the Revolving Credit Commitment of each of the Lenders of any applicable Class, except that (i) notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with the establishment on any date of any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments pursuant to Section 2.14(g), the Revolving Credit Commitments of any one or more Lenders providing any such Extended Revolving Credit Commitments on such date shall be reduced in an amount equal to the amount of Revolving Credit Commitments so extended on such date (provided that (x) after giving effect to any such reduction and to the repayment of any Revolving Credit Loans made on such date, the Revolving Credit Exposure of any such Lender does not exceed the Revolving Credit Commitment thereof and (y) for the avoidance of doubt, any such repayment of Revolving Credit Loans contemplated by the preceding clause shall be made in compliance with the requirements of <u>Section 5.3(a)</u> with respect to the ratable allocation of payments hereunder, with such allocation being determined after giving effect to any conversion pursuant to Section 2.14(g) of Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans into Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to Section 2.14(g) prior to any reduction being made to the Revolving Credit Commitment of any other Lender) and (ii) the Borrower may at its election permanently reduce the Revolving Credit Commitment of a Defaulting Lender to \$0 without affecting the Revolving Credit Commitments of any other Lender, (b) any partial reduction pursuant to this Section 4.2 shall be in the amount of at least \$5,000,000, and (c) after giving effect to such termination or reduction and to any prepayments of the Loans made on the date thereof in accordance with this Agreement, the aggregate amount of the Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures shall not exceed the Total Revolving Credit Commitment and the aggregate amount of the Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures in respect of any Class shall not exceed the aggregate Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class.

- 4.3 <u>Mandatory Termination of Commitments</u>.
- (a) The Initial Term Loan Commitments shall terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Closing Date.
- (b) The Revolving Credit Commitment shall terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Revolving Credit Maturity Date.
- (c) The Swingline Commitment shall terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Swingline Maturity Date.

(d) The New Term Loan Commitment for any Series shall, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Joinder Agreement, terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Increased Amount Date for such Series.

# Section 5. <u>Payments</u>

5.1 Voluntary Prepayments. (a) The Borrower shall have the right to prepay Loans, including Term Loans, Revolving Credit Loans, and Swingline Loans, as applicable, in each case, other than as set forth in Section 5.1(b), without premium or penalty, in whole or in part from time to time on the following terms and conditions: (1) the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office written notice of its intent to make such prepayment, the amount of such prepayment and (in the case of LIBOR Loans) the specific Borrowing(s) pursuant to which made, which notice shall be given by the Borrower no later than 12:00 Noon (New York City time) (i) in the case of LIBOR Loans, three Business Days prior to, (ii) in the case of ABR Loans (other than Swingline Loans), one Business Day prior to or (ii) in the case of Swingline Loans, on, the date of such prepayment and shall promptly be transmitted by the Administrative Agent to each of the Lenders or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be; (2) each partial prepayment of (i) any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, (ii) any ABR Loans (other than Swingline Loans) shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, and (iii) Swingline Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$500,000 and in multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, provided that no partial prepayment of LIBOR Loans made pursuant to a single Borrowing shall reduce the outstanding LIBOR Loans made pursuant to such Borrowing to an amount less than the applicable Minimum Borrowing Amount for such LIBOR Loans, and (3) in the case of any prepayment of LIBOR Loans pursuant to this Section 5.1 on any day other than the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto, the Borrower shall, promptly after receipt of a written request by any applicable Lender (which request shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis for requesting such amount), pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required pursuant to Section 2.11. Each prepayment in respect of any Term Loans pursuant to this Section 5.1 shall be (a) applied to the Class or Classes of Term Loans as the Borrower may specify and (b) applied to reduce Initial Term Loan Repayment Amounts, any New Term Loan Repayment Amounts, and, subject to Section 2.14(g), Extended Term Loan Repayment Amounts, as the case may be, in each case, in such order as the Borrower may specify. At the Borrower's election in connection with any prepayment pursuant to this Section 5.1, such prepayment shall not be applied to any Term Loan or Revolving Credit Loan of a Defaulting Lender.

(b) In the event that, on or prior to the six-month anniversary of the Closing Date, the Borrower (i) makes any prepayment of Initial Term Loans in connection with any Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on such Term Initial Term Loans or (ii) effects any amendment of this Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on the Initial Term Loans, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable account of each of the applicable Lenders, (x) in the case of clause (i), a prepayment premium of 1.00% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans being prepaid in connection with such Repricing Transaction and (y) in the case of clause (ii), an amount equal to 1.00% of the aggregate amount of the applicable Initial Term Loans outstanding immediately prior to such amendment that are subject to an effective pricing reduction pursuant to such Repricing Transaction.

# 5.2 <u>Mandatory Prepayments</u>.

## (a) <u>Term Loan Prepayments</u>.

(i) On each occasion that a Prepayment Event occurs, the Borrower shall, within three Business Days after receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of a Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event (other than one covered by <u>clause (iii)</u> below) and within ten Business Days after the occurrence of any other Prepayment Event (or, in the case of Deferred Net Cash Proceeds, within ten Business Days after the Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date), prepay, in accordance with <u>clause (c)</u> below, Term Loans with an equivalent principal amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds from such Prepayment Event; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to the Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, in each case solely to the extent with respect to any Collateral, the Borrower may use a portion of such Net Cash Proceeds to prepay or repurchase Permitted Other Indebtedness (and with such prepaid or repurchased Permitted Other Indebtedness permanently extinguished) with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Obligations to the extent any applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness Document requires the issuer of such Permitted Other Indebtedness to prepay or make an offer to purchase such Permitted Other Indebtedness with the proceeds of such Prepayment Event, in each case in an amount not to exceed the product of (x) the amount of such Net Cash Proceeds *multiplied* by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the outstanding principal amount of the Permitted Other Indebtedness with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Other Indebtedness with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the other indebtedness with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Other Indebtedness with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Other Indebtedness with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Obligations and with resp

Not later than ten Business Days after the date on which financial statements are required to be delivered pursuant to Section 9.1(a) for (ii) any fiscal year (commencing with and including the fiscal year ending January 3, 2015), the Borrower shall prepay (or cause to be prepaid), in accordance with clause (c) below, Term Loans with a principal amount equal to (x) 50% of Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year; provided that (A) the percentage in this Section 5.2(a)(ii) shall be reduced to 25% if the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio on the date of prepayment (prior to giving effect thereto but giving effect to any prepayment described in <u>clause (y)</u> below and as certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings) for the most recent Test Period ended prior to such prepayment date is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 but greater than 4.00 to 1.00 and (B) no payment of any Term Loans shall be required under this Section 5.2(a)(ii) if the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio on the date of prepayment (prior to giving effect thereto but giving effect to any prepayment described in <u>clause (y)</u> below and as certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings) for the most recent Test Period ended prior to such prepayment date is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00, minus (y) (i) the principal amount of Term Loans voluntarily prepaid pursuant to Section 5.1 or Section 13.6 or, to the extent permitted hereunder, Second Lien Loans voluntarily prepaid pursuant to Section 5.1 or 13.6 (or comparable provisions) of the Second Lien Credit Agreement (in each case, including purchases of the Loans by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at or below par, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans below par) during such fiscal year or after such fiscal year and prior to the date of the required Excess Cash Flow payment, and (ii) to the extent accompanied by permanent optional reductions of Revolving Credit Commitments, Extended Revolving Credit Commitments or Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment, as applicable, Revolving Credit Loans, Swing Line Loans, Extended Revolving Credit Loans, Incremental Revolving Credit Loans, in each case of clauses (i) and (ii), other than to the extent any such prepayment is funded with the proceeds of Funded Debt.

(iii) On each occasion that Permitted Other Indebtedness is issued or incurred pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(w)</u>, the Borrower shall within three Business Days of receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Permitted Other Indebtedness prepay, in accordance with <u>clause (c)</u> below, Term Loans with a principal amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds from such issuance or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 5.2, (A) to the extent that any or all of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Prepayment (iv) Event by a Foreign Subsidiary giving rise to a prepayment pursuant to clause (i) above (a "Foreign Prepayment Event") or Excess Cash Flow are prohibited or delayed by any Requirement of Law from being repatriated to the Credit Parties, an amount equal to the portion of such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected will not be required to be applied to repay Loans at the times provided in clauses (i) and (ii) above, as the case may be, but only so long, as the applicable Requirement of Law will not permit repatriation to the Credit Parties (the Credit Parties hereby agreeing to cause the applicable Foreign Subsidiary to promptly take all actions reasonably required by the applicable Requirement of Law to permit repatriation), and once a repatriation of any of such affected Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow is permitted under the applicable Requirement of Law, an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow will be promptly (and in any event not later than ten Business Days after such repatriation is permitted) applied (net of any taxes that would be payable or reserved against if such amounts were actually repatriated whether or not they are repatriated) to the repayment of the Loans pursuant to <u>clauses (i)</u> and (ii) above, as applicable, and (B) to the extent that the Borrower has determined in good faith that repatriation of any of or all the Net Cash Proceeds of any Foreign Prepayment Event or Excess Cash Flow would have a material adverse tax consequence with respect to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow, an amount equal to the Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected may be retained by the applicable Foreign Subsidiary; provided that in the case of this clause (B), on or before the date on which any Net Cash Proceeds from any Foreign Prepayment Event so retained would otherwise have been required to be applied to reinvestments or prepayments pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above or, in the case of Excess Cash Flow, a date on or before the date that is eighteen months after the date an amount equal to such Excess Cash Flow would have so required to be applied to prepayments pursuant to clause (ii) above unless previously actually repatriated in which case such repatriated Excess Cash Flow shall have been promptly applied to the repayment of the Term Loans pursuant to <u>clause (ii)</u> above, (x) the Borrower shall apply an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow to such reinvestments or prepayments as if such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow had been received by the Credit Parties rather than such Foreign Subsidiary, less the amount of any taxes that would have been payable or reserved against if such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow had been repatriated (or, if less, the Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow that would be calculated if received by such Foreign Subsidiary) or (y) such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow shall be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement, including Section 5 shall be construed to require any Foreign Subsidiary to repatriate cash.

(b) <u>Repayment of Revolving Credit Loans</u>. If on any date the aggregate amount of the Lenders' Revolving Credit Exposures in respect of any Class of Revolving Loans for any reason exceeds 100% of the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class then in effect, the Borrower shall forthwith repay on such date Revolving Loans of such Class in an amount equal to such excess. If after giving effect to the prepayment of all outstanding Revolving Loans of such Class, the Revolving Credit Exposures of such Class exceed the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Class then in effect, the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize the Letters of Credit Outstanding in relation to such Class to the extent of such excess.

(c) <u>Application to Repayment Amounts</u>. Subject to <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, each prepayment of Term Loans required by <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u> or (<u>ii)</u> shall be allocated pro rata among the Initial Term Loans, the New Term Loans and the Extended Term Loans based on the applicable remaining Repayment Amounts due thereunder and shall be applied within each Class of Term Loans in respect of such Term Loans in direct order of maturity thereof or as otherwise directed by the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that if any Class of Extended Term Loans have been established hereunder, the Borrower may allocate such prepayment in its sole discretion to the Term Loans of the Existing Term Loan Class, if any, from which such Extended Term Loans were converted (except, as to Term Loans made pursuant to a Joinder Agreement, as otherwise set forth in such Joinder Agreement, or as to a Replacement Term Loan). Subject to <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, with respect to each such prepayment, the Borrower will, not later than the date specified in <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> for making such prepayment, give the Administrative Agent written notice which shall include a calculation of the amount of such prepayment to be applied to each Class of Term Loans requesting that the Administrative Agent provide notice of such prepayment to each Initial Term Loan Lender, New Term Loan Lender, or Lender of Extended Term Loans, as applicable.

(d) <u>Application to Term Loans</u>. With respect to each prepayment of Term Loans required by <u>Section 5.2(a)</u>, the Borrower may, if applicable, designate the Types of Loans that are to be prepaid and the specific Borrowing(s) pursuant to which made; <u>provided</u>, that if any Lender has provided a Rejection Notice in compliance with <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, such prepayment shall be applied with respect to the Term Loans to be prepaid on a pro rata basis across all outstanding Types of such Term Loans in proportion to the percentage of such outstanding Term Loans to be prepaid represented by each such Class. In the absence of a Rejection Notice or a designation by the Borrower as described in the preceding sentence, the Administrative Agent shall, subject to the above, make such designation in its reasonable discretion with a view, but no obligation, to minimize breakage costs owing under <u>Section 2.11</u>.

(e) <u>Application to Revolving Credit Loans</u>. With respect to each prepayment of Revolving Credit Loans, the Borrower may designate (i) the Types of Loans that are to be prepaid and the specific Borrowing(s) pursuant to which made and (ii) the Revolving Loans to be prepaid, <u>provided</u> that (y) each prepayment of any Loans made pursuant to a Borrowing shall be applied pro rata among such Loans; and (z) notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding <u>clause (y)</u>, no prepayment of Revolving Loans shall be applied to the Revolving Credit Loans of any Defaulting Lender unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Borrower. In the absence of a designation by the Borrower as described in the preceding sentence, the Administrative Agent shall, subject to the above, make such designation in its reasonable discretion with a view, but no obligation, to minimize breakage costs owing under <u>Section 2.11</u>.

(f) <u>Rejection Right</u>. Holdings or the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in writing of any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> at least three Business Days prior to the date of such prepayment. Each such notice shall specify the date of such prepayment and provide a reasonably detailed calculation of the amount of such prepayment. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify each Lender holding Term Loans of the contents of such prepayment notice and of such Lender's pro rata share of the prepayment. Each Term Loan Lender may reject all (but not less than all) of its pro rata share of any mandatory prepayment other than any such mandatory prepayment with respect to a Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event under <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u> or Permitted Other Indebtedness under <u>Section 5.2(a)(iii)</u> (such declined amounts, the "**Declined Proceeds**") of Term Loans required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> by providing written notice (each, a "**Rejection Notice**") to the Administrative Agent no later than 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) one Business Day after the date of such Lender's receipt of notice from the Administrative Agent regarding such prepayment. If a Lender fails to deliver a Rejection Notice to the Administrative Agent within the time frame specified above, any such failure will be deemed an acceptance of the total amount of such mandatory prepayment of Term Loans. Any Declined Proceeds remaining after offering such Declined Proceeds are offered to the lenders under the Second Lien Facility in accordance with the terms of the Second Lien Facility, thereafter shall be retained by the Borrower ("**Retained Declined Proceeds**").

## 5.3 <u>Method and Place of Payment</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all payments under this Agreement shall be made by the Borrower, without set-off, counterclaim or deduction of any kind, to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders entitled thereto (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans to the Swingline Lender) or the Letter of Credit Issuer entitled thereto, as the case may be, not later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time), in each case, on the date when due and shall be made in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office or at such other office as the Administrative Agent shall specify for such purpose by notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at such office as the Swingline Lender shall specify for such purpose by Notice to the Borrower's account at the Administrative Agent's Office shall constitute the making of such payment to the extent of such funds held in such account. All repayments or prepayments of any Loans (whether of principal, interest or otherwise) hereunder shall be made in the currency in which such Loans are denominated and all other payments under each Credit Document shall, unless otherwise specified in such Credit Document, be made in Dollars. The Administrative Agent will thereafter cause to be distributed on the same day (if payment was actually received by t

(b) Any payments under this Agreement that are made later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) may be deemed to have been made on the next succeeding Business Day in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion for purposes of calculating interest thereon (or, in the case of the Swingline Loans, at the Swingline Lender's sole discretion). Except as otherwise provided herein, whenever any payment to be made hereunder shall be stated to be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the due date thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day and, with respect to payments of principal, interest shall be payable during such extension at the applicable rate in effect immediately prior to such extension.

# 5.4 <u>Net Payments</u>.

# (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 Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall to the extent permitted by applicable laws be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Taxes.

(ii) If any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent or any other applicable Withholding Agent shall be required by applicable law to withhold or deduct any Taxes from any payment, then (A) such Withholding Agent shall withhold or make such deductions as are reasonably determined by such Withholding Agent to be required by applicable law, (B) such Withholding Agent shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or deductions have been made (including withholding or deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 5.4</u>) each Lender (or, in the case of a payment to the Administrative Agent for its own account, the Administrative Agent) receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deductions been made.

(b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law or timely reimburse the Administrative Agent or any Lender for the payment of any Other Taxes.

(c) Tax Indemnifications. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above, the Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and each Lender, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 15 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this <u>Section 5.4</u>) payable by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of any such payment or liability (along with a written statement setting forth in reasonable detail the basis and calculation of such amounts) delivered to the Borrower by a Lender, or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. If the Borrower reasonably believes that any such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were not correctly or legally asserted, the Administrative Agent and/or each affected Lender will use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower in pursuing a refund of such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes so long as such efforts would not, in the sole determination of the Administrative Agent or affected Lender, result in any additional costs, expenses or risks or be otherwise disadvantageous to it.

(d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. After any payment of Taxes by any Credit Party or the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this <u>Section 5.4</u>, 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 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) <u>Status of Lenders and Tax Documentation</u>.

(i) Each Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and to the Administrative Agent, at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable laws or by the taxing authorities of any jurisdiction and such other reasonably requested information as will permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine (A) whether or not any payments made hereunder or under any other Credit Document are subject to Taxes, (B) if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction, and (C) such Lender's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes in respect of any payments to be made to such Lender by any Credit Party pursuant to any Credit Document or otherwise to establish such Lender's status for withholding tax purposes in the applicable jurisdiction. Any documentation and information required to be delivered by a Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 5.4(e)</u> (including any specific documentation set forth in subsection (ii) below) shall be delivered by such Lender (i) on or prior to the Closing Date (or on or prior to the date it becomes a party to this Agreement), (ii) on or before any date on which such documentation previously delivered by it to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and (iv) from time to time thereafter if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, and each such Lender shall promptly notify in writing the Borrower and the Administrative Agent if such Lender is no longer legally eligible to provide any documentation previously provided.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - (A) any Lender that is a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code (a "U.S. Lender") shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or such other documentation or information prescribed by applicable laws or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements;
  - (B) each Non-U.S. Lender that is entitled under the Code or any applicable treaty to an exemption from or reduction of U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to any payments hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or any successor form thereto) claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party;

(2) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or any successor form thereto);

(3) in the case of a Non-U.S. 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 J-1, J-2, J-3 or J-4, as applicable, (a "**Non-Bank Tax Certificate**"), to the effect that such Non-U.S. Lender is not (A) a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (B) a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or (C) a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and that no payments under any Credit Document are effectively connected with such Non-U.S. Lender's conduct of a United States trade or business and (y) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or any successor thereto);

(4) where such Lender is a partnership (for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or otherwise not a beneficial owner (e.g., where such Lender has sold a participation), IRS Form W-8IMY (or any successor thereto) and all required supporting documentation (including, where one or more of the underlying beneficial owner(s) is claiming the benefits of the portfolio interest exemption, a Non-Bank Tax Certificate of such beneficial owner(s)) (provided that, if the Non-U.S. Lender is a partnership and not a participating Lender, the Non-Bank Tax Certificate(s) may be provided by the Non-U.S. Lender on behalf of the direct or indirect partner(s)); or

(5) executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable laws as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding tax together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable laws to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made;

(C) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit 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, to determine whether such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount, if any, to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>clause (C)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement; and

(D) If the Administrative Agent is a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code), it shall provide the Borrower with two duly completed original copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9. If the Administrative Agent is not a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(3) of the Code), it shall provide applicable Form W-8 (together with required accompanying documentation) with respect to payments to be received by it on behalf of the Lenders.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 5.4</u>, no Lender or the Administrative Agent shall be required to deliver any documentation that it is not legally eligible to deliver.

Treatment of Certain Refunds. If the Administrative Agent or any Lender determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has (f) received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Credit Party or with respect to which any Credit Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 5.4, the Administrative Agent or such Lender (as applicable) shall promptly pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Credit Parties under this Section 5.4 with respect to the Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including any Taxes) incurred by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that the Borrower, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. In such event, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, shall, at the Borrower's request, provide the Borrower with a copy of any notice of assessment or other evidence of the requirement to repay such refund received from the relevant taxing authority (provided that the Administrative Agent or such Lender may delete any information therein that it deems confidential). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (f), in no event will the Administrative Agent or any Lender be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (f) the payment of which would place the Administrative Agent or any Lender in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the Administrative Agent or any Lender 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 the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to any Credit Party or any other Person.

(g) For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of this <u>Section 5.4</u>, the term "Lender" includes any Letter of Credit Issuer and any Swingline Lender and the term "applicable law" includes FATCA.

(h) Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 5.4</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under the Credit Documents.

# 5.5 <u>Computations of Interest and Fees</u>.

(a) Except as provided in the next succeeding sentence, interest on LIBOR Loans shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed. Interest on ABR Loans shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed.

(b) Fees and the average daily Stated Amount of Letters of Credit shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed.

5.6 Limit on Rate of Interest.

(a) <u>No Payment Shall Exceed Lawful Rate</u>. Notwithstanding any other term of this Agreement, the Borrower shall not be obliged to pay any interest or other amounts under or in connection with this Agreement or otherwise in respect of the Obligations in excess of the amount or rate permitted under or consistent with any applicable law, rule or regulation.

(b) <u>Payment at Highest Lawful Rate</u>. If the Borrower is not obliged to make a payment that it would otherwise be required to make, as a result of <u>Section 5.6(a)</u>, the Borrower shall make such payment to the maximum extent permitted by or consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(c) Adjustment if Any Payment Exceeds Lawful Rate. If any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents would obligate the Borrower to make any payment of interest or other amount payable to any Lender in an amount or calculated at a rate that would be prohibited by any applicable law, rule or regulation, then notwithstanding such provision, such amount or rate shall be deemed to have been adjusted with retroactive effect to the maximum amount or rate of interest, as the case may be, as would not be so prohibited by law, such adjustment to be effected, to the extent necessary, by reducing the amount or rate of interest required to be paid by the Borrower to the affected Lender under Section 2.8; provided that to the extent lawful, the interest or other amounts that would have been payable but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest payable to such Lender in respect of other 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and after giving effect to all adjustments contemplated thereby, if any Lender shall have received from the Borrower an amount in excess of the maximum permitted by any applicable law, rule or regulation, then the Borrower shall be entitled, by notice in writing to the Administrative Agent to obtain reimbursement from that Lender in an amount equal to such excess, and pending such reimbursement, such amount shall be deemed to be an amount payable by that Lender to the Borrower.

# Section 6. <u>Conditions Precedent to Initial Borrowing</u>

The initial Borrowing under this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent, except as otherwise agreed between Holdings and the Administrative Agent.

## 6.1 <u>Credit Documents</u>.

The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received:

(a) this Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of Holdings, Merger Sub, the Company and NVI;

(b) the Guarantee, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of the Guarantors;

(c) the Pledge Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of each of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI, the Company and each Guarantor;

(d) the Security Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of each of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI, the Company and each Guarantor; and

(e) the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Auhorized Officer of each of the Second Lien Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

6.2 <u>Collateral</u>. Except for any items referred to on <u>Schedule 9.14</u>:

(a) All outstanding equity interests in whatever form of the Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary that is directly owned by or on behalf of any Credit Party and required to be pledged pursuant to the Security Documents shall have been pledged pursuant thereto;

(b) The Collateral Agent shall have received the certificates representing securities of the Borrower and of each Credit Party's Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries to the extent required to be delivered under the Security Documents and pledged under the Security Documents to the extent certificated, accompanied by instruments of transfer and undated stock powers or allonges endorsed in blank; and

(c) All Uniform Commercial Code financing statements required to be filed, registered or recorded to create the Liens intended to be created by any Security Document and perfect such Liens to the extent required by such Security Document shall have been delivered to the Collateral Agent, and shall be in proper form, for filing, registration or recording.

6.3 Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received the executed legal opinion, in customary form, of (i) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, special New York counsel to the Credit Parties, (ii) Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, special Georgia counsel to the Credit Parties and (iii) Roetzel & Andress, L.P.A., special Ohio counsel to the Credit Parties. Holdings and the Company hereby instruct and agree to instruct the other Credit Parties to have such counsel deliver such legal opinions.

6.4 <u>Equity Investments</u>. Equity Investments, which, to the extent constituting Capital Stock other than common Capital Stock, shall be on terms and conditions and pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners to the extent material to the interests of the Lenders, in an amount not less than the Minimum Equity Amount shall have been made.

6.5 <u>Closing Certificates</u>. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received a certificate of (x) each of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company, dated the Closing Date, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>, with appropriate insertions, executed by any Authorized Officer (or in the case of Holdings any Director or authorized agent of Holdings) and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of Holdings or the Company (or in the case of Holdings any Director or authorized agent of Holdings), as applicable, and attaching the documents referred to in <u>Section 6.6</u> and (y) an Authorized Officer certifying compliance with <u>Section 6.8</u> (with respect to Company Representations, to their knowledge) and <u>6.10</u> and certifying, to their knowledge, that, except as set forth on the Company Disclosure Schedule (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement) or except as contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement, since December 29, 2012, there has not been any event, change, occurrence, or circumstance that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement).

6.6 <u>Authorization of Proceedings of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company; Corporate Documents</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a copy of the resolutions of the board of directors or other managers of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company (or a duly authorized committee thereof) authorizing (a) the execution, delivery, and performance of the Credit Documents (and any agreements relating thereto) to which it is a party and (b) in the case of the Merger Sub, NVI and Company, the extensions of credit contemplated hereunder, (ii) the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement or other comparable organizational documents, as applicable, of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company, and (iii) signature and incumbency certificates (or other comparable documents evidencing the same) of the Authorized Officers of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company executing the Credit Documents to which it is a party.

6.7 <u>Fees</u>. The Agents and Lenders shall have received, substantially simultaneously with the funding of the Initial Term Loans, fees and, to the extent invoiced at least three business days prior to the Closing Date (except as otherwise reasonably agreed by the Borrower) expenses in the amounts previously agreed in writing to be received on the Closing Date (which amounts may, at the Borrower's option, be offset against the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans).

6.8 <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. On the Closing Date, the Specified Representations shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such Specified Representations which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) and the Company Representations shall be true to the extent a breach thereof would give Holdings (or one of Holdings' Affiliates) the right (taking into account any applicable cure provisions) to terminate its obligations under the Acquisition Agreement or decline to consummate the Acquisition.

6.9 <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. On the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate from the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Vice President-Finance, a Director, a Manager, or any other senior financial officer of Holdings or the Borrower to the effect that after giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions, Holdings on a consolidated basis with the Restricted Subsidiaries is Solvent.

6.10 <u>Acquisition</u>. Substantially concurrently with the initial Credit Event hereunder, the Acquisition shall have been consummated in all material respects in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition Agreement (or the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall be reasonably satisfied with the arrangements in place for the consummation of the Acquisition reasonably promptly after the initial Credit Event hereunder and shall have received confirmation from representatives of Holdings that such actions shall be taken promptly after the initial Credit Event hereunder).

6.11 <u>Patriot Act</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received at least two days prior to the Closing Date, such documentation and information as is reasonably requested in writing at least seven Business Days prior to the Closing Date by the Administrative Agent about the Credit Parties to the extent the Administrative Agent and Holdings in good faith mutually agree is required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act.

6.12 <u>Pro Forma Balance Sheet</u>. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall have received a pro forma combined balance sheet and related pro forma combined statements of operations (collectively, the "**Pro Forma Financial Statements**") of the Company as of and for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013, prepared after giving effect to the Transactions as if the Transactions had occurred as of such date (in the case of such balance sheet) or at the beginning of such period (in the case of such other statements of income), which need not be prepared in compliance with Regulation S-X of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or include adjustments for purchase accounting (including adjustments of the type contemplated by ASC 805).

6.13 <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall have received the Historical Financial Statements.

6.14 <u>No Company Material Adverse Effect</u>. Except as set forth on the Company Disclosure Schedule (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement) or except as contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement, since December 29, 2012, there has not been any event, change, occurrence, or circumstance that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement).

6.15 Refinancing. Substantially simultaneously with the funding of the Initial Term Loans, the Closing Date Refinancing shall be consummated.

6.16 <u>Notice of Term Loan Borrowing</u>. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received a Notice of Borrowing with respect to the Initial Term Loan meeting the requirements of <u>Section 2.3</u>.

For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Section 6 on the Closing Date, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

### Section 7. <u>Conditions Precedent to All Credit Events after the Closing Date</u>

The agreement of each Lender to make any Loan requested to be made by it on any date (excluding Mandatory Borrowings and Revolving Credit Loans required to be made by the Revolving Credit Lenders in respect of Unpaid Drawings pursuant to <u>Sections 3.3</u> and <u>3.4</u>) and the obligation of the Letter of Credit Issuer to issue Letters of Credit on any date after the Closing Date is subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the following conditions precedent:

7.1 <u>No Default; Representations and Warranties</u>. At the time of each Credit Event and also after giving effect thereto (other than any Credit Event on the Closing Date or pursuant to any Loan made pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(a)</u> (which shall be subject to the terms of <u>Section 2.14(a)</u>) (a) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (b) all representations and warranties made by any Credit Party contained herein or in the other Credit Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such representations and warranties and warranties had been made on and as of the date of such Credit Event (except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties shall have been true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) as of such earlier date).

# 7.2 <u>Notice of Borrowing; Letter of Credit Request</u>.

(a) Prior to the making of each Term Loan after the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing meeting the requirements of <u>Section 2.3</u>.

(b) Prior to the making of each Revolving Credit Loan (other than any Revolving Credit Loan made pursuant to <u>Section 3.4(a)</u>) and each Swingline Loan, the Administrative Agent shall have received a Notice of Borrowing meeting the requirements of <u>Section 2.3</u>.

(c) Prior to the issuance of each Letter of Credit, the Administrative Agent and the Letter of Credit Issuer shall have received a Letter of Credit Request meeting the requirements of <u>Section 3.2(a)</u>.

The acceptance of the benefits of each Credit Event shall constitute a representation and warranty by each Credit Party to each of the Lenders that all the applicable conditions specified in <u>Section 7</u> above have been satisfied as of that time.

# Section 8. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>

In order to induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement, to make the Loans and issue or participate in Letters of Credit as provided for herein, Holdings and the Borrower make the following representations and warranties to the Lenders, all of which shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit (it being understood that the following representations and warranties shall be deemed made with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary only to the extent relevant under applicable law):

8.1 <u>Corporate Status</u>. Each Credit Party (a) is a duly organized and validly existing corporation, limited liability company or other entity in good standing (if applicable) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has the corporate, limited liability company or other organizational power and authority to own its property and assets and to transact the business in which it is engaged and (b) has duly qualified and is authorized to do business and is in good standing (if applicable) in all jurisdictions where it is required to be so qualified, except where the failure to be so qualified would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.2 <u>Corporate Power and Authority</u>. Each Credit Party has the corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Credit Documents to which it is a party and has taken all necessary corporate or other organizational action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents to which it is a party. Each Credit Party has duly executed and delivered each Credit Document to which it is a party and each such Credit Document constitutes the legal, valid, and binding obligation of such Credit Party enforceable in accordance with its terms (provided that, with respect to the creation and perfection of security interests with respect to Indebtedness, Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of Foreign Subsidiaries, only to the extent enforceability of such obligation with respect to which Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of Foreign Subsidiaries is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code), except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

8.3 No Violation. Neither the execution, delivery or performance by any Credit Party of the Credit Documents to which it is a party nor compliance with the terms and provisions thereof nor the consummation of the Acquisition and the other transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will (a) contravene any applicable provision of any material law, statute, rule, regulation, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental instrumentality, (b) result in any breach of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of (or the obligation to create or impose) any Lien upon any of the property or assets of such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Liens created under the Credit Documents or Permitted Liens) pursuant to, the terms of any material indenture, loan agreement, lease agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, agreement or other material instrument to which such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its property or assets is bound (any such term, covenant, condition or provision, a "**Contractual Requirement**") other than any such breach, default or Lien that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (c) violate any provision of the certificate of incorporation, by-laws, articles or other organizational documents of such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries.

8.4 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened in writing against Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.5 <u>Margin Regulations</u>. Neither the making of any Loan hereunder nor the use of the proceeds thereof will violate the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board.

8.6 <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of each Credit Document does not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or other action by, any Governmental Authority, except for (i) such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (ii) filings, consents, approvals, registrations and recordings in respect of the Liens created pursuant to the Security Documents (and to release existing Liens), and (iii) such licenses, approvals, authorizations, registrations, filings or consents the failure of which to obtain or make would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.7 <u>Investment Company Act</u>. None of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Restricted Subsidiary is an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

# 8.8 <u>True and Complete Disclosure</u>.

(a) None of the written factual information and written data (taken as a whole) heretofore or contemporaneously furnished by or on behalf of Holdings, the Borrower, any of the other Restricted Subsidiaries or any of their respective authorized representatives to the Administrative Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger, and/or any Lender on or before the Closing Date (including all such written information and data contained in (i) the Confidential Information Memorandum (as updated prior to the Closing Date and including all information incorporated by reference therein) and (ii) the Credit Documents) for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement or any transaction contemplated herein contained any untrue statement of any material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary to make such information and data (taken as a whole) not materially misleading at such time in light of the circumstances under which such information or data was furnished (after giving effect to all supplements and updates), it being understood and agreed that for purposes of this <u>Section 8.8(a)</u>, such factual information and data shall not include <u>pro forma</u> financial information, projections, estimates (including financial estimates, forecasts, and other forward-looking information) or other forward looking information and information of a general economic or general industry nature.

(b) The projections (including financial estimates, forecasts, and other forward-looking information) contained in the information and data referred to in <u>paragraph (a)</u> above were based on good faith estimates and assumptions believed by such Persons to be reasonable at the time made, it being recognized by the Lenders that such projections as to future events are not to be viewed as facts and that actual results during the period or periods covered by any such projections may differ from the projected results and such differences may be material.

# 8.9 <u>Financial Condition; Financial Statements</u>.

(a) (i) The unaudited historical consolidated financial information of the Company as set forth in the Confidential Information Memorandum, and (ii) the Historical Financial Statements, in each case present fairly in all material respects the combined financial position of the Company at the respective dates of said information, statements and results of operations for the respective periods covered thereby. The Pro Forma Financial Statements, copies of which have heretofore been furnished to the Administrative Agent, have been prepared based on the Historical Financial Statements and have been prepared in good faith, based on assumptions believed by the Company to be reasonable as of the date of delivery thereof, and present fairly in all material respects on a Pro Forma Basis the estimated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at December 28, 2013 (as if the Transactions had been consummated on such date) and their estimated results of operations as if the Transactions had been consummated on December 30, 2012. The financial statements referred to in <u>clause (a)(ii)</u> of this <u>Section 8.9</u> have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied except to the extent provided in the notes to said financial statements.

(b) There has been no Material Adverse Effect since the Closing Date.

Each Lender and the Administrative Agent hereby acknowledges and agrees that Holdings and its Subsidiaries may be required to restate historical financial statements as the result of the implementation of changes in GAAP or IFRS, or the respective interpretation thereof, and that such restatements will not result in a Default or an Event of Default under the Credit Documents.

8.10 <u>Compliance with Laws; No Default</u>. Each Credit Party is in compliance with all Requirements of Law applicable to it or its property, except where the failure to be so in compliance would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

8.11 Tax Matters. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (a) each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of the other Restricted Subsidiaries has filed all Tax returns required to be filed by it and has timely paid all Taxes payable by it (whether or not shown on a Tax return and including in its capacity as withholding agent) that have become due, other than those being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings if it has maintained adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiaries has paid, or has provided adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of the Restricted Subsidiaries has paid, or has provided adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiaries has paid, or has provided adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiaries has paid, or has provided adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable) in accordance with GAAP for the payment of all Taxes not yet due and payable. There is no current or proposed Tax assessment, deficiency or other claim against Holdings, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

### 8.12 <u>Compliance with ERISA</u>.

(a) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur.

(b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no Foreign Plan Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur.

8.13 <u>Subsidiaries.</u> <u>Schedule 8.13</u> lists each Subsidiary of Holdings and the Company (and the direct and indirect ownership interest of Holdings and the Company therein), in each case existing on the Closing Date after giving effect to the Transactions.

8.14 <u>Intellectual Property</u>. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries owns or has the right to use all Intellectual Property that is used in or otherwise necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as currently conducted, except where the failure of the foregoing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The operation of their respective businesses by each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries does not infringe upon, misappropriate, violate or otherwise conflict with the Intellectual Property of any third party, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

## 8.15 Environmental Laws.

(a) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 8.15</u>, or as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries and their respective operations and properties are in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws; (ii) none of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Restricted Subsidiary has received written notice of any Environmental Claim; (iii) none of Holdings, the Borrower, or any Restricted Subsidiary is conducting any investigation, removal, remedial or other corrective action pursuant to any Environmental Law at any location; and (iv) to the knowledge of the Borrower, no underground or above ground storage tank or related piping, or any impoundment or other disposal area containing Hazardous Materials is located at, on or under any Real Estate currently owned or leased by Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries.

(b) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 8.15</u>, none of Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries has treated, stored, transported, Released or arranged for disposal or transport for disposal or treatment of Hazardous Materials at, on, under or from any currently or, formerly owned or operated property nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower, has there been any other Release of Hazardous Materials at, on, under or from any such properties, in each case, in a manner that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### 8.16 Properties.

(a) Each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries has good and valid record title to, valid leasehold interests in, or rights to use, all properties that are necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as currently conducted and as proposed to be conducted, free and clear of all Liens (other than any Liens permitted by this Agreement) and except where the failure to have such good title or interest would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect and (b) no Mortgage encumbers improved Real Estate that is located in an area that has been identified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards within the meaning of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, unless flood insurance available under such Act has been obtained in accordance with <u>Section 9.3(b)</u>.

(b) Set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1(a)</u> is a list of each real property owned by any Loan Party as of the Closing Date having a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10,000,000.

8.17 <u>Solvency</u>. On the Closing Date (after giving effect to the Transactions) immediately following the making of the Loans and after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of such Loans, Holdings on a consolidated basis with the Restricted Subsidiaries will be Solvent.

8.18 <u>Patriot Act</u>. On the Closing Date, the use of proceeds of the Loans will not violate the PATRIOT Act in any material respect.

### Section 9. <u>Affirmative Covenants.</u>

Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date and thereafter, until the Commitments, the Swingline Commitment and each Letter of Credit have terminated or been collateralized in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Loans and Unpaid Drawings, together with interest, Fees and all other Obligations incurred hereunder (other than contingent indemnity obligations, Secured Hedge Obligations and Secured Cash Management Obligations and Letters of Credit collateralized in accordance with the terms of this Agreement), are paid in full:

9.1 <u>Information Covenants</u>. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly make such information available to the Lenders in accordance with its customary practice):

(a) <u>Annual Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event within five days after the date on which such financial statements are required to be filed with the SEC (after giving effect to any permitted extensions) (or, if such financial statements are not required to be filed with the SEC, on or before the date that is 120 days after the end of each such fiscal year) (commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013), the consolidated balance sheets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of each fiscal year, and the related consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth comparative consolidated and/or combined figures for the preceding fiscal years, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, and, in each case, certified by independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing whose opinion shall not be qualified as to the scope of audit or as to the status of Holdings or any of the Material Subsidiaries (or group of Subsidiaries that together would constitute a Material Subsidiary) as a going concern (other than any exception, explanatory paragraph or qualification, that is expressly solely with respect to, or expressly resulting solely from, (i) an upcoming maturity date under any Indebtedness occurring within one year from the time such opinion is delivered or (ii) any potential inability to satisfy a financial maintenance covenant on a future date or in a future period).

(b) Quarterly Financial Statements. As soon as available and in any event within five days after the date on which such financial statements are required to be filed with the SEC (after giving effect to any permitted extensions) with respect to each of the first three quarterly accounting periods in each fiscal year of Holdings (or, if such financial statements are not required to be filed with the SEC, on or before the date that is 45 days after the end of each such quarterly accounting period (90 days for the fiscal quarter of Holdings ending March 29, 2014, and 60 days for the fiscal quarters of Holdings ending June 28, 2014 and September 27, 2014)), the consolidated balance sheets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarterly period and the related consolidated statements of operations for such quarterly accounting period and for the elapsed portion of the fiscal year ended with the last day of such quarterly period, and the related consolidated statement of cash flows for the elapsed portion of the fiscal year ended with the last day of the applicable quarterly period, and commencing with the quarter ending April 4, 2015 setting forth comparative consolidated and/or combined figures for the related periods in the prior fiscal year or, in the case of such consolidated balance sheet, for the last day of the related period in the prior fiscal year, all of which shall be certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings as fairly presenting in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP (except as noted therein), subject to changes resulting from normal year-end adjustments and the absence of footnotes, and, with respect to fiscal 2014 reporting periods, subject to finalization of the purchase price allocation to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Transactions, as required by GAAP.

(c) <u>Budgets</u>. Within 90 days (120 days in the case of the fiscal year beginning on December 29, 2013) after the commencement of each fiscal year of Holdings, a budget of Holdings in reasonable detail on a quarterly basis for such fiscal year as customarily prepared by management of Holdings for its internal use consistent in scope with the financial statements provided pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u>, setting forth the principal assumptions upon which such budget is based (collectively, the "**Projections**"), which Projections shall in each case be accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower stating that such Projections have been prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were believed to be reasonable at the time of preparation of such Projections, it being understood and agreed that such Projections may differ from the projected results and such differences may be material.

(d) Officer's Certificates. Not later than five days after the delivery of the financial statements provided for in Sections 9.1(a) and (b), a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower to the effect that no Default or Event of Default exists or, if any Default or Event of Default does exist, specifying the nature and extent thereof, as the case may be, which certificate shall set forth (i) a specification of any change in the identity of the Restricted Subsidiaries and Unrestricted Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year or period, as the case may be, from the Restricted Subsidiaries and Unrestricted Subsidiaries in connection therewith. At the time of the delivery of the financial statements provided for in Section 9.1(a), a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower setting forth changes to the legal name, jurisdiction of formation, type of entity and organizational number (or equivalent) to the Person organized in a jurisdiction where an organizational identification number is required to be included in a Uniform Commercial Code financing statement, in each case for each Credit Party or confirming that there has been no change in such information since the Closing Date or the date of the most recent certificate delivered pursuant to this clause (d), as the case may be.

(e) <u>Notice of Default or Litigation</u>. Promptly after an Authorized Officer of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries obtains knowledge thereof, notice of (i) the occurrence of any event that constitutes a Default or Event of Default, which notice shall specify the nature thereof, the period of existence thereof and what action Holdings proposes to take with respect thereto and (ii) any litigation or governmental proceeding pending against Holdings or any of the Subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to be determined adversely and, if so determined, to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) <u>Environmental Matters</u>. Promptly after an Authorized Officer of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries obtains knowledge of any one or more of the following environmental matters, unless such environmental matters would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, notice of:

(i) any pending or threatened Environmental Claim against any Credit Party or any Real Estate; and

(ii) the conduct of any investigation, or any removal, remedial or other corrective action in response to the actual or alleged presence, Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Material on, at, under or from any Real Estate.

All such notices shall describe in reasonable detail the nature of the claim, investigation or removal, remedial or other corrective action in response thereto. The term "**Real Estate**" shall mean land, buildings, facilities and improvements owned or leased by any Credit Party.

(g <u>Other Information</u>. Promptly upon filing thereof, copies of any filings (including on Form 10-K, 10-Q or 8-K) or registration statements with, and reports to, the SEC or any analogous Governmental Authority in any relevant jurisdiction by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than amendments to any registration statement (to the extent such registration statement, in the form it becomes effective, is delivered to the Administrative Agent), exhibits to any registration statement and, if applicable, any registration statements on Form S-8) and copies of all financial statements, proxy statements, notices, and reports that Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall send to the holders of any publicly issued debt of Holdings and/or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, in their capacity as such holders, lenders or agents (in each case to the extent not theretofore delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement) and, with reasonable promptness, such other information (financial or otherwise) as the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of any Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent) may reasonably request in writing from time to time; <u>provided</u>, that none of Holdings, the Borrower nor any other Restricted Subsidiary will be required to disclose or permit the inspection or discussion of, any document, information or other matter (i) that constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective contractors) is prohibited by law, or any binding agreement or (iii) that is subject to attorney client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations in <u>clauses (a)</u> and (b) of this <u>Section 9.1</u> may be satisfied with respect to financial information of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries by furnishing (A) the applicable financial statements of the Borrower or any direct or indirect parent of Holdings or (B) Holdings' (or any direct or indirect parent thereof), as applicable, Form 10-K or 10-Q, as applicable, filed with the SEC; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to each of <u>subclauses (A)</u> and (<u>B)</u> of this paragraph, to the extent such information relates to a parent of Holdings, such information is accompanied by consolidating or other information that explains in reasonable detail the differences between the information relating to such parent, on the one hand, and the information relating to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a standalone basis, on the other hand.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>clauses (a)</u>, (b), and (g) of this <u>Section 9.1</u> (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the earliest date on which (i) Holdings posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on Holdings' website on the Internet; (ii) such documents are posted on Holdings' behalf on IntraLinks/IntraAgency or another website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent), or (iii) such financial statements and/or other documents are posted on the SEC's website on the internet at www.sec.gov; <u>provided</u>, that, (A) the Borrower shall, at the request of the Administrative Agent, continue to deliver copies (which delivery may be by electronic transmission ) of such documents to the Administrative Agent and (B) the Borrower shall notify (which notification may be by facsimile or electronic transmission) the Administrative Agent of the posting of any such documents on any website described in this paragraph. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for timely accessing posted documents or requesting delivery of paper copies of such documents from the Administrative Agent and maintaining its copies of such documents.

Each Loan Party hereby acknowledges and agrees that, unless the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent in advance, all financial statements and certificates furnished pursuant to <u>Sections 9.1(a)</u>, (b) and (d) above are hereby deemed to be suitable for distribution, and to be made available, to all Lenders and may be treated by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as not containing any material nonpublic information.

Books, Records, and Inspections. Holdings will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, permit officers and designated representatives of 9.2 the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders to visit and inspect any of the properties or assets of Holdings and any such Subsidiary in whomsoever's possession to the extent that it is within such party's control to permit such inspection (and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such inspection to be permitted to the extent that it is not within such party's control to permit such inspection), and to examine the books and records of Holdings and any such Subsidiary and discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of Holdings and of any such Subsidiary with, and be advised as to the same by, its and their officers and independent accountants, all at such reasonable times and intervals and to such reasonable extent as the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders may desire (and subject, in the case of any such meetings or advice from such independent accountants, to such accountants' customary policies and procedures); provided that, excluding any such visits and inspections during the continuation of an Event of Default, (a) only the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Required Lenders may exercise rights of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under this Section 9.2, (b) the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such rights more than one time in any calendar year, which such visit will be at Holdings' expense, and (c) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 9.2, none of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries will be required to disclose, permit the inspection, examination or making copies or abstracts of, or discussion of, any document, information or other matter that (i) constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by law or any agreement binding on a third-party or (iii) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product; provided, further, that when an Event of Default exists, the Administrative Agent (or any of its respective representatives or independent contractors) or any representative of the Required Lenders may do any of the foregoing at the expense of Holdings at any time during normal business hours and upon reasonable advance notice. The Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders shall give Holdings the opportunity to participate in any discussions with Holdings' independent public accountants.

9.3 <u>Maintenance of Insurance</u>. (a) Holdings will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, at all times maintain in full force and effect, pursuant to self-insurance arrangements or with insurance companies that Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of the management of Holdings) are financially sound and responsible at the time the relevant coverage is placed or renewed, insurance in at least such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance which Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) is reasonable and prudent in light of the size and nature of its business and the availability of insurance on a cost-effective basis) and against at least such risks (and with such risk retentions) as Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) is reasonable and prudent in light of insurance on a cost-effective basis; and will furnish to the Administrative Agent, promptly following written request from the Administrative Agent, information presented in reasonable detail as to the insurance so carried and (b) with respect to each Mortgaged Property, Holdings will obtain flood insurance in such total amount as may reasonably be required by the Collateral Agent, if at any time the area in which any improvements located on any Mortgaged Property is designated a "special flood hazard area" in any Flood Insurance Rate Map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or any successor agency), and otherwise comply with the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended from time to time. Each such policy of insurance shall (i) name the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties as the loss payee thereunder.

9.4 <u>Payment of Taxes</u>. Holdings will pay and discharge, and will cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to pay and discharge, all material Taxes imposed upon it (including in its capacity as a withholding agent) or upon its income or profits, or upon any properties belonging to it, prior to the date on which material penalties attach thereto, and all lawful material claims in respect of any Taxes imposed, assessed or levied that, if unpaid, would reasonably be expected to become a material Lien upon any properties of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that neither Holdings nor any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall be required to pay any such Tax that is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings if it has maintained adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and the failure to pay would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

9.5 <u>Preservation of Existence; Consolidated Corporate Franchises</u>. Holdings and the Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, take all actions necessary (a) to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence, organizational rights and authority and (b) to maintain its rights, privileges (including its good standing (if applicable)), permits, licenses and franchises necessary in the normal conduct of its business, in each case, except to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided, however, that Holdings and its Subsidiaries may consummate any transaction permitted under Permitted Investments and <u>Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4</u>, or <u>10.5</u>.

9.6 <u>Compliance with Statutes, Regulations, Etc.</u> Holdings will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, (a) comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders applicable to it or its property, including, without limitation, applicable laws administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all governmental approvals or authorizations required to conduct its business, and to maintain all such governmental approvals or authorizations in full force and effect, (b) comply with, and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure compliance by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all Environmental Laws, and obtain and comply with and maintain, and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by Environmental Laws, and (c) conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal, and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws, other than such orders and directives which are being timely contested in good faith by proper proceedings, except in each case of (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 9.6, where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

9.7 ERISA. (a) Holdings will furnish to the Administrative Agent promptly following receipt thereof, copies of any documents described in Sections 101(k) or 101(l) of ERISA that any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries may request with respect to any Multiemployer Plan to which a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries is obligated to contribute; provided that if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries have not requested such documents or notices from the administrator or sponsor of the applicable Multiemployer Plan, then, upon reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Credit Parties shall promptly make a request for such documents or notices from such administrator or sponsor and the Borrower shall provide copies of such documents and notices to the Administrative Agent promptly after receipt thereof; and further provided, that the rights granted to the Administrative Agent in this Section shall be exercised not more than once during a 12-month period, and (b) Holdings will notify the Administrative Agent promptly following the occurrence of any ERISA Event or Foreign Plan Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events or Foreign Plan Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in liability of any Credit Party that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

9.8 <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Holdings will, and will cause each of the Restricted 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, and condemnation excepted, except to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

9.9 Transactions with Affiliates. Holdings will conduct, and cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to conduct, all transactions with any of its Affiliates (other than Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries) involving aggregate payments or consideration in excess of \$2,500,000 for any individual transaction or series of related transactions on terms that are at least substantially as favorable to Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary as it would obtain in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate, as determined by the board of directors of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in good faith; provided that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to (a) the payment of fees to the Sponsor for management, consulting, and financial services rendered to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Sponsor Management Agreement and customary investment banking fees paid to the Sponsor for services rendered to Holdings and the Subsidiaries in connection with divestitures, acquisitions, financings and other transactions which payments are approved by a majority of the board of directors of Holdings in good faith, (b) transactions permitted by Section 10.5, (c) consummation of the Transactions and the payment of the Transaction Expenses, (d) the issuance of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) or any of its Subsidiaries not otherwise prohibited by the Credit Documents, (e) loans, advances and other transactions between or among Holdings, any Restricted Subsidiary or any joint venture (regardless of the form of legal entity) in which Holdings or any Subsidiary has invested (and which Subsidiary or joint venture would not be an Affiliate of Holdings but for Holdings' or a Subsidiary's ownership of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents in such joint venture or Subsidiary) to the extent permitted under Section 10, (f) employment and severance arrangements between Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and their respective officers, employees or consultants (including management and employee benefit plans or agreements, stock option plans and other compensatory arrangements) in the ordinary course of business (including loans and advances in connection therewith), (g) payments by Holdings (and any direct or indirect parent thereof) and the Subsidiaries pursuant to the tax sharing agreements among Holdings (and any such parent) and the Subsidiaries that are permitted under Section 10.5(b)(15); provided that in each case the amount of such payments in any fiscal year does not exceed the amount that Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent of the amount received from Unrestricted Subsidiaries) would have been required to pay in respect of such foreign, federal, state and/or local taxes for such fiscal year had Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) paid such taxes separately from any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, (h) the payment of customary fees and reasonable out of pocket costs to, and indemnities provided on behalf of, directors, managers, consultants, officers, employees of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) and the Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business to the extent attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Subsidiaries, (i) transactions undertaken pursuant to membership in a purchasing consortium, (j) transactions pursuant to any agreement or arrangement as in effect as of the Closing Date, or any amendment, modification, supplement or replacement thereto (so long as any such amendment, modification, supplement or replacement is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Lenders when taken as a whole as compared to the applicable agreement as in effect on the Closing Date as determined by the Borrower in good faith), (k) customary payments by Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent) and any Restricted Subsidiaries to the Sponsor made for any financial advisory, consulting, financing, underwriting or placement services or in respect of other investment banking activities (including in connection with acquisitions or divestitures), (l) the existence and performance of agreements and transactions with any Unrestricted Subsidiary that were entered into prior to the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as such Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent that the transaction was permitted at the time that it was entered into with such Restricted Subsidiary and transactions entered into by an Unrestricted Subsidiary with an Affiliate prior to the redesignation of any such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such transaction was not entered into in contemplation of such designation or redesignation, as applicable, (m) Affiliate repurchases of the Loans or Commitments to the extent permitted hereunder and the holding of such Loans or Commitments and the payments and other transactions contemplated herein in respect thereof, and (n) any customary transactions with a Receivables Subsidiary effected as part of a Receivables Facility.

9.10 End of Fiscal Years. Holdings will, for financial reporting purposes, cause each of its, and each of the Restricted Subsidiaries', fiscal years to end on dates consistent with past practice; provided, however, that Holdings may, upon written notice to the Administrative Agent change the financial reporting convention specified above to (x) align the dates of such fiscal year and for any Restricted Subsidiary whose fiscal years end on dates different from those of Holdings or (y) any other financial reporting convention (including a change of fiscal year) reasonably acceptable (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to the Administrative Agent, in which case Holdings and the Administrative Agent will, and are hereby authorized by the Lenders to, make any adjustments to this Agreement that are necessary in order to reflect such change in financial reporting.

9.11 <u>Additional Guarantors and Grantors</u>. Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents, Holdings will cause each direct or indirect Subsidiary (other than any Excluded Subsidiary) formed or otherwise purchased or acquired after the Closing Date (including pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition), and each other Subsidiary that ceases to constitute an Excluded Subsidiary, within 60 days from the date of such formation, acquisition or cessation, as applicable (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree in its reasonable discretion), and Holdings may at its option cause any Subsidiary, to execute a supplement to each of the Guarantee, the Pledge Agreement and the Security Agreement in order to become a Guarantor under the Guarantee and a grantor under such Security Documents or, to the extent reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, enter into a new Security Document substantially consistent with the analogous existing Security Documents and otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent and take all other action reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent to grant a perfected security interest in its assets to substantially the same extent as created and perfected by the Credit Parties on the Closing Date and pursuant to <u>Section 9.14(d)</u> in the case of such Credit Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, no Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary shall be required to take any action outside the United States to perfect any security interest in the Collateral (including the execution of any agreement, document or other instrument governed by the law of any jurisdiction other than the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia).

9.12 <u>Pledge of Additional Stock and Evidence of Indebtedness</u>. Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents and other than (x) when in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of doing so would be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom or (y) to the extent doing so would result in material adverse tax consequences as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, Holdings will cause (i) all certificates representing Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents) held directly by Holdings or any other Credit Party, (ii) all evidences of Indebtedness in excess of \$10,000,000 received by Holdings or any of the Guarantors in connection with any disposition of assets pursuant to <u>Section 10.4(b)</u>, and (iii) any promissory notes executed after the Closing Date evidencing Indebtedness in excess of \$10,000,000 of Holdings or any Subsidiary that is owing to Holdings or any other Credit Party, in each case, to be delivered to the Collateral Agent as security for the Obligations accompanied by undated instruments of transfer executed in blank pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing any promissory note among Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries need not be delivered to the Collateral Agent so long as (i) a global intercompany note superseding such promissory note has been delivered to the Collateral Agent, (ii) such promissory note is not delivered to any other party other than Holdings or any other Credit Party, in each case, owed money thereunder, and (iii) such promissory note is not delivered to any other party other than Holdings or any other Credit Party, in each case, owed money thereunder, and (iii) such promissory note indicates on its face that it is subject to the security interest of the Collateral Agent.

### 9.13 <u>Use of Proceeds</u>.

(a) The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans, the Second Lien Facility and a portion of the proceeds of borrowings by it under the Revolving Credit Facility and cash on hand to effect the Transactions.

(b) The Borrower will use Letters of Credit, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans for working capital and general corporate purposes (including any transaction not prohibited by the Credit Documents).

### 9.14 <u>Further Assurances</u>.

(a) Subject to the terms of <u>Sections 9.11</u> and <u>9.12</u>, this <u>Section 9.14</u> and the Security Documents, Holdings will, and will cause each other Credit Party to, 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, fixture filings, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other documents) that may be required under any applicable law, or that the Collateral Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request, in order to grant, preserve, protect, and perfect the validity and priority of the security interests created or intended to be created by the applicable Security Documents, all at the expense of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries.

(b) Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents and other than (x) when in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of doing so would be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom or (y) to the extent doing so would result in material adverse tax consequences as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, if any assets (other than Excluded Property) (including any real estate or improvements thereto or any interest therein but excluding Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary and excluding any real estate which the Borrower or applicable Credit Party intends to dispose of pursuant to a Permitted Sale Leaseback so long as actually disposed of within 270 days of acquisition (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree)) with a book value in excess of \$10,000,000 (at the time of acquisition) are acquired by Holdings or any other Credit Party after the Closing Date (other than assets constituting Collateral under a Security Document that become subject to the Lien of the applicable Security Document upon acquisition thereof) that are of a nature secured by a Security Document or that constitute a fee interest in real property in the United States, Holdings will notify the Collateral Agent, and, if requested by the Collateral Agent, Holdings will cause such assets to be subjected to a Lien securing the Obligations and will take, and cause the other applicable Credit Parties to take, such actions as shall be necessary or reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, as soon as commercially reasonable but in no event later than 90 days, unless extended by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, to grant and perfect such Liens consistent with the applicable requirements of the Security Documents, including actions described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this <u>Section 9.14</u>.

(c) Any Mortgage delivered to the Administrative Agent in accordance with the preceding clause (b) shall, if requested by the Collateral Agent, be received as soon as commercially reasonable but in no event later than 90 days (except as set forth in the preceding clause (b)), unless extended by the Administrative Agent acting reasonably and accompanied by (x) a policy or policies (or an unconditional binding commitment therefor to be replaced by a final title policy) of title insurance issued by a nationally recognized title insurance company, in such amounts as reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent not to exceed the Fair Market Value of the applicable Mortgaged Property, insuring the Lien of each Mortgage as a valid first Lien on the Mortgaged Property described therein, free of any other Liens except as expressly permitted by Section 10.2 or as otherwise permitted by the Administrative Agent and otherwise in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, together with such endorsements, coinsurance and reinsurance as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request but only to the extent such endorsements are (i) available in the relevant jurisdiction (provided in no event shall the Administrative Agent request a creditors' rights endorsement) and (ii) available at commercially reasonable rates, (y) an opinion of local counsel to the applicable Credit Party in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, (z) a completed "Life-of-Loan" Federal Emergency Management Agency Standard Flood Hazard Determination, and if any improvements on such Mortgaged Property are located in a special flood hazard area, (i) a notice about special flood hazard area status and flood disaster assistance duly executed by the applicable Credit Parties and (ii) certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance required by Section 9.3 in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and (aa) an ALTA survey in a form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent or such existing survey together with a no-change affidavit sufficient for the title company to remove all standard survey exceptions from the Title Policy related to such Mortgaged Property and issue the endorsements required in (x) above.

(d) <u>Post-Closing Covenant</u>. Holdings agrees that it will, or will cause its relevant Subsidiaries to, complete each of the actions described on <u>Schedule 9.14</u> as soon as commercially reasonable and by no later than the date set forth in <u>Schedule 9.14</u> with respect to such action or such later date as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree.

9.15 <u>Maintenance of Ratings</u>. Holdings will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain and maintain (but not maintain any specific rating) a corporate family and/or corporate credit rating, as applicable, and ratings in respect of the credit facilities provided pursuant to this Agreement, in each case, from each of S&P and Moody's.

9.16 <u>Lines of Business</u>. Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will not fundamentally and substantively alter the character of their business, taken as a whole, from the business conducted by Holdings and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, on the Closing Date and other business activities which are extensions thereof or otherwise incidental, synergistic, reasonably related, or ancillary to any of the foregoing (and non-core incidental businesses acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or permitted Investment).

### Section 10. Negative Covenants

Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date (immediately after consummation of the Acquisition) and thereafter, until the Commitments, the Swingline Commitment and each Letter of Credit have terminated or been collateralized in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Loans and Unpaid Drawings, together with interest, Fees, and all other Obligations incurred hereunder (other than contingent indemnity obligations, Secured Hedge Obligations and Secured Cash Management Obligations and Letters of Credit, collateralized in accordance with the terms of this Agreement), are paid in full:

10.1 Limitation on Indebtedness. Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable, contingently or otherwise (collectively, **"incur"** and collectively, an **"incurrence"**) with respect to any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) and Holdings will not issue any shares of Disqualified Stock and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue any shares of Disqualified Stock or, in the case of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors, preferred stock; provided that Holdings may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) or issue shares of Disqualified Stock, and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness), issue shares of Disqualified Stock and issue shares of preferred stock, if, after giving effect thereto, the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be at least 2.00 to 1.00; provided further that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock that may be incurred pursuant to the foregoing together with any amounts incurred under Section 10.1(n)(x) by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$30,000,000 and (y) 30.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at any one time outstanding.

The foregoing limitations will not apply to:

(a) Indebtedness arising under the Credit Documents;

(b) (x) Indebtedness represented by the Second Lien Facility, Permitted Second Lien Exchange Notes, and any guarantee thereof in an aggregate principal amount (plus all accrued interest, fees and expenses) not to exceed \$125,000,000 and (y) Indebtedness that may be incurred pursuant to Sections 2.14 and 10.1(x)(i) of the Second Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date), in each case, pursuant to the definition of Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount in the Second Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date);

(c) (i) Indebtedness (including any unused commitment) outstanding on the Closing Date listed on <u>Schedule 10.1</u> and (ii) intercompany Indebtedness (including any unused commitment) outstanding on the Closing Date listed on <u>Schedule 10.1</u> (other than intercompany Indebtedness owed by a Credit Party to another Credit Party);

(d) Indebtedness (including Capitalized Lease Obligations), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, to finance the purchase, lease, construction, installation, maintenance, replacement or improvement of property (real or personal) or equipment that is used or useful in a Similar Business, whether through the direct purchase of assets or the Capital Stock of any Person owning such assets and Indebtedness arising from the conversion of the obligations of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary under or pursuant to any "synthetic lease" transactions to on-balance sheet Indebtedness of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, in an aggregate principal amount which, when aggregated with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u> and all Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refinance any other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u>, does not exceed the greater of (x) \$35,000,000 and (y) 35.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of incurrence; <u>provided</u> that Capitalized Lease Obligations incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u> in connection with a Permitted Sale Leaseback shall not be subject to the foregoing limitation so long as the proceeds of such Permitted Sale Leaseback are used by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary to permanently repay outstanding Term Loans or other Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the assets subject to such Permitted Sale Leaseback (excluding any Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations);

(e) Indebtedness incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (including letter of credit obligations consistent with past practice constituting reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business), in respect of workers' compensation claims, performance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance;

(f) Indebtedness arising from agreements of Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earnout or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, assets or a Subsidiary or other Person, other than guarantees of Indebtedness incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition; provided that such Indebtedness is not reflected on the balance sheet of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (contingent obligations referred to in a footnote to financial statements and not otherwise reflected on the balance sheet will not be deemed to be reflected as Indebtedness on such balance sheet for purposes of this clause (f));

(g) Indebtedness of Holdings to a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor is subordinated in right of payment to Holdings' Guarantee; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such Indebtedness (except to another Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed, in each case to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause;

(h) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that if the Borrower or a Guarantor incurs such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor, such Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantee of such Guarantor as the case may be; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any subsequent transfer of any such Indebtedness (except to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed, in each case to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause;

(i) shares of preferred stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such shares of preferred stock (except to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed in each case to be an issuance of such shares of preferred stock not permitted by this clause;

(j) Hedging Obligations (excluding Hedging Obligations entered into for speculative purposes);

(k) obligations in respect of self-insurance, performance, bid, appeal, and surety bonds and completion guarantees and similar obligations provided by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or obligations in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments related thereto, in each case, in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;

(1) (i) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference up to 100% of the net cash proceeds received by Holdings since immediately after the Closing Date from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of Holdings or cash contributed to the capital of Holdings (in each case, other than Excluded Contributions, the Equity Rollover Contribution, any Cure Amount or proceeds of Disqualified Stock or sales of Equity Interests to Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries) as determined in accordance with Sections 10.5(a)(iii)(B) and 10.5(a)(iii)(C) to the extent such net cash proceeds or cash have not been applied pursuant to such clauses to make Restricted Payments or to make other Investments, payments or exchanges pursuant to Section 10.5(b) or to make Permitted Investments (other than Permitted Investments specified in clauses (a) and (c) of the definition thereof) and (ii) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary not otherwise permitted hereunder in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference, which when aggregated with the principal amount and liquidation preference of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (1)(ii), does not at any one time outstanding exceed the greater of (x) \$40,000,000 and (y) 40.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of incurrence (it being understood that any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock incurred pursuant to this clause (1)(ii) shall cease to be deemed incurred for the purposes of the first paragraph of this Section 10.1 from and after the first date on which Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary could have incurred such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock under the first paragraph of this Section 10.1 without reliance on this clause (1)(ii));

(m) the incurrence or issuance by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock which serves to refinance any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock incurred as permitted under the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> and <u>clauses (b)</u> and <u>(c)</u> above, <u>clause (l)(i)</u> and, this <u>clause (m)</u> and <u>clause (n)</u> below or any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock issued to so refinance, replace, refund, extend, renew, defease, restructure, amend, restate or otherwise modify (collectively, "**refinance**") such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (the "**Refinancing Indebtedness**") prior to its respective maturity; <u>provided</u>, that such Refinancing Indebtedness (1) has a weighted average life to maturity at the time such Refinance, (2) to the extent such Refinancing Indebtedness refinances (i) Indebtedness that is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, such Refinancing Indebtedness is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, such Refinancing Indebtedness must be Disqualified Stock or preferred stock, respectively, and (iii) Indebtedness subordinated to the Obligations at least to the same extent as the Indebtedness being Refinanced and (3) shall not include Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of the Borrower or a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of the Borrower or a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of the Borrower or a Guarantor;

(n) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of (x) Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary incurred or issued to finance an acquisition, merger, or consolidation; provided that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock that may be incurred pursuant to the foregoing, together with any amounts incurred under the first paragraph of this Section 10.1 by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$30,000,000 and (y) 30.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at any one time outstanding, or (y) Persons that are acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or merged into or consolidated with Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms hereof (including designating an Unrestricted Subsidiary a Restricted Subsidiary); provided that after giving effect to any such acquisition, merger, consolidation or designation described in this clause (n), either: (1) Holdings would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of this Section 10.1 or (2) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries is equal to or greater than that immediately prior to such acquisition, merger, consolidation or designation;

(o) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business;

(p) (i) Indebtedness of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary supported by a letter of credit, in a principal amount not in excess of the stated amount of such letter of credit so long as such letter of credit is otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to this <u>Section 10.1</u> or (ii) obligations in respect of letters of support, guarantees or similar obligations issued, made or incurred for the benefit of any Subsidiary of Holdings to the extent required by law or in connection with any statutory filing or the delivery of audit opinions performed in jurisdictions other than within the United States;

(q) (1) any guarantee by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or other obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary so long as in the case of a guarantee of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness could have been incurred directly by the Restricted Subsidiary providing such guarantee or (2) any guarantee by a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness of Holdings;

(r) Indebtedness of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors in an amount not to exceed, in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, the greater of (x) 15,000,000 and (y) 10.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) (it being understood that any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (r)</u> shall cease to be deemed incurred or outstanding for purposes of this <u>clause (r)</u> but shall be deemed incurred for the purposes of the first paragraph of this covenant from and after the first date on which such Restricted Subsidiary could have incurred such Indebtedness under the first paragraph of this covenant without reliance on this <u>clause (r)</u>);

(s) Indebtedness of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of (i) the financing of insurance premiums or (ii) take or pay obligations contained in supply arrangements in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;

(t) Indebtedness of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries undertaken in connection with cash management and related activities with respect to any Subsidiary or joint venture in the ordinary course of business, including with respect to financial accommodations of the type described in the definition of Cash Management Services;

(u) Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness issued by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to future, current or former officers, directors, managers and employees thereof, their respective estates, spouses or former spouses, in each case to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent described in <u>clause (4)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>;

(v) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements;

(w) Indebtedness in respect of (i) Permitted Other Indebtedness to the extent that the Net Cash Proceeds therefrom are applied to the prepayment of Term Loans in the manner set forth in <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u>; and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in <u>subclause (i)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is not increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses, and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing) and (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness;

(x) Indebtedness in respect of (i) Permitted Other Indebtedness; provided that either (a) the aggregate principal amount of all such Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (i)(a)</u> shall not exceed the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount or (b) the Net Cash Proceeds thereof shall be applied no later than ten Business Days after the receipt thereof to repurchase, repay, redeem or otherwise defease Second Lien Loans (<u>provided</u>, in the case of this <u>clause (i)(b)</u>, such Permitted Other Indebtedness is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations) and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in <u>subclause (i)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is not increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing), (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness, and (z) in the case of a refinancing of Permitted Other Indebtedness incurred pursuant to <u>clause (i)(b)</u> above with other Permitted Other Indebtedness ("**Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness**"), such Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness, if secured, may only be secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations; and

(y) (i) Indebtedness in respect of Permitted Debt Exchange Notes incurred pursuant to a Permitted Debt Exchange in accordance with Section 2.15 (and which does not generate any additional proceeds) and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in subclause (i) above; provided that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is not increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses, and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing) and (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

For purposes of determining compliance with this <u>Section 10.1</u>: (i) in the event that an item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of permitted Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock described in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (y) above or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u>, Holdings, in its sole discretion, will classify and may reclassify such item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (or any portion thereof) and will only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock in one of the above clauses or paragraphs; and (ii) at the time of incurrence, Holdings will be entitled to divide and classify an item of Indebtedness in more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in this <u>Section 10.1</u>.

Accrual of interest or dividends, the accretion of accreted value, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the payment of interest or dividends in the form of additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock for purposes of this covenant. Any Refinancing Indebtedness and any Indebtedness incurred to refinance Indebtedness incurred pursuant to <u>clauses (a)</u> and (<u>1)</u> (<u>i</u>) above shall be deemed to include additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock or preferred stock incurred to pay premiums (including reasonable tender premiums), defeasance costs, fees, and expenses in connection with such refinancing.

For purposes of determining compliance with any Dollar-denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness, the principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in another currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, in the case of term debt, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit debt; provided that if such Indebtedness is incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in another currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable Dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such Dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus (ii) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums, and other costs and expenses and accrued and unpaid interest incurred in connection with such refinancing.

The principal amount of any Indebtedness incurred to refinance other Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

This Agreement will not treat (1) unsecured Indebtedness as subordinated or junior to secured Indebtedness merely because it is unsecured or (2) senior Indebtedness as subordinated or junior to any other senior Indebtedness merely because it has a junior priority with respect to the same collateral.

# 10.2 <u>Limitation on Liens</u>.

(a) Holdings will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any property or assets of any kind (real or personal, tangible) of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, whether now owned or hereafter acquired (each, a "**Subject** Lien") that secures obligations under any Indebtedness on any asset or property of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, except:

(i) in the case of Subject Liens on any Collateral, if such Subject Lien is a Permitted Lien; and

(ii) in the case of any other asset or property, any Subject Lien if (i) the Obligations are equally and ratably secured with (or on a senior basis to, in the case such Subject Lien secures any Junior Debt) the obligations secured by such Subject Lien or (ii) such Subject Lien is a Permitted Lien.

(b) Any Lien created for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be automatically and unconditionally be released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Subject Lien that gave rise to the obligation to so secure the Obligations.

10.3 <u>Limitation on Fundamental Changes</u>. Holdings will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any merger, consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), or convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, all or substantially all its business units, assets or other properties, except that:

(a) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any other Person may be merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into Holdings or the Borrower; provided that (A) Holdings or the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving corporation or (B) if the Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation is not Holdings or the Borrower (such other Person, the "Successor Borrower"), (1) the Successor Borrower shall be an entity organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia or any territory thereof, (2) the Successor Borrower shall expressly assume all the obligations of Holdings or the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents pursuant to a supplement hereto or thereto or in a form otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (3) each Guarantor, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have by a supplement to the Guarantee confirmed that its guarantee thereunder shall apply to any Successor Borrower's obligations under this Agreement, (4) each Subsidiary grantor and each Subsidiary pledgor, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have by a supplement to any applicable Security Document affirmed that its obligations thereunder shall apply to its Guarantee as reaffirmed pursuant to clause (3), (5) each mortgagor of a Mortgaged Property, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have affirmed that its obligations under the applicable Mortgage shall apply to its Guarantee as reaffirmed pursuant to clause (3), and (6) the Successor Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent (x) an officer's certificate stating that such merger, amalgamation, or consolidation and such supplements preserve the enforceability of the Guarantee and the perfection and priority of the Liens under the applicable Security Documents and (y) if requested by the Administrative Agent, an opinion of counsel to the effect that such merger, amalgamation, or consolidation does not violate this Agreement or any other Credit Document and that the provisions set forth in the preceding <u>clauses (3)</u> through (5) preserve the enforceability of the Guarantee and the perfection of the Liens created under the applicable Security Documents (it being understood that if the foregoing are satisfied, the Successor Borrower will succeed to, and be substituted for, the Borrower under this Agreement);

(b) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any other Person (in each case, other than the Company) may be merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into any one or more Subsidiaries of Holdings; provided that (i) in the case of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation involving one or more Restricted Subsidiaries, (A) a Restricted Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving Person or (B) Holdings shall cause the Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation (if other than a Restricted Subsidiary) to become a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) in the case of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation and estricted Subsidiary, a Guarantor, such Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation and if the surviving Person is not already a Guarantor, such Person shall execute a supplement to the Guarantee and the relevant Security Documents in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in order to become a Guarantor and pledgor, mortgagor and grantor, as applicable, thereunder for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and (iii) Holdings shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate stating that such merger, amalgamation or consolidation and any such supplements to any Security Document preserve the enforceability of the Guarantees and the perfection and priority of the Liens under the applicable Security Documents;

(c) the Transactions may be consummated;

(d) (i) any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to Holdings or any other Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) any Credit Party (other than the Company) may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to any other Credit Party;

(e) any Subsidiary may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to a Credit Party; <u>provided</u> that the consideration for any such disposition by any Person other than a Guarantor shall not exceed the fair value of such assets;

(f) any Restricted Subsidiary (other than the Company) may liquidate or dissolve if Holdings determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of Holdings and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders;

(g) Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries may consummate a merger, dissolution, liquidation, consolidation, investment or conveyance, sale, lease, assignment or disposition, the purpose of which is to effect an Asset Sale (which for purposes of this <u>Section 10.3(g)</u>, will include any disposition below the dollar threshold set forth in clause (d) of the definition of "Asset Sale") permitted by <u>Section 10.4</u> or an investment permitted pursuant to <u>Section 10.5</u> or an investment that constitutes a Permitted Investment; and

(h) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary may change its legal form.

10.4 Limitation on Sale of Assets. Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, consummate an Asset Sale, unless:

(a) Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the Fair Market Value (as determined at the time of contractually agreeing to such Asset Sale) of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(b) except in the case of a Permitted Asset Swap, if the property or assets sold or otherwise disposed of have a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10,000,000, at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents; provided that the amount of:

(i) any liabilities (as reflected on Holdings' most recent consolidated balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto, or if incurred or accrued subsequent to the date of such balance sheet, such liabilities that would have been reflected on Holdings' consolidated balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto if such incurrence or accrual had taken place on or prior to the date of such balance sheet, as determined in good faith by Holdings) of Holdings, other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Loans, that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets (or are otherwise extinguished in connection with the transactions relating to such Asset Sale) and for which Holdings and all such Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released by all applicable creditors in writing;

(ii) any securities, notes or other obligations or assets received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents, or by their terms are required to be satisfied for cash or Cash Equivalents (to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received), in each case, within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Sale;

(iii) Indebtedness, other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Loans, that are of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Sale, to the extent that Holdings and all Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released from any Guarantee of payment of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Sale; and

(iv) any Designated Non-Cash Consideration received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Sale having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Designated Non-Cash Consideration received pursuant to this <u>clause (iv)</u> that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$80,000,000 or 6.0% of Consolidated Total Assets at the time of the receipt of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration being measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value,

shall be deemed to be cash for purposes of this clause (b) of this provision and for no other purpose.

Within the Reinvestment Period after Holdings' or any Restricted Subsidiary's receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Asset Sale, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary shall apply the Net Cash Proceeds from such Asset Sale:

(i) to prepay Loans or Permitted Other Indebtedness in accordance with <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u>; and/or

(ii) to make investments in the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries will be deemed to have complied with this <u>clause (ii)</u> if and to the extent that, within the Reinvestment Period after the Asset Sale that generated the Net Cash Proceeds, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary has entered into and not abandoned or rejected a binding agreement to consummate any such investment described in this <u>clause (ii)</u> with the good faith expectation that such Net Cash Proceeds will be applied to satisfy such commitment within 180 days of such commitment and, in the event any such commitment is later cancelled or terminated for any reason before the Net Cash Proceeds are applied in connection therewith, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary prepays the Loans in accordance with <u>Section</u> <u>5.2(a)(i)</u>.

(c) Pending the final application of any Net Cash Proceeds pursuant to this covenant, Holdings or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary may apply such Net Cash Proceeds temporarily to reduce Indebtedness outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility or any other revolving credit facility or otherwise invest such Net Cash Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by this Agreement.

### 10.5 Limitation on Restricted Payments.

(a) Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any payment or distribution on account of Holdings' or any Restricted Subsidiary's Equity Interests, including any dividend or distribution payable in connection with any merger or consolidation, other than:

(A) dividends or distributions by Holdings payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings or in options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Equity Interests, or

(B) dividends or distributions by a Restricted Subsidiary so long as, in the case of any dividend or distribution payable on or in respect of any class or series of securities issued by a Subsidiary other than a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary receives at least its pro rata share of such dividend or distribution in accordance with its Equity Interests in such class or series of securities;

(2) purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, including in connection with any merger or consolidation;

(3) make any principal payment on, or redeem, repurchase, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value in each case, prior to any scheduled repayment, sinking fund payment or maturity, any Junior Debt of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, other than (A) Indebtedness permitted under <u>clauses (g)</u> and (<u>h</u>) of <u>Section 10.1</u> or (B) the purchase, repurchase or other acquisition of Junior Debt purchased in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of purchase, repurchase or acquisition; or

(4) make any Restricted Investment;

(all such payments and other actions set forth in <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>4</u>) above (other than any exception thereto) being collectively referred to as "**Restricted Payments**"), unless, at the time of such Restricted Payment:

(i) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof (or in the case of a Restricted Investment, no Event of Default under Section 11.1 or 11.5 shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof);

(ii) except in the case of a Restricted Investment, immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis, Holdings could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under the provisions of the first paragraph of <u>Section 10.1</u>; and

(iii) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date (including Restricted Payments permitted by <u>clauses (1), (2)</u> (with respect to the payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock pursuant to <u>clause (b)</u> thereof only), (<u>6)(C)</u> and (<u>9)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> below, but excluding all other Restricted Payments permitted by <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>), is less than the sum of (without duplication):

(A) the Consolidated EBITDA for the period (taken as one accounting period) from the first day of the fiscal quarter during which the Closing Date occurs to the end of Holdings' most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment less the product of 1.5 times Holdings' Fixed Charges for such period, *plus* 

(B) 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received by Holdings since immediately after the Closing Date (other than the Equity Rollover Contribution and net cash proceeds from Cure Amounts or to the extent such net cash proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock pursuant to clause (1)(i) of Section 10.1) from the issue or sale of (x) Equity Interests of Holdings, including Retired Capital Stock, but excluding cash proceeds and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received from the sale of (A) Equity Interests to any employee, director, manager or consultant of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings and Holdings' Subsidiaries after the Closing Date to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with clause (4) of Section 10.5(b) below, and (B) Designated Preferred Stock, and, to the extent such net cash proceeds from the sale of Designated Preferred Stock of such companies or contributions to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with clause (4) of Section 10.5(b) below) or (y) Indebtedness of Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary that has been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings; provided that this clause (B) shall not include the proceeds from (a) Refunding Capital Stock, (b) Equity Interests or Indebtedness that has been converted or exchanged for Equity Interests of Holdings sold to a Restricted Subsidiary or Holdings, as the case may be, (c) Disqualified Stock or Indebtedness that has been converted or exchanged into Disqualified Stock or (d) Excluded Contributions, *plus* 

(C) 100% of the aggregate amount of cash and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property contributed to the capital of Holdings following the Closing Date (other than the Equity Rollover Contribution and net cash proceeds from Cure Amounts or to the extent such net cash proceeds (i) have been used to incur Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock pursuant to clause (1)(i) of Section 10.1), (ii) are contributed by a Restricted Subsidiary or (iii) constitute Excluded Contributions), *plus* 

(D) 100% of the aggregate amount received in cash and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received by means of (A) the sale or other disposition (other than to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary) of Restricted Investments made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and repurchases and redemptions of such Restricted Investments from Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and repayments of loans or advances, and releases of guarantees, which constitute Restricted Investments made by Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case, after the Closing Date; or (B) the sale (other than to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary) of the stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to clause (7) of Section 10.5(b) below or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment) or a dividend from an Unrestricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, *plus* 

(E) in the case of the redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, the Fair Market Value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time of the redesignation of such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, other than to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to <u>clause (7)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> below or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment, *plus* 

- (F) the aggregate amount of any Retained Declined Proceeds since the Closing Date, plus
- (G) \$50,000,000.
- (b) The foregoing provisions of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> will not prohibit:

(1) the payment of any dividend or distribution or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof or the giving of such irrevocable notice, as applicable, if at the date of declaration or the giving of such notice such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Agreement;

(2) (a) the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of any Equity Interests ("**Retired Capital Stock**") or Junior Debt of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of, Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent contributed to Holdings (in each case, other than any Disqualified Stock) ("**Refunding Capital Stock**") and (b) if immediately prior to the retirement of Retired Capital Stock, the declaration and payment of dividends thereon was permitted under <u>clause (6)</u> of this <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>, the declaration and payment of dividends on the Refunding Capital Stock (other than Refunding Capital Stock the proceeds of which were used to redeem, repurchase, retire or otherwise acquire any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) in an aggregate amount per year no greater than the aggregate amount of dividends per annum that was declarable and payable on such Retired Capital Stock immediately prior to such retirement;

the prepayment, redemption, defeasance, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement for value of Junior Debt of (3)Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale of, new Indebtedness of Holdings, or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, which is incurred in compliance with Section 10.1 so long as: (A) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such new Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Junior Debt being so redeemed, defeased, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired for value, plus the amount of any premium (including reasonable tender premiums), defeasance costs and any reasonable fees and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of such new Indebtedness, (B) if such Junior Debt is subordinated to the Obligations, such new Indebtedness is subordinated to the Obligations or the applicable Guarantee at least to the same extent as such Junior Debt so purchased, exchanged, redeemed, defeased, repurchased, acquired or retired for value, (C) such new Indebtedness has a final scheduled maturity date equal to or later than the final scheduled maturity date of the Junior Debt being so redeemed, defeased, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired, (D) if such Junior Debt so purchased, exchanged, redeemed, repurchased, acquired or retired for value is (i) unsecured then such new Indebtedness shall be unsecured or (ii) Permitted Other Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 10.1(x)(i)(b) and is secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations then such new Indebtedness shall be unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, and (E) such new Indebtedness has a weighted average life to maturity equal to or greater than the remaining weighted average life to maturity of the Junior Debt being so redeemed, defeased, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired;

a Restricted Payment to pay for the repurchase, retirement or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity (4)Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings held by any future, present or former employee, director, manager or consultant of Holdings, any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, or their estates, descendants, family, spouse or former spouse pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement, or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any principal and interest payable on any notes issued by Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings in connection with such repurchase, retirement or other acquisition), including any Equity Interests rolled over by management of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings in connection with the Transactions; provided that, except with respect to non-discretionary purchases, the aggregate Restricted Payments made under this clause (4) subsequent to the Closing Date do not exceed in any calendar year \$20,000,000 (which subsequent to the consummation of a Qualifying IPO shall increase to \$40,000,000) (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to succeeding calendar years subject to maximum aggregate Restricted Payments under this clause (without giving effect to the following proviso) of \$30,000,000 in any calendar year (which subsequent to the consummation of a Qualifying IPO shall increase to the greater of \$60,000,000); provided, further, that such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed: (A) the cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings and, to the extent contributed to Holdings, the cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, in each case to any future, present or former employees, directors, managers or consultants of Holdings, any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings that occurs after the Closing Date, to the extent the cash proceeds from the sale of such Equity Interests have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments by virtue of clause (iii) of Section 10.5(a), plus (B) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date, less (C) the amount of any Restricted Payments previously made pursuant to clauses (A) and (B) of this clause (4); and provided, further, that cancellation of Indebtedness owing to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary from any future, present or former employees, directors, managers or consultants of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or their estates, descendants, family, spouse or former spouse pursuant in connection with a repurchase of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this Section 10.5 or any other provision of this Agreement;

(5) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or any class or series of preferred stock of any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, issued in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u> to the extent such dividends are included in the definition of Fixed Charges;

(6) (A) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) issued by Holdings after the Closing Date; (B) the declaration and payment of dividends to any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, the proceeds of which will be used to fund the payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of such parent company issued after the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that the amount of dividends paid pursuant to this <u>clause (B)</u> shall not exceed the aggregate amount of cash actually contributed to Holdings from the sale of such Designated Preferred Stock; or (C) the declaration and payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock in excess of the dividends declarable and payable thereon pursuant to <u>clause (2)</u> of this <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>; <u>provided</u> that, in the case of each of (A), (B), and (C) of this <u>clause (6)</u>, for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock or the declaration of such dividends on Refunding Capital Stock, after giving effect to such issuance or declaration on a pro forma basis, Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis would have had a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 2.00 to 1.00;

Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other (7)Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause (7)</u> that are at the time outstanding, without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash, Cash Equivalents or marketable securities, not to exceed the greater of (x) \$25,000,000 and (y) 25.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value);

(8)(i) payments made or expected to be made by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of withholding or similar taxes payable upon exercise of Equity Interests by any future, present or former employee, director, manager, or consultant and repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon exercise of stock options or warrants if such Equity Interests represent a portion of the exercise price of such options or warrants and (ii) payments or other adjustments to outstanding Equity Interests in accordance with any management equity plan, stock option plan or any other similar employee benefit plan, agreement or arrangement in connection with any **Restricted Payment;** 

the declaration and payment of dividends on Holdings' common stock (or the payment of dividends to any direct or (9) indirect parent company of Holdings to fund a payment of dividends on such company's common stock), following consummation of the first public offering of Holdings' common stock or the common stock of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings after the Closing Date, of up to 6.00% per annum of the net cash proceeds received by or contributed to Holdings in or from any such public offering, other than public offerings with respect to Holdings' common stock registered on Form S-8 and other than any public sale constituting an Excluded Contribution;

Date;

Restricted Payments in an amount that does not exceed the amount of Excluded Contributions made since the Closing

(10)

(11)other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause not to exceed the greater of (x) \$30,000,000 and (y) 30.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period

(calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time made;

(12) distributions or payments of Receivables Fees;

(13)any Restricted Payment made in connection with the Transactions and the fees and expenses related thereto or used to fund amounts owed to Affiliates (including dividends to any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to permit payment by such parent of such amount), to the extent permitted by Section 9.9 (other than clause (b) thereof), and Restricted Payments in respect of working capital adjustments or purchase price adjustments pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, any Permitted Acquisition or other Permitted Investment and to satisfy indemnity and other similar obligations under the Acquisition Agreement, any Permitted Acquisitions or other Permitted Investments;

(14) other Restricted Payments; provided that after giving Pro Forma Effect to such Restricted Payments the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio is equal to or less than 5.50:1.00;

the declaration and payment of dividends by Holdings to, or the making of loans to, any direct or indirect parent (15)company of Holdings in amounts required for any direct or indirect parent company to pay: (A) franchise and excise taxes, and other fees and expenses, required to maintain its organizational existence, (B) consolidated, combined or similar foreign, federal, state and local income and similar taxes, to the extent that such income taxes are attributable to the income of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and, to the extent of the amount actually received from its Unrestricted Subsidiaries, in amounts required to pay such taxes to the extent attributable to the income of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries, provided that in each case the amount of such payments with respect to any fiscal year does not exceed the amount that Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) would have been required to pay in respect of such foreign, federal, state and local income taxes for such fiscal year had Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) been a stand-alone taxpayer or stand-alone group (separate from any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) for all fiscal years ending after the Closing Date, (C) customary salary, bonus, and other benefits payable to officers, employees, directors, and managers of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent such salaries, bonuses, and other benefits are attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, including Holdings' proportionate share of such amount relating to such parent company being a public company, (D) general corporate or other operating (including, without limitation, expenses related to auditing or other accounting matters) and overhead costs and expenses of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent such costs and expenses are attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, including Holdings' proportionate share of such amount relating to such parent company being a public company, (E) amounts required for any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to pay fees and expenses incurred by any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings related to (i) the maintenance by such parent entity of its corporate or other entity existence and (ii) transactions of such parent company of Holdings of the type described in clause (xi) of the definition of Consolidated Net Income, (F) cash payments in lieu of issuing fractional shares in connection with the exercise of warrants, options or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Equity Interests of Holdings or any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, and (G) repurchases deemed to occur upon the cashless exercise of stock options;

(16) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition for value of Equity Interests of Holdings deemed to occur in connection with paying cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests in connection with a share dividend, distribution, share split, reverse share split, merger, consolidation, amalgamation or other business combination of Holdings, in each case, permitted under this Agreement;

(17) the distribution, by dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the primary assets of which are cash and/or Cash Equivalents); and

(18) the prepayment, redemption, defeasance, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement for value of Second Lien Loans in an aggregate amount pursuant to this <u>clause (18)</u> not to exceed the greater of (x) \$25,000,000 and (y) 25.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis);

provided that at the time of, and after giving effect to, any Restricted Payment permitted under <u>clauses (10)</u> (but only if the Excluded Contribution was made more than six months prior to such time), (<u>11</u>), (<u>14</u>), and (<u>18</u>), no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof (or in the case of a Restricted Investment, no Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>11.5</u> shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof).

Holdings will not permit any Unrestricted Subsidiary to become a Restricted Subsidiary except pursuant to the last sentence of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary. For purposes of designating any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, all outstanding Investments by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (except to the extent repaid) in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be Restricted Payments in an amount determined as set forth in the last sentence of the definition of Investment. Such designation will be permitted only if a Restricted Payment in such amount would be permitted at such time, whether pursuant to <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> or under <u>clauses (7)</u>, (10), or (11) of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>, or pursuant to the definition of Permitted Investments, and if such Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to any of the restrictive covenants set forth in this Agreement.

For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, in the event that a proposed Restricted Payment or Investment (or a portion thereof) meets the criteria of <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>18)</u> above or is entitled to be made pursuant to <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and/or one or more of the exceptions contained in the definition of Permitted Investments, Holdings will be entitled to classify or later reclassify (based on circumstances existing on the date of such reclassification) such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) among such <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>18)</u>, <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and/or one or more of the exceptions contained in the definition of "Permitted Investments", in a manner that otherwise complies with this covenant.

(c) Prior to the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, to the extent any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes are issued pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(y)</u> for the purpose of consummating a Permitted Debt Exchange, (i) Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, prepay, repurchase, redeem or otherwise defease or acquire any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes unless Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary shall concurrently voluntarily prepay Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(a)</u> on a pro rata basis among the Term Loans, in an amount not less than the product of (a) a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes that are proposed to be prepaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or acquired and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of all Permitted Debt Exchange Notes in respect of the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange then outstanding (prior to giving effect to such proposed prepayment, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or acquisition) and (b) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Term Loans then outstanding and (ii) Holdings will not waive, amend or modify the terms of any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes or any indenture pursuant to which such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes have been issued in any manner inconsistent with the terms of <u>Section 2.15(a)</u>, <u>Section 10.1(y)</u>, or the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness or that would result in a Default hereunder if such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes (as so amended or modified) were then being issued or incurred.

10.6 <u>Limitation on Subsidiary Distributions</u>. Holdings will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction on the ability of any such Restricted Subsidiary to:

(a) (i) pay dividends or make any other distributions to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary on its Capital Stock or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits or (ii) pay any Indebtedness owed to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(b) make loans or advances to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary; or

(c) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;

except (in each case) for such encumbrances or restrictions (x) which the Borrower has reasonably determined in good faith will not materially impair the Borrower's ability to make payments under this Agreement when due or (y) existing under or by reason of:

(i) contractual encumbrances or restrictions in effect on the Closing Date, including pursuant to this Agreement and the related documentation and related Hedging Obligations;

(ii) the Second Lien Credit Documents and the Second Lien Loans;

(iii) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice and Capitalized Lease Obligations that impose restrictions of the nature discussed in <u>clause (c)</u> above on the property so acquired;

(iv) Requirement of Law or any applicable rule, regulation or order;

(v) any agreement or other instrument of a Person acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or of an Unrestricted Subsidiary that is designated a Restricted Subsidiary, or that is assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case that is in existence at the time of such transaction (but not created in contemplation thereof), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person and its Subsidiaries, or the property or assets of the Person and its Subsidiaries, so acquired or designated;

(vi) contracts for the sale of assets, including customary restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary of Holdings pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Subsidiary and restrictions on transfer of assets subject to Permitted Liens;

(vii) (x) secured Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to <u>Sections 10.1</u> and <u>10.2</u> that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets securing such Indebtedness and (y) restrictions on transfers of assets subject to Permitted Liens (but, with respect to any such Permitted Lien, only to the extent that such transfer restrictions apply solely to the assets that are the subject of such Permitted Lien);

(viii) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(ix) other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of Restricted Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred subsequent to the Closing Date pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 10.1</u>;

(x) customary provisions in joint venture agreements or arrangements and other similar agreements or arrangements relating solely to such joint venture and the Equity Interests issued thereby;

(xi) customary provisions contained in leases, sub-leases, licenses, sub-licenses or similar agreements, in each case, entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(xii) restrictions created in connection with any Receivables Facility that, in the good faith determination of the board of directors of Holdings, are necessary or advisable to effect such Receivables Facility; and

(xiii) any encumbrances or restrictions of the type referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u>, (b), and (c) above imposed by any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of the contracts, instruments or obligations referred to in <u>clauses</u> (i) through (xii) above; <u>provided</u> that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or differences, no more restrictive in any material respect with respect to such encumbrance and other restrictions taken as a whole than those prior to such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increases, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing or (y) do not materially impair the Borrower's ability to pay their respective obligations under the Credit Documents as and when due (as determined in good faith by the Borrower).

10.7 <u>Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio</u>. Solely with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility, Holdings will not permit the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio as of the last day of any Test Period ending during any Compliance Period to be greater than 7.75 to 1.00.

### Section 11. Events of Default

Upon the occurrence of any of the following specified events (each an "Event of Default"):

11.1 <u>Payments</u>. The Borrower shall (a) default in the payment when due of any principal of the Loans or (b) default, and such default shall continue for five or more Business Days, in the payment when due of any interest on the Loans or any Fees or any Unpaid Drawings or of any other amounts owing hereunder or under any other Credit Document; or

11.2 <u>Representations, Etc.</u> Any representation, warranty or statement made or deemed made by any Credit Party herein or in any other Credit Document or any certificate delivered or required to be delivered pursuant hereto or thereto (except those in the Credit Documents made or deemed made on the Closing Date that are not the Company Representations and the Specified Representations) shall prove to be untrue in any material respect on the date as of which made or deemed made, and, to the extent capable of being cured, such incorrect representation or warranty shall remain incorrect for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower; or

# 11.3 <u>Covenants</u>. Any Credit Party shall:

(a) default in the due performance or observance by it of any term, covenant or agreement contained in <u>Section 9.1(e)(i)</u>, <u>Section 9.5</u> (solely with respect to Holdings or the Borrower), <u>Section 9.14(d)</u> or <u>Section 10</u>; provided that any default under <u>Section 10.7</u> shall not constitute an Event of Default with respect to the Term Loans and the Term Loans may not be accelerated as a result thereof until the date on which the Revolving Credit Loans (if any) have been accelerated or the Revolving Credit Commitments have been terminated, in each case, by the Required Revolving Credit Lenders (such period commencing with a default under <u>Section 10.7</u> and ending on the date on which the Required Revolving Credit Lenders with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility terminate and accelerate the Revolving Loans, the "**Term Loan Standstill Period**"); provided, <u>further</u>, that any Event of Default under <u>Section 10.7</u> is subject to cure as provided in <u>Section 11.14</u> and an Event of Default with respect to such Section shall not occur until the expiration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day subsequent to the date the relevant financial statements are required to be delivered for the applicable fiscal quarter pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b); or

(b) default in the due performance or observance by it of any term, covenant or agreement (other than those referred to in Section 11.1 or 11.2 or clause (a) of this Section 11.3) contained in this Agreement or any Security Document and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of at least 30 days after receipt of written notice by Holdings from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders; or

Default Under Other Agreements. (a) Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall (i) default in any payment with respect to any 11.4 Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) in excess of \$30,000,000 in the aggregate, for Holdings and such Restricted Subsidiaries, beyond the period of grace and following all required notices, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created or (ii) default in the observance or performance of any agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist (after giving effect to all applicable grace period and delivery of all required notices) (other than, with respect to Indebtedness consisting of any Hedge Agreements, termination events or equivalent events pursuant to the terms of such Hedge Agreements (it being understood that clause (i) shall apply to any failure to make any payment in excess of \$30,000,000 that is required as a result of any such termination or similar event and that is not otherwise being contested in good faith)), the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, any such 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 Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity; provided that this clause (a) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the sale, transfer or other disposition (including as a result of a casualty or condemnation event) of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness (to the extent such sale, transfer or other disposition is not prohibited under this Agreement), or (b) without limiting the provisions of clause (a) above, any such Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or as a mandatory prepayment (and, with respect to Indebtedness consisting of any Hedge Agreements, other than due to a termination event or equivalent event pursuant to the terms of such Hedge Agreements (it being understood that clause (a)(i) above shall apply to any failure to make any payment in excess of \$30,000,000 that is required as a result of any such termination or equivalent event and that is not otherwise being contested in good faith)), prior to the stated maturity thereof; provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to (x) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder and under the documents providing for such Indebtedness, (y) Indebtedness which is convertible into Qualified Stock and converts to Qualified Stock in accordance with its terms and such conversion is not prohibited hereunder, or (z) any breach or default that is (I) remedied by Holdings or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary or (II) waived (including in the form of amendment) by the required holders of the applicable item of Indebtedness, in either case, prior to the acceleration of Loans pursuant to this Section 11; or

11.5 Bankruptcy, Etc. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 10.3, Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary shall commence a voluntary case, proceeding or action concerning itself under Title 11 of the United States Code entitled "Bankruptcy" as now or hereafter in effect, or any successor thereto (collectively, the "Bankruptcy Code"); or an involuntary case, proceeding or action is commenced against Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary and the petition is not controverted within 30 days after commencement of the case, proceeding or action; or an involuntary case, proceeding or action; or a custodian (as defined in the Bankruptcy Code), judicial manager, compulsory manager, receiver, receiver manager, trustee, liquidator, administrator, administrative receiver or similar Person is appointed for, or takes charge of, all or substantially all of the property of Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or any Significant Subsidiary in effect relating to Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary, administration or liquidation or similar law of any jurisdiction whether now or hereafter in effect relating to Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is adjudicated bankrupt; or any order of relief or other order approving any such case or proceeding or action is entered; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary south proceeding or action that remains undismissed for a period of 60 days; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is adjudicated bankrupt; or any order of relief or other order approving any such case or proceeding or action is entered; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is adjudicated bankrupt; or any order of relief or other order approving any such case or proceeding or action is entered; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is adjudicated bankrupt; or any order of relief o

11.6 ERISA. (a) An ERISA Event or a Foreign Plan Event shall have occurred, (b) a trustee shall be appointed by a United States district court to administer any Pension Plan(s), (c) the PBGC shall institute proceedings to terminate any Pension Plan(s), or (d) any Credit Party or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred or will be assessed Withdrawal Liability to such Multiemployer Plan and such entity does not have reasonable grounds for contesting such Withdrawal Liability or is not contesting such Withdrawal Liability in a timely and appropriate manner;; and in each case in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (d) above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or

11.7 <u>Guarantee</u>. Any Guarantee provided by any Credit Party or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof) or any such Guarantor thereunder or any other Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any such Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantee; or

11.8 <u>Pledge Agreement</u>. The Pledge Agreement or any other Security Document pursuant to which the Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of the Borrower or any Subsidiary is pledged or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof or thereof, as a result of acts or omissions of the Collateral Agent or any Lender or as a result of the Collateral Agent's failure to maintain possession of any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents that have been previously delivered to it) or any pledgor thereunder or any Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any pledgor's obligations under any Security Document; or

11.9 <u>Security Agreement</u>. The Security Agreement or any other Security Document pursuant to which the assets of Holdings, the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary are pledged as Collateral or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof or thereof, as a result of acts or omissions of the Collateral Agent in respect of certificates, promissory notes or instruments actually delivered to it (including as a result of the Collateral Agent's failure to file a Uniform Commercial Code continuation statement) or any grantor thereunder or any Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any grantor's obligations under the Security Agreement or any other Security Document; or

11.10 Judgments. One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries involving a liability in excess of \$30,000,000 in the aggregate for all such judgments and decrees for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (to the extent not covered by insurance or indemnities as to which the applicable insurance company or third party has not denied coverage) and any such judgments or decrees shall not have been satisfied, vacated, discharged or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 60 days after the entry thereof; or

#### 11.11 <u>Change of Control</u>. A Change of Control shall occur.

Remedies Upon Event of Default. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing (other than in the case of an Event of Default under Section 11.12 11.3(a) with respect to any default of performance or compliance with the covenant under Section 10.7), the Administrative Agent shall, upon the written request of the Required Lenders, by written notice to Holdings, take any or all of the following actions, without prejudice to the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to enforce its claims against Holdings and the Borrower, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement (provided that, if an Event of Default specified in Section 11.5 shall occur with respect to the Borrower or Holdings, the result that would occur upon the giving of written notice by the Administrative Agent as specified in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) below shall occur automatically without the giving of any such notice): (i) declare the Total Revolving Credit Commitment and Swingline Commitment terminated, whereupon the Revolving Credit Commitment and Swingline Commitment, if any, of each Lender or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, shall forthwith terminate immediately and any Fees theretofore accrued shall forthwith become due and payable without any other notice of any kind; (ii) declare the principal of and any accrued interest and fees in respect of all Loans and all Obligations to be, whereupon the same shall become, forthwith due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law; (iii) terminate any Letter of Credit that may be terminated in accordance with its terms; and/or (iv) direct the Borrower to pay (and the Borrower agrees that upon receipt of such notice, or upon the occurrence of an Event of Default specified in Section 11.5 with respect to the Borrower, it will pay) to the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office such additional amounts of cash, to be held as security for the Borrower's respective reimbursement obligations for Drawings that may subsequently occur thereunder, equal to the aggregate Stated Amount of all Letters of Credit issued and then outstanding. In the case of an Event of Default under Section 11.3(a) in respect of a failure to observe or perform the covenant under Section 10.7, provided that the actions hereinafter described will be permitted to occur only following the expiration of the ability to effectuate the Cure Right if such Cure Right has not been so exercised, and at any time thereafter during the continuance of such event, the Administrative Agent shall, upon the written request of the Required Revolving Credit Lenders, by written notice to Holdings, take either or both of the following actions, at the same or different times (except the following actions may not be taken until the ability to exercise the Cure Right under Section 11.14 has expired (but may be taken as soon as the ability to exercise the Cure Right has expired and it has not been so exercised)): (i) declare the Total Revolving Credit Commitment and Swingline Commitment terminated, whereupon the Revolving Credit Commitment and Swingline Commitment, if any, of each Lender or the Swingline Lender, as the case may be, shall forthwith terminate immediately and any Fees theretofore accrued shall forthwith become due and payable without any other notice of any kind; and (ii) declare the Revolving Loans then outstanding to be due and payable in whole (or in part, in which case any principal not so declared to be due and payable may thereafter, during the continuance of such event, be declared to be due and payable), and thereupon the principal of the Revolving Loans so declared to be due and payable, together with accrued interest thereon and all fees and other obligations of the Borrower 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 Borrower (to the extent permitted by applicable law).

11.13 <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. Subject to the terms of the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, in each case, if executed, any amount received by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent from any Credit Party (or from proceeds of any Collateral) following any acceleration of the Obligations under this Agreement or any Event of Default with respect to the Borrower under <u>Section 11.4</u> shall be applied:

(i) *first*, to the payment of all reasonable and documented costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent in connection with any collection or sale of the Collateral or otherwise in connection with any Credit Document, including all court costs and the reasonable fees and expenses of its agents and legal counsel, the repayment of all advances made by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereunder or under any other Credit Document on behalf of any Credit Party and any other reasonable and documented costs or expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of any right or remedy hereunder or under any other Credit Document to the extent reimbursable hereunder or thereunder;

(ii) *second*, to the Secured Parties, an amount (x) equal to all Obligations owing to them on the date of any distribution and (y) sufficient to Cash Collateralize all Letters of Credit Outstanding on the date of any distribution, and, if such moneys shall be insufficient to pay such amounts in full and Cash Collateralize all Letters of Credit Outstanding, then ratably (without priority of any one over any other) to such Secured Parties in proportion to the unpaid amounts thereof and to Cash Collateralize the Letters of Credit Outstanding; and

(iii) *third*, any surplus then remaining shall be paid to the applicable Credit Parties or their successors or assigns or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct;

provided that any amount applied to Cash Collateralize any Letters of Credit Outstanding that has not been applied to reimburse the Borrower for Unpaid Drawings under the applicable Letters of Credit at the time of expiration of all such Letters of Credit shall be applied by the Administrative Agent in the order specified in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>iii)</u> above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, amounts received from any Guarantor that is not an "Eligible Contract Participant" (as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act) shall not be applied to its Obligations that are Excluded Swap Obligations.

11.14 Equity Cure. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this <u>Section 11</u>, in the event that Holdings fails to comply with the requirement of the financial covenant set forth in <u>Section 10.7</u>, from the end of any fiscal period until the expiration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Business Day following the date financial statements referred to in <u>Sections 9.1(a)</u> or (b) are required to be delivered in respect of such fiscal period for which such financial covenant is being measured, any holder of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent of Holdings shall have the right to cure such failure (the "**Cure Right**") by causing cash net equity proceeds derived from an issuance of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents (other than Disqualified Stock, unless reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) by Holdings (or from a contribution to the common equity capital of Holdings) to be contributed, directly or indirectly, as cash common equity to the Company, and upon receipt by the Company of such cash contribution (such cash amount being referred to as the "**Cure Amount**") pursuant to the exercise of such Cure Right, such financial covenant shall be recalculated giving effect to the following pro forma adjustments:

(a) Consolidated EBITDA shall be increased, solely for the purpose of determining the existence of an Event of Default resulting from a breach of the financial covenant set forth in <u>Section 10.7</u> with respect to any period of four consecutive fiscal quarters that includes the fiscal quarter for which the Cure Right was exercised and not for any other purpose under this Agreement, by an amount equal to the Cure Amount;

(b) Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt shall be decreased solely to the extent proceeds of the Cure Amount are actually applied to prepay any of the Credit Facilities; and

(c) if, after giving effect to the foregoing recalculations, Holdings shall then be in compliance with the requirements of the financial covenant set forth in Section 10.7, Holdings shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of the financial covenant set forth in Section 10.7 as of the relevant date of determination with the same effect as though there had been no failure to comply therewith at such date, and the applicable breach or default of such financial covenants that had occurred shall be deemed cured for the purposes of this Agreement; provided that (i) in each period of four consecutive fiscal quarters there shall be at least two fiscal quarters in which no Cure Right is made, (ii) there shall be a maximum of five Cure Rights made during the term of this Agreement, (iii) each Cure Amount shall be no greater than the amount required to cause the Company to be in compliance with the financial covenant set forth in Section 10.7; and (iv) all Cure Amounts shall be disregarded for the purposes of any financial ratio determination under the Credit Documents other than for determining compliance with Section 10.7.

Section 12. <u>The Agents</u>

# 12.1 <u>Appointment</u>.

(a) Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this <u>Section 12</u> (other than <u>Section 12.1(c)</u> with respect to the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners and <u>Sections 12.1, 12.9, 12.11</u> and <u>12.12</u> with respect to Holdings) are solely for the benefit of the Agents and the Lenders, none of Holdings, the Borrower or any other Credit Party shall have rights as third party beneficiary of any such provision. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Credit Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent. In performing its functions and duties hereunder, each Agent shall act solely as an agent of Lenders and does not assume and shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligation towards or relationship of agency or trust with or for Holdings, the Borrower or any of their respective Subsidiaries.

(b) The Administrative Agent, each Lender, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer hereby irrevocably designate and appoint the Collateral Agent as the agent with respect to the Collateral, and each of the Administrative Agent, each Lender, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Swingline Lender or the Letter of Credit Issuers, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Credit Document or otherwise exist against the Collateral Agent.

(c) Each of the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners each in its capacity as such, shall not have any obligations, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement but shall be entitled to all benefits of this <u>Section 12</u>.

12.2 <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may each execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents by or through agents, sub-agents, employees or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents, subagents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it in the absence of its gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

12.3 Exculpatory Provisions. No Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be (a) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document (except for its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, in connection with its duties expressly set forth herein) or (b) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders or any participant for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Credit Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Credit Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by such Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Credit Document or priority of any Lien or security interest created or purported to be created under the Security Documents, or for any failure of any Credit Party to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. No Agent shall be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Credit Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof. The Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to the Administrative Agent or any Lender to ascertain or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Credit Party.

12.4 Reliance by Agents. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy, telex or teletype message, statement, order or other document or instruction believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to Holdings and the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the Lender specified in the Register with respect to any amount owing hereunder as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Credit Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents in accordance with a request of the Required Lenders, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans; provided that the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or in the opinion of its counsel, may expose it to liability or that is contrary to any Credit Document or applicable law.

12.5 Notice of Default. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent has received written notice from a Lender or Holdings or the Borrower 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 the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, it shall give notice thereof to the Lenders and the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders; provided that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders except to the extent that this Agreement requires that such action be taken only with the approval of the Required Lenders or each of the Lenders, as applicable.

Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the 12.6 Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of any Credit Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent to any Lender, the Swingline Lender or any Letter of Credit Issuer. Each Lender, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer represents to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and each other Credit Party and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, and to make such investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of any of the Credit Parties. Except for notices, reports, and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, assets, operations, properties, financial condition, prospects or creditworthiness of any Credit Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates.

Indemnification. The Lenders agree to severally indemnify each Agent in its capacity as such (to the extent not reimbursed by the Credit Parties and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), ratably according to their respective portions of the Total Credit Exposure in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought (or, if indemnification is sought after the date upon which the Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with their respective portions of the Total Credit Exposure in effect immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses, or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (including at any time following the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against an Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Credit Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided that no Lender shall be liable to an Agent for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; provided, further, that no action taken by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the directions of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be required by the Credit Documents) shall be deemed to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of this Section 12.7. In the case of any investigation, litigation or proceeding giving rise to any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time occur (including at any time following the payment of the Loans), this Section 12.7 applies whether any such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by any Lender or any other Person. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse each Agent upon demand for its ratable share of any costs or out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by such Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice rendered in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement, any other Credit Document, or any document contemplated by or referred to herein, to the extent that such Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of Holdings or the Borrower; provided that such reimbursement by the Lenders shall not affect Holdings' or the Borrower's continuing reimbursement obligations with respect thereto. If any indemnity furnished to any Agent for any purpose shall, in the opinion of such Agent, be insufficient or become impaired, such Agent may call for additional indemnity and cease, or not commence, to do the acts indemnified against until such additional indemnity is furnished; provided, in no event shall this sentence require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement in excess of such Lender's pro rata portion thereof; and provided, further, this sentence shall not be deemed to require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement resulting from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The agreements in this Section 12.7 shall survive the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder. The indemnity provided to each Agent under this Section 12.7 shall also apply to such Agent's respective Affiliates, directors, officers, members, controlling persons, employees, trustees, investment advisors and agents and successors.

12.8 <u>Agents in Their Individual Capacities</u>. The agency hereby created shall in no way impair or affect any of the rights and powers of, or impose any duties or obligations upon, any Agent in its individual capacity as a Lender hereunder. Each Agent and its Affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with any Credit Party as though such Agent were not an Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents. With respect to the Loans made by it, each Agent shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the terms Lender and Lenders shall include each Agent in its individual capacity.

12.9 <u>Successor Agents</u>. (a) Each of the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the Letter of Credit Issuer and Holdings. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, subject to the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) so long as no Event of Default under <u>Sections 11.1</u> or <u>11.5</u> is continuing, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation (the "**Resignation Effective Date**"), then the retiring Agent may on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above (including receipt of the Borrower's consent); <u>provided</u> that if the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice.

(b) If the Person serving as the Administrative Agent is a Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (y)</u> of the definition of Lender Default, the Required Lenders may to the extent permitted by applicable law, subject to the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), by notice in writing to the Borrower and such Person remove such Person as the Administrative Agent and, in consultation with the Borrower, appoint a successor. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "**Removal Effective Date**"), then such removal shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice on the Removal Effective Date.

With effect from the Resignation Effective Date or the Removal Effective Date (as applicable), (1) the retiring or removed agent shall be (c) discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Lenders or the Letter of Credit Issuer under any of the Credit Documents, the retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security as nominee until such time as a successor Collateral Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this paragraph. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, hereunder, and upon the execution and filing or recording of such financing statements, or amendments thereto, and such amendments or supplements to the Mortgages, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or desirable, or as the Required Lenders may request, in order to continue the perfection of the Liens granted or purported to be granted by the Security Documents, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) or removed Agent, and the retiring or removed Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section 12.9). Except as provided above, any resignation or removal of Goldman Sachs Bank USA as the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 12.9 shall also constitute the resignation or removal of Goldman Sachs Bank USA as the Collateral Agent. The fees payable by Holdings or the Borrower (following the effectiveness of such appointment) to such Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between Holdings or Borrower and such successor. After the retiring or removed Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, the provisions of this Section 12 (including Section 12.7) and Section 13.5 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring or removed Agent was acting as an Agent.

(d) Any resignation by or removal of Goldman Sachs Bank USA as the Administrative Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 12.9</u> shall also constitute its resignation or removal as Swingline Lender and its Affiliate's or its resignation or removal, as applicable, as a Letter of Credit Issuer (if such Affiliate or Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer). Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as the Administrative Agent hereunder, (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer and Swingline Lender, (b) the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer (if an Affiliate of Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer) and Swingline Lender shall be discharged from all of their respective duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents, and (c) the successor Letter of Credit Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit issued by such Affiliate of the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer (if an Affiliate of Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer) to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer (if an Affiliate of Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer) to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer (if an Affiliate or Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer) to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring Letter of Credit Issuer (if an Affiliate or Goldman Sachs Bank USA is a Letter of Credit Issuer) with respect to such Letters of Credit.

Withholding Tax. To the extent required by any applicable law, the Administrative Agent may withhold from any payment to any Lender under 12.10 any Credit Document an amount equivalent to any applicable withholding Tax. If the Internal Revenue Service or any authority of the United States or other jurisdiction asserts a claim that the Administrative Agent did not properly withhold Tax from amounts paid to or for the account of any Lender for any reason (including because the appropriate form was not delivered, was not properly executed, or because such Lender failed to notify the Administrative Agent of a change in circumstances that rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding Tax ineffective) or if the Administrative Agent reasonably determines that a payment was made to a Lender pursuant to this Agreement without deduction of applicable withholding Tax from such payment, such Lender shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (to the extent that the Administrative Agent has not already been reimbursed by any applicable Credit Party and without limiting the obligation of any applicable Credit Party to do so) fully for all amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by the Administrative Agent as Tax or otherwise, including penalties, additions to Tax and interest, together with all expenses incurred, including legal expenses, allocated staff costs and any out of pocket expenses. 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 hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under this Agreement or any other Credit Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this Section 12.10. The agreements in Section 12.10 shall survive the resignation and/or replacement of the Administrative Agent, any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of this Section 12.10, the term Lender includes the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Swingline Lender.

Agents Under Security Documents and Guarantee. Each Secured Party hereby further authorizes the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to be the agent for and representative of the Secured Parties with respect to the Collateral and the Security Documents. Subject to Section 13.1, without further written consent or authorization from any Secured Party, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, may execute any documents or instruments necessary to (a) release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent (or any sub-agent thereof) under any Credit Document (i) upon the Final Maturity Date and the payment in full (or Cash Collateralization) of all Obligations (except for contingent indemnification obligations in respect of which a claim has not yet been made and Secured Hedge Obligations and Secured Cash Management Obligations), (ii) that is sold or to be sold or transferred as part of or in connection with any sale or other transfer permitted hereunder or under any other Credit Document to a Person that is not a Credit Party or in connection with the designation of any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, (iii) if the property subject to such Lien is owned by a Credit Party, upon the release of such Credit Party from its Guarantee otherwise in accordance with the Credit Documents, (iv) as to the extent provided in the Security Documents, (v) that constitutes Excluded Property or Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or (vi) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing in accordance with Section 13.1; (b) release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guarantee if such Person ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary (or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary) as a result of a transaction or designation permitted hereunder; (c) subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under any Credit Document to the holder of any Lien permitted under clause (vi) (solely with respect to Section 10.1(d)), and (ix) of the definition of Permitted Lien; or (d) enter into subordination or intercreditor agreements with respect to Indebtedness to the extent the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent is otherwise contemplated herein as being a party to such intercreditor or subordination agreement, including the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement.

The Collateral Agent shall have its own independent right to demand payment of the amounts payable by the Borrower under this <u>Section 12.11</u>, irrespective of any discharge of the Borrower's obligations to pay those amounts to the other Lenders resulting from failure by them to take appropriate steps in insolvency proceedings affecting the Borrower to preserve their entitlement to be paid those amounts.

Any amount due and payable by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent under this <u>Section 12.11</u> shall be decreased to the extent that the other Lenders have received (and are able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the other provisions of the Credit Documents and any amount due and payable by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent under those provisions shall be decreased to the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under this <u>Section 12.11</u>.

Right to Realize on Collateral and Enforce Guarantee. Anything contained in any of the Credit Documents to the contrary notwithstanding, 12.12 Holdings, the Agents, and each Secured Party hereby agree that (i) no Secured Party shall have any right individually to realize upon any of the Collateral or to enforce the Guarantee, it being understood and agreed that all powers, rights, and remedies hereunder may be exercised solely by the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties in accordance with the terms hereof and all powers, rights, and remedies under the Security Documents may be exercised solely by the Collateral Agent, and (ii) in the event of a foreclosure by the Collateral Agent on any of the Collateral pursuant to a public or private sale or other disposition, the Collateral 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 the Collateral Agent, as agent for and representative of the Secured Parties (but not any Lender or Lenders in its or their respective individual capacities unless 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 the Collateral Agent at such sale or other disposition. No holder of Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations shall have any rights in connection with the management or release of any Collateral or of the obligations of any Credit Party under this Agreement. No holder of Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations that obtains the benefits of any Guarantee or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of any other Credit Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Credit Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than in its capacity as a Lender or Agent and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Credit Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements, unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice of such Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be.

12.13 Intercreditor Agreement Governs. The Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, and each Lender (a) hereby agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of any intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the terms hereof, (b) hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into each intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the terms hereof and to subject the Liens securing the Secured Obligations to the provisions thereof, and (c) hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into any intercreditor agreement to provide for, the terms described in the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

### Section 13. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

Amendments, Waivers, and Releases. Neither this Agreement nor any other Credit Document, nor any terms hereof or thereof, may be amended, 13.1 supplemented or modified except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 13.1. Except as provided to the contrary under Section 2.14 or 2.15 or the fifth and sixth paragraphs hereof in respect of Replacement Term Loans, and other than with respect to any amendment, modification or waiver contemplated in the proviso to clause (i) below, which shall only require the consent of the Lenders expressly set forth therein and not the Required Lenders, the Required Lenders may, or, with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent may, from time to time, (a) enter into with the relevant Credit Party or Credit Parties written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Credit Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or of the Credit Parties hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive in writing, on such terms and conditions as the Required Lenders or the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences; provided, however, that each such waiver and each such amendment, supplement or modification shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; and provided, further, that no such waiver and no such amendment, supplement or modification shall (x) (i) forgive or reduce any portion of any Loan or extend the final scheduled maturity date of any Loan or reduce the stated rate (it being understood that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest at the "default rate" or amend Section 2.8(c)), or forgive any portion thereof, or extend the date for the payment, of any interest or fee payable hereunder (other than as a result of waiving the applicability of any post-default increase in interest rates), or extend the final expiration date of any Letter of Credit beyond the L/C Facility Maturity Date, or amend or modify any provisions of Sections 5.3(a) (with respect to the ratable allocation of any payments only) 13.8(a) or 13.20, or make any Loan, interest, Fee or other amount payable in any currency other than expressly provided herein, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby; provided that a waiver of any condition precedent in Section 6 or 7 of this Agreement, the waiver of any Default, Event of Default, default interest, mandatory prepayment or reductions, any modification, waiver or amendment to the financial covenant definitions or financial ratios or any component thereof or the waiver of any other covenant shall not constitute an increase of any Commitment of a Lender, a reduction or forgiveness in the interest rates or the fees or premiums or a postponement of any date scheduled for the payment of principal, premium or interest or an extension of the final maturity of any Loan or the scheduled termination date of any Commitment, in each case for purposes of this clause (i), or (ii) consent to the assignment or transfer by the Borrower of its rights and obligations under any Credit Document to which it is a party (except as permitted pursuant to Section 10.3), in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby, or (iii) amend, modify or waive any provision of Section 12 without the written consent of the then-current Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent in a manner that directly and adversely affects such Person, or (iv) amend, modify or waive any provision of Section 3 with respect to any Letter of Credit without the written consent of the Letter of Credit Issuer to the extent such amendment, modification or waiver directly and adversely affects the Letters of Credit Issuer, or (v) amend, modify or waive any provisions hereof relating to Swingline Loans without the written consent of the Swingline Lender in a manner that directly and adversely affects such Person, or (vi) change any Revolving Credit Commitment to a Term Loan Commitment, or change any Term Loan Commitment to a Revolving Credit Commitment, in each case without the prior written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby, or (vii) release all or substantially all of the Guarantors under the Guarantees (except as expressly permitted by the Guarantees, the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement or this Agreement) or release all or substantially all of the Collateral under the Security Documents (except as expressly permitted by the Security Documents, the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement or this Agreement) without the prior written consent of each Lender, or (viii) decrease the Initial Term Loan Repayment Amount applicable to Initial Term Loans or extend any scheduled Initial Term Loan Repayment Date applicable to Initial Term Loans, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby, or (ix) reduce the percentages specified in the definitions of the terms Required Lenders, Required Revolving Credit Lenders or Required Initial Term Loan Lenders or amend, modify or waive any provision of this Section 13.1 that has the effect of decreasing the number of Lenders that must approve any amendment, modification or waiver, without the written consent of each Lender, (y) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in clause (x), (i) extend the final expiration date of any Lender's Commitment or (ii) increase the aggregate amount of the Commitments of any Lender, in each case, without the written consent of such Lender, or (z) in connection with an amendment that addresses solely a repricing transaction in which any Class of Term Loans is refinanced with a replacement Class of Term Loans bearing (or is modified in such a manner such that the resulting Term Loans bear) a lower Effective Yield (a "Permitted Repricing Amendment"), only the consent of the Lenders holding Term Loans subject to such permitted repricing transaction that will continue as a Lender in respect of the repriced tranche of Term Loans or modified Term Loans.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except (x) that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender and (y) for any such amendment, waiver or consent that treats such Defaulting Lender disproportionately from the other Lender of the same Class (other than because of its status as a Defaulting Lender).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, only the Required Revolving Credit Lenders shall have the ability to waive, amend, supplement or modify the covenant set forth in <u>Section 10.7</u> (or the defined terms to the extent used therein but not as used in any other Section of this Agreement) or <u>Section 11</u> (solely as it relates to <u>Section 10.7</u>).

Any such waiver and any such amendment, supplement or modification shall apply equally to each of the affected Lenders and shall be binding upon Holdings, the Borrower, such Lenders, the Administrative Agent and all future holders of the affected Loans. In the case of any waiver, Holdings, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, and any Default or Event of Default waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing, it being understood that no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. In connection with the foregoing provisions, the Administrative Agent may, but shall have no obligations to, with the concurrence of any Lender, execute amendments, modifications, waivers or consents on behalf of such Lender.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition to any credit extensions and related Joinder Agreement(s) effectuated without the consent of Lenders in accordance with <u>Section 2.14</u>, this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent, Holdings and the Borrower (a) to add one or more additional credit facilities to this Agreement and to permit the extensions of credit from time to time outstanding thereunder and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof to share ratably in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents with the Term Loans and the Revolving Credit Loans and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof and (b) to include appropriately the Lenders holding such credit facilities in any determination of the Required Lenders and other definitions related to such new Term Loans and Revolving Credit Loans.

In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be amended with the written consent of the Administrative Agent, Holdings, the Borrower and the Lenders providing the relevant Replacement Term Loans to permit the refinancing of all outstanding Term Loans of any Class ("**Refinanced Term Loans**") with a replacement term loan tranche ("**Replacement Term Loans**") hereunder; <u>provided</u> that (a) the aggregate principal amount of such Replacement Term Loans shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of such Refinanced Term Loans (*plus* an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest, fees, premiums, and expenses incurred in connection therewith), (b) the Applicable Margin for such Replacement Term Loans shall not be higher than the Applicable Margin for such Refinanced Term Loans, unless any such Applicable Margin applies after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, (c) the weighted average life to maturity of such Replacement Term Loans shall not be shorter than the weighted average life to maturity of such Refinanced Term Loans at the time of such refinancing (except to the extent of nominal amortization for periods where amortization has been eliminated as a result of prepayment of the applicable Term Loans), and (d) the covenants, events of default and guarantees shall be not materially more restrictive (taken as a whole) (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) to the Lenders providing such Replacement Term Loans than the covenants, events of default and guarantees applicable to such Refinanced Term Loans, except to the extent necessary to provide for covenants, events of default and guarantees applicable to any period after the maturity date in respect of the Refinanced Term Loans in effect immediately prior to such refinancing.

The Lenders hereby irrevocably agree that the Liens granted to the Collateral Agent by the Credit Parties on any Collateral shall be automatically released (i) in full, upon the termination of this Agreement and the payment of all Obligations hereunder (except for (w) contingent indemnification obligations in respect of which a claim has not yet been made, (x) Secured Hedge Obligations, (y) cash collateralized Letters of Credit pursuant to arrangements reasonably acceptable to the applicable Letter of Credit Issuer, and (z) Secured Cash Management Obligations), (ii) upon the sale or other disposition of such Collateral (including as part of or in connection with any other sale or other disposition permitted hereunder) to any Person other than another Credit Party, to the extent such sale or other disposition is made in compliance with the terms of this Agreement (and the Collateral Agent may rely conclusively on a certificate to that effect provided to it by any Credit Party upon its reasonable request without further inquiry), (iii) to the extent such Collateral is comprised of property leased to a Credit Party, upon termination or expiration of such lease, (iv) if the release of such Lien is approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other percentage of the Lenders whose consent may be required in accordance with this <u>Section 13.1</u>), (v) to the extent the property constituting such Collateral is owned by any Guarantor, upon the release of such Guarantor from its obligations under the applicable Guarantee (in accordance with the second following sentence), (vi) as required to effect any sale or other disposition of Collateral in connection with any exercise of remedies of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Security Documents, and (vii) if such assets constitute Excluded Property or Excluded Stock or Stock Equivalents. Any such release shall not in any manner discharge, affect, or impair the Obligations or any Liens (other than those being released) upon (or obligations (other than those being released) of the Credit Parties in respect of) all interests retained by the Credit Parties, including the proceeds of any sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral except to the extent otherwise released in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Documents. Additionally, the Lenders hereby irrevocably agree that any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor shall be released from the Guarantees upon consummation of any transaction not prohibited hereunder resulting in such Subsidiary ceasing to constitute a Restricted Subsidiary. The Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, as applicable, to execute and deliver any instruments, documents, and agreements necessary or desirable to evidence and confirm the release of any Guarantor or Collateral pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, all without the further consent or joinder of any Lender.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Credit Documents may be amended to add syndication or documentation agents and make customary changes and references related thereto with the consent of only the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement (including, without limitation, this Section 13.1) or any other Credit Document to the contrary, (i) this Agreement and the other Credit Documents may be amended to effect an incremental facility or extension facility pursuant to Section 2.14 (and the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents without the consent of any other party as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to effect the terms of any such incremental facility or extension facility); (ii) no Lender consent is required to effect any amendment or supplement to the Intercreditor Agreement or other intercreditor agreement or arrangement permitted under this Agreement that is for the purpose of adding the holders of any Indebtedness as expressly contemplated by the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement or such other intercreditor agreement or arrangement permitted under this Agreement, as applicable (it being understood that any such amendment or supplement may make such other changes to the applicable intercreditor agreement as, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, are required to effectuate the foregoing; provided that such other changes are not adverse, in any material respect, to the interests of the Lenders taken as a whole); provided, further, that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise directly and adversely affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent hereunder or under any other Credit Document without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent; (iii) any provision of this Agreement or any other Credit Document may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to (x) cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) and (y) effect administrative changes of a technical or immaterial nature (including to effect changes to the terms and conditions applicable solely to the Letter of Credit Issuer in respect of Issuances of Letters of Credit and such amendment shall be deemed approved by the Lenders if the Lenders shall have received at least five Business Days' prior written notice of such change and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment; and (iv) guarantees, collateral documents and related documents executed by Credit Parties in connection with this Agreement may be in a form reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and may be, together with any other Credit Document, entered into, amended, supplemented or waived, without the consent of any other Person, by the applicable Credit Party or Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent in its or their respective sole discretion, to (A) effect the granting, perfection, protection, expansion or enhancement of any security interest in any Collateral or additional property to become Collateral for the benefit of the Secured Parties, (B) as required by local law or advice of counsel to give effect to, or protect any security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in any property or so that the security interests therein comply with applicable requirements of law, or (C) to cure ambiguities, omissions, mistakes or defects (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) or to cause such guarantee, collateral security document or other document to be consistent with this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any Security Document to the contrary, the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, grant extensions of time for the satisfaction of any of the requirements under <u>Sections 9.12</u>, <u>9.13</u> and <u>9.14</u> or any Security Documents in respect of any particular Collateral or any particular Subsidiary if it determines that the satisfaction thereof with respect to such Collateral or such Subsidiary cannot be accomplished without undue expense or unreasonable effort or due to factors beyond the control of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries by the time or times at which it would otherwise be required to be satisfied under this Agreement or any Security Document.

13.2 <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices and other communications provided for hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall be in writing (including by facsimile transmission). All such written notices shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to the applicable address, facsimile number or electronic mail address, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:

(a) if to Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer or the Swingline Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to the other parties; and

(b) if to any other Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to Holdings and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Swingline Lender.

All such notices and other communications shall be deemed to be given or made upon the earlier to occur of (i) actual receipt by the relevant party hereto and (ii) (A) if delivered by hand or by courier, when signed for by or on behalf of the relevant party hereto; (B) if delivered by mail, three Business Days after deposit in the mails, postage prepaid; (C) if delivered by facsimile, when sent and receipt has been confirmed by telephone; and (D) if delivered by electronic mail, when delivered; <u>provided</u> that notices and other communications to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders pursuant to <u>Sections 2.3</u>, <u>2.6</u>, <u>2.9</u>, <u>4.2</u> and <u>5.1</u> shall not be effective until received.

13.3 <u>No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers, and privileges provided by law.

13.4 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. All representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Credit Documents and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans hereunder.

## 13.5 Payment of Expenses; Indemnification.

Each of Holdings and the Borrower, jointly and severally, agree (i) to pay or reimburse each of the Agents for all their reasonable and (a) documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses (without duplication) incurred in connection with the development, preparation, execution and delivery of, and any amendment, supplement, modification to, waiver and/or enforcement this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and any other documents prepared in connection herewith or therewith, and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP (or such other counsel as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), one counsel in each relevant local jurisdiction with the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), (ii) to pay or reimburse each Agent for all their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any such other documents, including the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of one firm or counsel to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, and, to the extent required, one firm or local counsel in each relevant local jurisdiction with the Borrower's consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed (which may include a single special counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions), and (iii) to pay, indemnify and hold harmless each Lender, each Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and their respective Related Parties (without duplication) (the "Indemnified Persons") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, demands, actions, judgements, suits, costs, expenses, disbursements or penalties of any kind or nature whatsoever (and the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, expenses, disbursements and other charges of one firm of counsel for all Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole (and, in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest where the Indemnified Person affected by such conflict notifies the Borrower of any existence of such conflict and in connection with the investigating or defending any of the foregoing (including the reasonable fees) has retained its own counsel, of another firm of counsel for such affected Indemnified Person), and to the extent required, one firm or local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction (which may include a single special counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions)) of any such Indemnified Person arising out of or relating to any action, claim, litigation, investigation or other proceeding (regardless of whether such Indemnified Person is a party thereto), arising out of, or with respect to the Transactions or to the execution, delivery, performance and administration of this Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any such other documents, including any of the foregoing relating to the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law or any actual or alleged presence, Release or threatened Release of Hazardous Materials attributable to Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries (all the foregoing in this clause (iii), regardless of whether brought by Holdings, any of its subsidiaries or any other Person collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"); provided that Holdings and the Borrower shall have no obligation hereunder to any Indemnified Person with respect to indemnified liabilities to the extent arising from (i) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, (ii) a material breach of the obligations of such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties under the terms of this Agreement by such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, or (iii) any proceeding between and among Indemnified Persons that does not involve an act or omission by Holdings, the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided the Agents, to the extent acting in their capacity as such, shall remain indemnified in respect of such proceeding, to the extent that neither of the exceptions set forth in clause (i) or (ii) of the immediately preceding proviso applies to such person at such time. The agreements in this Section 13.5 shall survive repayment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder. This Section 13.5 shall not apply with respect to Taxes, other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements arising from any non-Tax claim.

(b) No Credit Party nor any Indemnified Person shall have any liability for any special, punitive, indirect or consequential damages resulting from this Agreement or any other Credit Document or arising out of its activities in connection herewith or therewith (whether before or after the Closing Date); *provided* that the foregoing shall not limit Holdings' and the Borrower's indemnification obligations to the Indemnified Persons pursuant to Section 13.5(a) in respect of damages incurred or paid by an Indemnified Person to a third party. No Indemnified Person shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except to the extent that such damages have resulted from the willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence of any Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

# 13.6 <u>Successors and Assigns; Participations and Assignments</u>.

(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, except that (i) except as expressly permitted by <u>Section 10.3</u>, the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of their rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this <u>Section 13.6</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants (to the extent provided in <u>clause (c)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u>) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Lenders and each other Person entitled to indemnification under <u>Section 13.5</u>) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) (i) Subject to the conditions set forth in <u>clause (b)(ii)</u> below and <u>Section 13.7</u>, any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and the Loans (including participations in L/C Obligations or Swingline Loans) at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed; it being understood that, without limitation, the Borrower shall have the right to withhold its consent to any assignment if, in order for such assignment to comply with applicable law, the Borrower would be required to obtain the consent of, or make any filing or registration with, any Governmental Authority) of:

(A) the Borrower; provided that no consent of the Borrower shall be required for (1) an assignment of Term Loans to (X) a Lender, (Y) an Affiliate of a Lender, or (Z) an Approved Fund or (2) an assignment of Loans or Commitments to any assignee if an Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>Section 11.5</u> (with respect to Holdings or the Borrower) has occurred and is continuing; and

(B) the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and, in the case of Revolving Credit Commitments or Revolving Credit Loans only, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer; <u>provided</u> that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for an assignment of any Term Loan to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) no such assignment shall be made to a natural Person, Disqualified Lender or Defaulting Lender and (ii) with respect to the Revolving Credit Commitments, Holdings, the Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries or any Affiliated Lender (other than an Affiliated Institutional Lender). For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall bear no responsibility or liability for monitoring and enforcing the list of Persons who are Disqualified Lenders at any time.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans of any Class, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such 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 \$5,000,000 in the case of Revolving Credit Commitments and \$1,000,000 in the case of Term Loans, unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consents (which consents shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that no such consent of the Borrower shall be required if an Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>Section 11.5</u> has occurred and is continuing; provided, further, that contemporaneous assignments by a Lender and its Affiliates or Approved Funds shall be aggregated for purposes of meeting the minimum assignment amount requirements stated above (and simultaneous assignments to or by two or more Related Funds shall be treated as one assignment), if any;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement; provided that this clause shall not be construed to prohibit the assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations in respect of one Class of Commitments or Loans;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance via an electronic settlement system or other method reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; provided that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment; provided, further, that such recordation fee shall not be payable in the case of assignments by any Affiliate of the Joint Bookrunners;

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an administrative questionnaire in a form approved by the Administrative Agent (the "Administrative Questionnaire") and applicable tax forms (as required under <u>Section 5.4(e)</u>); and

(E) any assignment to Holdings, the Borrower, any Subsidiary or an Affiliated Lender (other than an Affiliated Institutional Lender) shall also be subject to the requirements of <u>Section 13.6(h)</u>.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent bears no responsibility for tracking or monitoring assignments to or participations by any Affiliated Lender.

(iii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to  $\underline{clause(b)(v)}$  of this  $\underline{Section 13.6}$ , 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 <u>Section 13.6</u>, section 13.5. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this <u>Section 13.6</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, in case of an assignment to a new Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 13.6</u>, (i) the Administrative Agent, the new Lender and other Lenders shall acquire the same rights and assume the same obligations between themselves as they would have acquired and assumed had the new Lender been an original Lender shall each be released from further obligations under the Credit Documents and (ii) the benefit of each Security Document shall be maintained in favor of the new Lender.

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at the Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amount of the Loans (and stated interest amounts) and any payment made by the Letter of Credit Issuer under any Letter of Credit owing to each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "**Register**"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer, the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates and, with respect to itself, any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the assignee's completed Administrative Questionnaire and applicable tax forms (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in <u>clause (b)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u> and any written consent to such assignment required by <u>clause (b)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u>, the Administrative Agent shall promptly accept such Assignment and Acceptance and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment, whether or not evidenced by a promissory note, shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this clause (b)(v).

(C) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer or the Swingline Lender, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (other than (x) a natural person, (y) Holdings and its Subsidiaries and (z) any Disqualified Lender provided, however, that, notwithstanding clause (y) hereof, participations may be sold to Disqualified Lenders unless a list of Disqualified Lenders has been made available to all Lenders) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and the Loans owing to it); provided that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, and (C) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Letter of Credit Issuer, and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall bear no responsibility or liability for monitoring and enforcing the list of Disqualified Lenders or the sales of participations thereto at any time. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Credit Document; provided 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 clauses (i) and (vii) of the second proviso to Section 13.1 that affects such Participant. Subject to clause (c)(ii) of this Section 13.6, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.10, 2.11, 3.5, and 5.4 to the same extent as if it were a Lender (subject to the limitations and requirements of those Sections as though it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 13.6, including the requirements of clause (e) of Section 5.4) (it being agreed that any documentation required under Section 5.4(e) shall be provided to the participating Lender)). To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 13.8(b) as though it were a Lender; provided such Participant shall be subject to <u>Section 13.8(a)</u> as though it were a Lender.

(ii) A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.10, 2.11, 3.5 or 5.4 than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive absent the sale of such the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld). Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest amounts) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under this Agreement (the "**Participant Register**"). The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Credit Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations.

(d) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, 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 Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, or other central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender and this <u>Section 13.6</u> shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignment of a security interest.

(e) Subject to Section 13.16, the Borrower authorizes each Lender to disclose to any Participant, secured creditor of such Lender or assignee (each, a "**Transferee**") and any prospective Transferee any and all financial information in such Lender's possession concerning the Borrower and their Affiliates that has been delivered to such Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower and their Affiliates pursuant to this Agreement or that has been delivered to such Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower and their Affiliates in connection with such Lender's credit evaluation of the Borrower and their Affiliates prior to becoming a party to this Agreement.

(f) The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Acceptance shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

SPV Lender. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender (a "Granting Lender") may grant to a special purpose (g) funding vehicle (an "SPV"), identified as such in writing from time to time by the Granting Lender to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, the option to provide to the Borrower all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would otherwise be obligated to make the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement; provided that (i) nothing herein shall constitute a commitment by any SPV to make any Loan and (ii) if an SPV elects not to exercise such option or otherwise fails to provide all or any part of such Loan, the Granting Lender shall be obligated to make such Loan pursuant to the terms hereof. The making of a Loan by an SPV hereunder shall utilize the Commitment of the Granting Lender to the same extent, and as if, such Loan were made by such Granting Lender. Each party hereto hereby agrees that no SPV shall be liable for any indemnity or similar payment obligation under this Agreement (all liability for which shall remain with the Granting Lender). In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior indebtedness of any SPV, it shall not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPV any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under the laws of the United States or any State thereof. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 13.6, any SPV may (i) with notice to, but without the prior written consent of, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and without paying any processing fee therefor, assign all or a portion of its interests in any Loans to the Granting Lender or to any financial institutions (consented to by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) other than a Disqualified Lender providing liquidity and/or credit support to or for the account of such SPV to support the funding or maintenance of Loans and (ii) subject to Section 13.16, disclose on a confidential basis any non-public information relating to its Loans to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer or provider of any surety, guarantee or credit or liquidity enhancement to such SPV. This Section 13.6(g) may not be amended without the written consent of the SPV. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement but subject to the following sentence, each SPV shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.10, 2.11, 3.5 and 5.4 to the same extent as if it were a Lender (subject to the limitations and requirements of those Sections as though it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 13.6, including the requirements of clause (e) of Section 5.4 (it being agreed that any documentation required under Section 5.4(e) shall be provided to the Granting Lender)). Notwithstanding the prior sentence, an SPV shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.10, 2.11, 3.5 or 5.4 than its Granting Lender would have been entitled to receive absent the grant to such SPV, unless such grant to such SPV is made with the Borrower's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

(h) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, (x) any Lender may, at any time, assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement in respect of its Term Loans to Holdings, the Borrower, any Subsidiary or an Affiliated Lender and (y) Holdings, the Borrower and any Subsidiary may, from time to time, purchase or prepay Term Loans, in each case, on a non-pro rata basis through (x) Dutch auction procedures open to all applicable Lenders on a pro rata basis in accordance with customary procedures to be agreed between Holdings or the Borrower and the Auction Agent or (y) open market purchases; provided that:

(i) any Loans or Commitments acquired by Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Subsidiary shall be retired and cancelled promptly upon the acquisition thereof;

- (ii) by its acquisition of Loans or Commitments, an Affiliated Lender shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that:
  - (A) it shall not have any right to (i) attend or participate in (including, in each case, by telephone) any meeting (including "Lender only" meetings) or discussions (or portion thereof) among the Administrative Agent or any Lender to which representatives of the Borrower are not then present, (ii)receive any information or material prepared by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or any communication by or among the Administrative Agent and one or more Lenders or any other material which is "Lender only", except to the extent such information or materials have been made available to the Borrower or its representatives (and in any case, other than the right to receive notices of prepayments and other administrative notices in respect of its Loans required to be delivered to Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2</u>) or receive any advice of counsel to the Administrative Agent or (iii) make any challenge to the Administrative Agent's or any other Lender's attorney-client privilege on the basis of its status as a Lender; and

(B) except with respect to any amendment, modification, waiver, consent or other action (I) in Section 13.1 requiring the consent of all Lenders, all Lenders directly and adversely affected or specifically such Lender, (II) that alters an Affiliated Lender's pro rata share of any payments given to all Lenders, or (III) affects the Affiliated Lender (in its capacity as a Lender) in a manner that is disproportionate to the effect on any Lender in the same Class, the Loans held by an Affiliated Lender shall be disregarded in both the numerator and denominator in the calculation of any Lender vote (and, in the case of a plan of reorganization that does not affect the Affiliated Lender in a manner that is materially adverse to such Affiliated Lender relative to other Lenders, shall be deemed to have voted its interest in the Term Loans in the same proportion as the other Lenders) (and shall be deemed to have been voted in the same percentage as all other applicable Lenders voted if necessary to give legal effect to this paragraph); and

(iii) the aggregate principal amount of Term Loans held at any one time by Affiliated Lenders may not exceed 30% of the aggregate principal amount of all Term Loans outstanding at the time of such purchase; and

(iv) any such Loans acquired by an Affiliated Lender may, with the consent of the Borrower, be contributed to the Borrower and exchanged for debt or equity securities that are otherwise permitted to be issued at such time (and such Loans or Commitments shall be retired and cancelled promptly).

For avoidance of doubt, the foregoing limitations shall not be applicable to Affiliated Institutional Lenders. None of the Borrower, Holdings, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any Affiliated Lender shall be required to make any representation that it is not in possession of information which is not publicly available and/or material with respect to Holdings, the Borrower and their respective Subsidiaries or their respective securities for purposes of U.S. federal and state securities laws.

# 13.7 <u>Replacements of Lenders Under Certain Circumstances</u>.

(a) The Borrower shall be permitted (x) to replace any Lender or (y) terminate the Commitment of such Lender or Letter of Credit Issuer, as the case may be, and (1) in the case of a Lender (other than the Letter of Credit Issuer), repay all Obligations of the Borrower due and owing to such Lender relating to the Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date and (2) in the case of the Letter of Credit Issuer, repay all Obligations of the Borrower owing to such Letter of Credit Issuer relating to the Loans and participations held by the Letter of Credit Issuer as of such termination date and cancel or backstop on terms satisfactory to such Letter of Credit Issuer any Letters of Credit issued by it that (a) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to Sections 2.10 or 5.4, (b) is affected in the manner described in Section 2.10(a)(iii) and as a result thereof any of the actions described in such Section is required to be taken, or (c) becomes a Defaulting Lender, with a replacement bank or other financial institution; provided that (i) such replacement does not conflict with any Requirement of Law, (ii) no Event of Default under Sections 11.1 or 11.5 shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such replacement, (iii) the Borrower shall repay (or the replacement bank or institution shall purchase, at par) all Loans and other amounts pursuant to Sections 2.10, 2.11, or 5.4, as the case may be, owing to such replaced Lender prior to the date of replacement, (iv) the replacement bank or institution, if not already a Lender, an Affiliate of the Lender, an Affiliated Lender or Approved Fund, and the terms and conditions of such replacement, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (v) the replacement bank or institution, if not already a Lender shall be subject to the provisions of Section 13.6(b), (vi) the replaced Lender shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.6 (provided that unless otherwise agreed the Borrower shall be obligated to pay the registration and processing fee referred to therein), and (vii) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender.

If any Lender (such Lender, a "Non-Consenting Lender") has failed to consent to a proposed amendment, waiver, discharge or termination (b) that pursuant to the terms of Section 13.1 requires the consent of either (i) all of the Lenders directly and adversely affected or (ii) all of the Lenders, and, in each case, with respect to which the Required Lenders (or at least 50.1% of the directly and adversely affected Lenders) shall have granted their consent, then, the Borrower shall have the right (unless such Non-Consenting Lender grants such consent) to (x) replace such Non-Consenting Lender by requiring such Non-Consenting Lender to assign its Loans, and its Commitments hereunder to one or more assignees reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (to the extent such consent would be required under Section 13.6) or to terminate the Commitment of such Lender or Letter of Credit Issuer, as the case may be, and (1) in the case of a Lender (other than the Letter of Credit Issuer), repay all Obligations of the Borrower due and owing to such Lender relating to the Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date and (2) in the case of the Letter of Credit Issuer, repay all Obligations of the Borrower owing to such Letter of Credit Issuer relating to the Loans and participations held by the Letter of Credit Issuer as of such termination date and cancel or backstop on terms satisfactory to such Letter of Credit Issuer any Letters of Credit issued by it); provided that (a) all Obligations hereunder of the Borrower owing to such Non-Consenting Lender being replaced shall be paid in full to such Non-Consenting Lender concurrently with such assignment including any amounts that such Lender may be owed pursuant to Section 2.11, and (b) the replacement Lender shall purchase the foregoing by paying to such Non-Consenting Lender a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and (c) the Borrower shall pay to such Non-Consenting Lender the amount, if any, owing to such Lender pursuant to Section 5.1(b). In connection with any such assignment, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, such Non-Consenting Lender and the replacement Lender shall otherwise comply with Section 13.6.

## 13.8 Adjustments; Set-off.

(a) Except as contemplated in <u>Section 13.6</u> or elsewhere herein, if any Lender (a "Benefited Lender") shall at any time receive any payment of all or part of its Loans, or interest thereon, or receive any collateral in respect thereof (whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by set-off, pursuant to events or proceedings of the nature referred to in <u>Section 11.5</u>, or otherwise), in a greater proportion than any such payment to or collateral received by any other Lender, if any, in respect of such other Lender's Loans, or interest thereon, such Benefited Lender shall purchase for cash from the other Lenders a participating interest in such portion of each such other Lender's Loan, or shall provide such other Lenders with the benefits of any such collateral, or the proceeds thereof, as shall be necessary to cause such Benefited Lender to share the excess payment or benefits of such collateral or proceeds ratably with each of the Lenders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if all or any portion of such excess payment or benefits is thereafter recovered from such Benefited Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded, and the purchase price and benefits returned, to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

(b) After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, in addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender shall have the right, without prior notice to the Credit Parties but with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, any such notice being expressly waived by the Credit Parties to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by the Credit Parties hereunder (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) to set-off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) (other than payroll, trust, tax, fiduciary, and petty cash accounts), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Lender or any branch or agency thereof to or for the credit or the account of the Credit Parties. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent after any such set-off and application made by such Lender; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application.

13.9 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

13.10 <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

13.11 <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the agreement of Holdings, the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent nor any Lender relative to subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Credit Documents.

13.12 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. EACH LETTER OF CREDIT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

13.13 <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding shall be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding shall be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address set forth on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> at such other address of which the Administrative Agent shall have been notified pursuant to <u>Section 13.2</u>;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or another Secured Party to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against Holdings or the Borrower or any other Credit Party in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this <u>Section 13.13</u> any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages; <u>provided</u> that nothing in this clause (e) shall limit the Credit Parties' indemnification obligations set forth in Section 13.5.

- 13.14 <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby acknowledges that:
- (a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution, and delivery of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents;

(b)

(i) the credit facilities provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Agents on the other hand, and the Borrower and the other Credit Parties are capable of evaluating and understanding and understand and accept the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Credit Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof);

(ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, each of the Administrative Agent and the other Agents, is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Borrower, any other Credit Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees, or any other Person;

(iii) neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Borrower or any other Credit Party with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document (irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent or other Agent has advised or is currently advising the Borrower, the other Credit Parties or their respective Affiliates on other matters) and neither the Administrative Agent or other Agent has any obligation to the Borrower, the other Credit Parties or their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents;

(iv) the Administrative Agent, each other Agent and each Affiliate of the foregoing may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Borrower and their Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and

(v) neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has provided and none will 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 Credit Document) and the Borrower have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby agrees that it will not claim that any Agent owes a fiduciary or similar duty to the Credit Parties in connection with the Transactions contemplated hereby and waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent or any other Agent with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty; and

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders or among the Borrower, on the one hand, and any Lender, on the other hand.

13.15 <u>WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

Confidentiality. The Administrative Agent, each other Agent and each Lender (collectively, the "Restricted Persons" and, each a "Restricted 13.16 Person") shall treat confidentially all non-public information provided to any Restricted Person by or on behalf of any Credit Party hereunder in connection with such Restricted Person's evaluation of whether to become a Lender hereunder or obtained by such Restricted Person pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement ("Confidential Information") and shall not publish, disclose or otherwise divulge such Confidential Information; provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Restricted Person from disclosing any such Confidential Information (a) pursuant to the order of any court or administrative agency or in any pending legal, judicial or administrative proceeding, or otherwise as required by applicable law, rule or regulation or compulsory legal process (in which case such Restricted Person agrees (except with respect to any routine or ordinary course audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any governmental or bank regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority), to the extent practicable and not prohibited by applicable law, rule or regulation, to inform the Borrower promptly thereof prior to disclosure), (b) upon the request or demand of any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Restricted Person or any of its Affiliates (in which case such Restricted Person agrees (except with respect to any routine or ordinary course audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any governmental or bank regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority) to the extent practicable and not prohibited by applicable law, rule or regulation, to inform the Borrower promptly thereof prior to disclosure), (c) to the extent that such Confidential Information becomes publicly available other than by reason of improper disclosure by such Restricted Person or any of its affiliates or any related parties thereto in violation of any confidentiality obligations owing under this Section 13.16, (d) to the extent that such Confidential Information is received by such Restricted Person from a third party that is not, to such Restricted Person's knowledge, subject to confidentiality obligations owing to any Credit Party or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, (e) to the extent that such Confidential Information was already in the possession of the Restricted Persons prior to any duty or other undertaking of confidentiality or is independently developed by the Restricted Persons without the use of such Confidential Information, (f) to such Restricted Person's affiliates and to its and their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, legal counsel, independent auditors, and other experts or agents who need to know such Confidential Information in connection with providing the Loans or action as an Agent hereunder and who are informed of the confidential nature of such Confidential Information and who are subject to customary confidentiality obligations of professional practice or who agree to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16) (with each such Restricted Person, to the extent within its control, responsible for such person's compliance with this paragraph), (g) to potential or prospective Lenders, hedge providers, participants or assignees, in each case who agree (pursuant to customary syndication practice) to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16); provided that (i) the disclosure of any such Confidential Information to any Lenders, hedge providers or prospective Lenders, hedge providers or participants or prospective participants referred to above shall be made subject to the acknowledgment and acceptance by such Lender, hedge provider or prospective Lender or participant or prospective participant that such Confidential Information is being disseminated on a confidential basis (on substantially the terms set forth in this Section 13.16 or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16) in accordance with the standard syndication processes of such Restricted Person or customary market standards for dissemination of such type of information, which shall in any event require "click through" or other affirmative actions on the part of recipient to access such Confidential Information and (ii) no such disclosure shall be made by such Restricted Person to any person that is at such time a Disgualified Lender, (h) for purposes of establishing a "due diligence" defense, or (i) to rating agencies in connection with obtaining ratings for the Borrower and the Facilities to the extent such rating agencies are subject to customary confidentiality obligations of professional practice or agree to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) Confidential Information shall not include, with respect to any Person, information available to it or its Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Holdings, its Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates, (ii) the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for compliance with this Section 13.16 by any other Restricted Person (other than its officers, directors or employees), (iii) in no event shall any Lender, the Administrative Agent or any other Agent be obligated or required to return any materials furnished by Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, and (iv) each Agent and each Lender may disclose the existence of this Agreement and the information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar services providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Agents and the Lenders in connection with the administration, settlement and management of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

Direct Website Communications. Each of Holdings and the Borrower may, at its option, provide to the Administrative Agent any information, 13.17 documents and other materials that it is obligated to furnish to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Credit Documents, including, without limitation, all notices, requests, financial statements, financial, and other reports, certificates, and other information materials, but excluding any such communication that (A) relates to a request for a new, or a conversion of an existing, borrowing or other extension of credit (including any election of an interest rate or interest period relating thereto, (B) relates to the payment of any principal or other amount due under this Agreement prior to the scheduled date therefor, (C) provides notice of any default or event of default under this Agreement or (D) is required to be delivered to satisfy any condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement and/or any borrowing or other extension of credit thereunder (all such non-excluded communications being referred to herein collectively as "Communications"), by transmitting the Communications in an electronic/soft medium in a format reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent to the Administrative Agent at an email address provided by the Administrative Agent from time to time; provided that (i) upon written request by the Administrative Agent, Holdings or the Borrower shall deliver paper copies of such documents to the Administrative Agent for further distribution to each Lender until a written request to cease delivering paper copies is given by the Administrative Agent and (ii) Holdings or the Borrower shall notify (which may be by facsimile or electronic mail) the Administrative Agent of the posting of any such documents and provide to the Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions (i.e., soft copies) of such documents. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for timely accessing posted documents or requesting delivery of paper copies of such documents from the Administrative Agent and maintaining its copies of such documents. Nothing in this Section 13.17 shall prejudice the right of Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, any other Agent or any Lender to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Credit Document in any other manner specified in such Credit Document.

The Administrative Agent agrees that the receipt of the Communications by the Administrative Agent at its e-mail address set forth above shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to the Administrative Agent for purposes of the Credit Documents. Each Lender agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that the Communications have been posted to the Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Credit Documents. Each Lender agrees (A) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (including by electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender's e-mail address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and (B) that the foregoing notice may be sent to such e-mail address.

(a) Each of Holdings and the Borrower further agrees that any Agent may make the Communications available to the Lenders by posting the Communications on Intralinks or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the "**Platform**"), so long as the access to such Platform (i) is limited to the Agents, the Lenders and Transferees or prospective Transferees and (ii) remains subject to the confidentiality requirements set forth in <u>Section 13.16</u>.

(b) THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY MATERIALS OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CREDIT PARTIES (THE "**BORROWER MATERIALS**") OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "**Agent Parties**" and each an "**Agent Party**") have any liability to the Borrower, any Lender, or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of the Borrower's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the internet, except to the extent the liability of any Agent Party resulted from such Agent Party's (or any of its Related Parties' (other than any trustee or advisor)) gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or material breach of the Credit Documents as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Each of Holdings and the Borrower and each Lender acknowledge that certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to Holdings, the Borrower, the Subsidiaries or their securities) and, if documents or notices required to be delivered pursuant to the Credit Documents or otherwise are being distributed through the Platform, any document or notice that Holdings or the Borrower has indicated contains only publicly available information with respect to Holdings or the Borrower may be posted on that portion of the Platform designated for such public-side Lenders. If Holdings or the Borrower has not indicated whether a document or notice delivered contains only publicly available information, the Administrative Agent shall post such document or notice solely on that portion of the Platform designated for Lenders who wish to receive material nonpublic information with respect to Holdings, the Borrower, the Subsidiaries and their securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall use commercially reasonable efforts to indicate whether any document or notice contains only publicly available information; provided however that, the following documents shall be deemed to be marked "PUBLIC," unless the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent promptly that any such document contains material nonpublic information: (1) the Loan Documents, (2) any notification of changes in the terms of the Credit Facility and (3) all financial statements and certificates delivered pursuant to <u>Sections 9.1(a), (b)</u> and (d).

13.18 <u>USA PATRIOT Act</u>. Each Lender hereby notifies each Credit Party that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "**Patriot Act**"), it is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each Credit Party, which information includes the name and address of each Credit Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Credit Party in accordance with the Patriot Act.

## 13.19 [Reserved].

13.20 <u>Payments Set Aside</u>. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of Holdings or the Borrower is made to any Agent or any Lender, or any Agent or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such Agent or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver, or any other party, in connection with any proceeding or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share of any amount so recovered from or repaid by any 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 applicable Overnight Rate from time to time in effect.

13.21 <u>No Fiduciary Duty</u>. Each Agent, each Lender and their Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "**Lenders**"), may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Credit Parties, their stockholders and/or their affiliates. Each Credit Party agrees that nothing in the Credit Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and such Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates, on the other. The Credit Parties acknowledge and agree that (i) the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Credit Parties, on the other, and (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (x) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise any Credit Party, its stockholders or its Affiliates on other matters) or any other obligation to any Credit Party except the obligations expressly set forth in the Credit Documents and (y) each Lender is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of any Credit Party, its management, stockholders or creditors. Each Credit Party acknowledges and agrees that it has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. Each Credit Party, in connection with such transaction or the process leading thereto.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC. as Holdings

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as the Initial Borrower

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

VISION HOLDING CORP., as the Surviving Borrower

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as the Borrower

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA,

as Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, Swingline Lender, Initial Term Loan Lender and Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Robert Ehudin Name: Robert Ehudin Title: Authorized Signatory

MORGAN STANLEY BANK N.A.,

as Letter of Credit Issuer and a Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Julie Lilienfeld Name: Julie Lilienfeld

Title: Authorized Signatory

CITIBANK, N.A., as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Kevin Johns Name: Kevin Johns Title: Director

BARCLAYS BANK PLC., as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Ronnie Glenn Name: Ronnie Glenn Title: Vice President

MIZUHO BANK, LTD., as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ James Yu Name: James Yu

Title: Senior Vice President

KKR CORPORATE LENDING LLC, as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Jeffrey Rowbottom

Name: Jeffrey Rowbottom Title: Authorized Signatory

MIHI LLC, as Revolving Cred

as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

### /s/ Ayesha Farooqi Name: Ayesha Farooqi

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Title:	Authorized	Signatory	

By:

/s/ T. Morgan Edwards II
Name: T. Morgan Edwards II
Title: Authorized Signatory

### MACQUARIE CAPITAL (USA) INC. as Revolving Credit Lender

By:

/s/ Clark Ryan	
Name: Clark Ryan	
Title: SVP	

By:

/s/ T. Morgan Edwards II Name: T. Morgan Edwards II Title: Managing Director

[signature page of First Lien Credit Agreement]

Exhibit 10.4

#### JOINDER AND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT

JOINDER AND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT, dated as of May 29, 2015 (this "<u>Agreement</u>" or "<u>Joinder and Amendment Agreement</u>"), by and among KKR Corporate Lending LLC (the "<u>New Term Loan Lender</u>"), the Borrower (as defined below), the Guarantors and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent.

### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc. ("<u>Holdings</u>"), National Vision, Inc. (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), the lenders or other financial institutions or entities from time to time party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (capitalized terms used but not defined herein having the meaning provided in the Credit Agreement);

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower may establish New Term Loan Commitments by, among other things, entering into one or more Joinder Agreements with New Term Loan Lenders, as applicable;

WHEREAS, the Borrower has notified the Administrative Agent that it is requesting the establishment of New Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$150,000,000 (the "<u>New Term Loans</u>") as an increase to the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the effectiveness of this Joinder and Amendment Agreement;

WHEREAS, after giving effect to this amendment the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans (which shall be deemed to include the New Term Loans) outstanding under the Credit Agreement is \$645,000,000;

WHEREAS, Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement permits the Administrative Agent and the Borrower to amend any provision of the Credit Agreement to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), and such amendment will be deemed approved by the Lenders if the Lenders receive at least five (5) Business Days' prior written notice of such change, and the Administrative Agent shall have not received within five (5) Business Days of such notice a written objection to such amendments from the Required Lenders;

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent have each reasonably determined that the amendment set forth in Article I herein (the "<u>Amendment</u>") is to solely cure a mistake and ambiguity in the Credit Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent posted notice of this Amendment to each of the Lenders on May 20, 2015 (the "<u>Amendment Notice</u> <u>Date</u>"), which is at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Amendment Effective Date (as defined below), thereby providing notice that the Borrower and the Administrative Agent intend to amend the Credit Agreement as set forth herein to cure such mistake and ambiguity in the Credit Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent has not received a written notice of objection to the Amendment from the Required Lenders within five (5) Business Days following the Amendment Notice Date, and as a result, the Amendment is deemed approved by the Lenders, and shall become effective on the Amendment Effective Date pursuant to the terms of this Joinder and Amendment Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and agreements, provisions and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree as

follows:

### ARTICLE I. THE AMENDMENT

Effective as of the Amendment Effective Date, the definition of "**Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount**" under Section 1.1 of the Credit Agreement is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:

"Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" shall mean, at any date of determination, (i) the amount such that, after giving effect to the incurrence of such amount Holdings would be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis (including any adjustments required by such definition as a result of a contemplated Permitted Acquisition and, only in the case of a simultaneous incurrence of the maximum amount permitted to be incurred under this clause (i) on the date of such incurrence together with an incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below on such date, without giving pro forma effect to such simultaneous incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below) with the First Lien Secured Leverage Test (assuming that all outstanding Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 2.14(a) or Section 10.1(x) prior to or on such date of determination would be included in the definition of Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt, whether or not such Indebtedness would otherwise be so included and assuming the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments established at such time are fully drawn), *plus* (ii) the sum of (a) \$100,000,000 (less the Second Lien Base Incremental Amount) *plus* (b) the aggregate amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans (including purchases of the Loans by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at or below par, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans below par) (and in the case of any Loans that are not Term Loans, a corresponding commitment reduction), in each case, other than from proceeds of the incurrence of Indebtedness, *minus* (c) the sum of (1) the aggregate principal amount of New Loan Commitments incurred pursuant to Section 2.14(a) prior to such date and (2) the aggregate principal amount of Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred (including any unused commitments obtained) pursuant to Section 10.1(x)(i)(a) prior to such date, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (ii)(c)(1) and (ii)(c)(2) to the extent incurred in relianc

#### ARTICLE II. THE NEW TERM LOANS

The New Term Loan Lender party hereto hereby agrees to commit to provide its New Term Loan Commitment in the amount of \$150,000,000, on the terms and subject solely to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions, to make New Term Loans on the Business Day of the proposed Borrowing to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed such New Term Loan Commitment.

The New Term Loan Lender (i) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents and the exhibits thereto, together with copies of the financial statements referred to therein and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement; (ii) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, any other New Term Loan Lender or any other Lender or Agent and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement; (ii) appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, by the terms thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (iv) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Credit Agreement are required to be performed by it as a New Term Loan Lender.

The New Term Loan Lender hereby agrees that its New Term Loan Commitment and New Term Loans will be made on the terms set forth in this Article II and subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions. The Borrower and the Administrative Agent hereby agree that the Credit Agreement will be amended to provide for the New Term Loans as set forth in this Article II upon the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions.

- 1. **Initial Drawing**. The New Term Loans shall be denominated in Dollars and shall be made in a single drawing on the Funding Date. Upon the funding of the New Term Loans on the Funding Date, the New Term Loan Commitment of the New Term Loan Lender shall be \$0.
- 2. Applicable Margin. The Applicable Margin for the New Term Loans shall be the same, as of any date of determination, as the Applicable Margin for the Initial Term Loans.
- 3. **Principal Payments**. The Borrower shall make principal payments on the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) on the dates set forth in Section 2.5(b) of the Credit Agreement occurring after the Funding Date in an amount equal to 0.25% of the product of (x) the sum of (I) the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date plus (II) the aggregate amount of the New Term Loans funded on the Funding Date and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is equal to the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit of the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date (after such product is rounded to the nearest full dollar). Any remaining outstanding amount of Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) shall be repaid in full on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date.
- 4. Voluntary and Mandatory Prepayments. Scheduled installments of principal of the New Term Loans set forth above shall be reduced in connection with any voluntary or mandatory prepayments of the New Term Loans in accordance with <u>Sections 5.1</u> and <u>5.2</u> of the Credit Agreement respectively. In the event that, on or prior to the date that is six months after the Funding Date, the Borrower (i) makes any prepayment of Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) in connection with any Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on such Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) or (ii) effects any amendment of the Credit Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans), the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable account of each of the applicable Lenders, (x) in the case of clause (i), a prepayment premium of 1.00% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) being prepaid in connection with such Repricing Transaction and (y) in the case of clause (ii), an amount equal to 1.00% of the aggregate amount of the applicable Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) outstanding immediately prior to such amendment that are subject to an effective pricing reduction pursuant to such Repricing Transaction.
- 5. **Upfront Fees.** In connection with the syndication of the New Term Loans, the Borrower agrees to pay to the New Term Loan Lender upfront fees equal to 1.21% of the aggregate amount of such New Term Loans funded by the New Term Loan Lender on the Funding Date (the "<u>Upfront Fees</u>"). All Upfront Fees shall be payable in full on the Funding Date in immediately available funds and may, at the option of the Borrower, be netted against the proceeds of the New Term Loans.

- 6. **Terms Generally**. Other than as set forth herein, for all purposes under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (including this Joinder and Amendment Agreement (unless the context dictates otherwise)), the New Term Loans shall have the same terms as the Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date and shall be treated for purposes of voluntary and mandatory prepayments (including any applicable prepayment fees and for scheduled principal payments) and all other terms as the same Class of Term Loans as the Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date. Upon the funding of the New Term Loans on the Funding Date, the New Term Loans shall automatically and without further action by any Person constitute Initial Term Loans for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. The New Term Loans shall be structured as an increase to the existing Initial Term Loans. The Administrative Agent shall take any and all action as may be reasonably necessary to ensure that the New Term Loans are included in each Borrowing and repayment of Initial Term Loans on a pro rata basis. In furtherance of the foregoing, on the Funding Date, there shall commence an initial Interest Period with respect to the New Term Loans, which Interest Period shall end on the last day of the Interest Period applicable to the existing Initial Term Loans as in effect immediately prior to the Funding Date.
- 7. **Proposed Borrowing**. This Agreement represents a request by the Borrower to borrow New Term Loans from the New Term Loan Lender as set forth on the applicable Borrowing notice delivered by the Borrower under the Credit Agreement.
- 8. **New Term Loan Lender**. To the extent not already a Lender, the New Term Loan Lender acknowledges and agrees that upon its execution of this Agreement that such New Term Loan Lender shall become a "Lender" and an "Initial Term Loan Lender" under, and for all purposes of, the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents, and shall be subject to and bound by the terms thereof, and shall perform all the obligations of and shall have all rights of a Lender thereunder. For purposes of <u>Section 12</u> and <u>Section 13.5</u> of the Credit Agreement, KKR Capital Markets LLC shall be deemed to be an Agent.
- 9. **Credit Agreement Governs.** Except as set forth in this Agreement, the New Term Loans shall otherwise be subject to the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

### ARTICLE III. OTHER TERMS OF THE JOINDER AND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT

- 1. **Representations and Warranties**. The Borrower hereby represents and warrants that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each Credit Party hereto and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of each such Credit Party enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except that the enforceability hereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.
- 2. **Borrower and Guarantor Certifications**. By its execution of this Agreement, the undersigned officer of the Borrower and the Guarantors party hereto, to the best of his or her knowledge, and the Borrower and Guarantors hereby certify that (the "Borrower and Guarantor Certifications"):
  - a. no Default or Event of Default exists on the date hereof before or after giving effect to the New Term Loan Commitments and borrowing of the New Term Loans contemplated hereby; and



- b. the representations and warranties made by each Credit Party contained in the Credit Agreement or in the other Credit Documents are true and correct in all material respects (*provided* that such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the date hereof with the same effect as though made on and as of the date hereof, except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects (*provided* that such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) as of such earlier date.
- 3. **Funding Date Conditions**. This Agreement (excluding any provisions herein related to the Amendment) will become effective on the date (the "<u>Funding Date</u>") on which each of the following conditions (the "<u>Funding Date Conditions</u>") is satisfied:
  - a. The Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower and each Guarantor a counterpart of this Agreement (which may exclude provisions related to the Amendment) signed on behalf of such party;
  - The Administrative Agent and the New Term Loan Lender shall have received the executed legal opinion of (i) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP special New York counsel to the Credit Parties and (ii) Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, special Georgia counsel to the Credit Parties. The Borrower, the other Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent hereby instruct such counsel to deliver such legal opinion;
  - c. The Borrower shall have paid (i) KKR Capital Markets LLC (or its designated affiliate), as sole lead arranger and bookrunner (the "<u>Agent</u>") the fees in the amounts previously agreed in writing to be received on the Funding Date and (ii) the Agent and the Administrative Agent all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, counsel for the Agent and the Administrative Agent) of the Agent and the Administrative Agent for which invoices have been presented prior to the Funding Date;
  - d. The Administrative Agent shall have received good standing certificates (to the extent such concept exists) from the applicable governmental authority of each Credit Party's jurisdiction of incorporation, organization or formation and (I) (A) a certificate of the Credit Party, dated the Funding Date, substantially in the form of Exhibit E to the Credit Agreement, with appropriate insertions, of each Credit Party, executed by the President or any Vice President and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of each Credit Party, and attaching the documents referred to in the following clause (B) and (B) (x) a copy of the resolutions, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of the board of directors or other managers of each Credit Party (or a duly authorized committee thereof) authorizing (i) the execution, delivery and performance of each Credit Document to which it is a party and (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the extensions of credit contemplated hereunder, (y) the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement or other comparable organizational documents, as applicable, of each Credit Party and (z) signature and incumbency certificates of the Authorized Officers of each Credit Party executing the Credit Documents to which it is a party or (II) a certificate of Holdings on behalf of each Credit Party, dated the Funding Date and executed by an Authorized Officer of Holdings, certifying that, except as otherwise indicated therein, there have been no amendments, supplements or modifications since the Closing Date to the documents delivered on the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Sections 6.5(x)</u> and <u>6.6</u> of the Credit Agreement;



- e. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate from the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Vice President-Finance, a Director, a Manager or any other senior financial officer of the Borrower to the effect that after giving effect to the funding of the New Term Loans, Holdings on a consolidated basis with its Restricted Subsidiaries is Solvent;
- f. The Borrower shall have previously delivered to the Administrative Agent a Notice of Borrowing in accordance with <u>Section 7.2(a)</u> of the Credit Agreement; and
- g. The Borrower and Guarantor Certifications are true and correct.
- 4. **Amendment Effective Date Conditions**. This Agreement (only with respect to the Amendment) will become effective on the date (the "<u>Amendment Effective Date</u>") on which each of the following conditions is satisfied:
  - a. The Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower and each Guarantor a counterpart of this Agreement (which may exclude provisions herein related to anything other than the Amendment) signed on behalf of such party; and
  - b. The Administrative Agent shall not have received within five (5) Business Days following the Amendment Notice Date a written notice of objection from the Lenders constituting the Required Lenders thereby objecting to the Amendment.
- 5. **Notice**. For purposes of the Credit Agreement, the initial notice address of the New Term Loan Lender shall be as separately identified to the Administrative Agent.
- 6. **Tax Forms**. For each relevant New Term Loan Lender, delivered herewith to the Administrative Agent are such forms, certificates or other evidence with respect to United States federal income tax withholding matters as such New Term Loan Lender may be required to deliver to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.4(d) and/or Section 5.4(e) of the Credit Agreement.
- 7. **Recordation of the New Loans**. Upon execution and delivery hereof, the Administrative Agent will record the New Term Loans made by the New Term Loan Lender in the Register.
- 8. **Amendment, Modification and Waiver**. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or waived except by an instrument or instruments in writing signed and delivered on behalf of each of the parties hereto.
- 9. **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and verbal, among the parties or any of them with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 10. GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. Section 13.13 of the Credit Agreement is hereby incorporated into this Agreement *mutatis mutandis*.

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- 11. **Severability**. Any term or provision of this Agreement which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without rendering invalid or unenforceable the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction. If any provision of this Agreement is so broad as to be unenforceable, the provision shall be interpreted to be only so broad as would be enforceable.
- 12. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 13. Tax Matters. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, (a) from and after the Funding Date the Borrower and the Administrative Agent shall treat the New Term Loans as a "qualified reopening" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1275-2(k)) of the existing Initial Term Loans, and (b) from and after the Funding Date and/or the Amendment Effective Date solely for purposes of FATCA, the Administrative Agent shall treat the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) as not qualifying as "grandfathered obligations" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1471-2(b)(2) (i).
- 14. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTY RELATED TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT LETTER OR THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES HEREUNDER.
- 15. **Credit Document**. On and after the Funding Date and/or the Amendment Effective Date, this Agreement shall constitute a "Credit Document" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (it being understood that for the avoidance of doubt this Agreement may be amended or waived solely by the parties hereto as set forth herein).
- 16. **Reaffirmation**. Each Credit Party hereby expressly acknowledges the terms of this Joinder and Amendment Agreement and reaffirms, as of the date hereof, (i) the covenants, guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens and agreements or other commitments contained in each Credit Document to which it is a party, including, in each case, such covenants, guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens and agreements or other commitments as in effect immediately after giving effect to this Joinder and Amendment Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) its guarantee of the Obligations (including, without limitation, the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans)) under each Guarantee, as applicable, (iii) its grant of Liens on the Collateral to secure the Obligations (including, without limitation, the Obligations with respect to the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans)) pursuant to the Security Documents, and (iv) agrees that (A) each Credit Document to which it is a party shall continue to be in full force and effect and (B) all guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens, covenants, agreements and other commitments by such Credit Party under the Credit Document shall continue to be in full force and effect and shall accrue to the benefit of the Secured Parties and shall not be affected, impaired or discharged hereby or by the transactions contemplated in this Joinder and Amendment Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has caused its duly authorized officer to execute and deliver this Joinder and Amendment Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

NATIONAL VISION, INC.

Bv: /s/ L.	Reade I	Fahs

Name:	L. Reade Fahs
Title:	Chief Executive Officer

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs Name: L. Reade Fahs Title: Chief Executive Officer

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs Name: L. Reade Fahs Title: Chief Executive Officer

VC IV, LLC

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs Name: L. Reade Fahs Title: Chief Executive Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs Name: L. Reade Fahs

Title: Chief Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATES, LTD.

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs

Name:L. Reade FahsTitle:Chief Executive Officer

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.

By: /s/ Peter Clarkson

Name:Peter ClarksonTitle:President

### KKR CORPORATE LENDING LLC

By: /s/ Adam Smith

Name:Adam SmithTitle:Authorized Signatory

Consented to by:

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent

By: /s/ Elizabeth Fischer Name: Elizabeth Fi

Name:Elizabeth FischerTitle:Authorized Signatory

Exhibit 10.5

### JOINDER AGREEMENT

JOINDER AGREEMENT, dated as of February 3, 2017 (this "<u>Agreement</u>" or "<u>JoinderAgreement</u>"), by and among KKR Corporate Lending LLC (the "<u>New Term Loan Lender</u>"), the Borrower (as defined below), the Guarantors and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent.

### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, reference is hereby made to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, including pursuant to the Joinder and Amendment Agreement, dated as of May 29, 2015 (the "<u>Amendment No. 1</u> <u>Effective Date</u>"), the "Credit Agreement"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc. ("Holdings"), National Vision, Inc. (the "Borrower"), the lenders or other financial institutions or entities from time to time party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (capitalized terms used but not defined herein having the meaning provided in the Credit Agreement);

WHEREAS, subject to the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, the Borrower may establish New Term Loan Commitments by, among other things, entering into one or more Joinder Agreements with New Term Loan Lenders, as applicable;

**WHEREAS**, the Borrower has notified the Administrative Agent that it is requesting the establishment of New Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$175,000,000 (the "<u>New Term Loans</u>") as an increase to the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the effectiveness of this Joinder Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, after giving effect to this Joinder Agreement the aggregate principal amount of Initial Term Loans (which shall be deemed to include the New Term Loans) outstanding under the Credit Agreement is \$808,598,484.84.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and agreements, provisions and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto agree

#### ARTICLE I. THE NEW TERM LOANS

as follows:

The New Term Loan Lender party hereto hereby agrees to commit to provide its New Term Loan Commitment in the amount of \$175,000,000, on the terms and subject solely to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions, to make New Term Loans on the Business Day of the proposed Borrowing to the Borrower in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed such New Term Loan Commitment.

The New Term Loan Lender (i) confirms that it has received a copy of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents and the exhibits thereto, together with copies of the financial statements referred to therein and such other documents and information as it has deemed appropriate to make its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement; (ii) agrees that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, any other New Term Loan Lender or any other Lender or Agent and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit decisions in taking or not taking action under the Credit Agreement; (iii) appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, by the terms thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto; and (iv) agrees that it will perform in accordance with their terms all of the obligations which by the terms of the Credit Agreement are required to be performed by it as a New Term Loan Lender.

The New Term Loan Lender hereby agrees that its New Term Loan Commitment and New Term Loans will be made on the terms set forth in this Article I and subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions. The Borrower and the Administrative Agent hereby agree that the Credit Agreement will be amended to provide for the New Term Loans as set forth in this Article I upon the satisfaction (or waiver) of the Funding Date Conditions.

- 1. **Initial Drawing**. The New Term Loans shall be denominated in Dollars and shall be made in a single drawing on the Funding Date. Upon the funding of the New Term Loans on the Funding Date, the New Term Loan Commitment of the New Term Loan Lender shall be \$0.
- 2. **Applicable Margin**. The Applicable Margin for the New Term Loans shall be the same, as of any date of determination, as the Applicable Margin for the Initial Term Loans.
- 3. Principal Payments. The Borrower shall make principal payments on the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) on the dates set forth in <u>Section 2.5(b)</u> of the Credit Agreement occurring after the Funding Date in an amount equal to \$2,078,659.35. Any remaining outstanding amount of Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) shall be repaid in full on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date.
- 4. **Voluntary and Mandatory Prepayments**. Scheduled installments of principal of the New Term Loans set forth above shall be reduced in connection with any voluntary or mandatory prepayments of the New Term Loans in accordance with <u>Sections 5.1</u> and <u>5.2</u> of the Credit Agreement respectively. In the event that, on or prior to the date that is six months after the Funding Date, the Borrower (i) makes any prepayment of Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) in connection with any Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on such Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) or (ii) effects any amendment of the Credit Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) or (ii) effects any amendment of the Credit Agreement resulting in a Repricing Transaction the primary purpose of which is to decrease the Effective Yield on the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans), the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent, for the ratable account of each of the applicable Lenders, (x) in the case of clause (i), a prepayment premium of 1.00% of the principal amount of the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) being prepaid in connection with such Repricing Transaction and (y) in the case of clause (ii), an amount equal to 1.00% of the aggregate amount of the applicable Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) outstanding immediately prior to such amendment that are subject to an effective pricing reduction pursuant to such Repricing Transaction.
- 5. **Upfront Fees.** In connection with the syndication of the New Term Loans, the Borrower agrees to pay to the New Term Loan Lender upfront fees equal to 0.75% of the aggregate amount of such New Term Loans funded by the New Term Loan Lender on the Funding Date (the "<u>Upfront Fees</u>"). All Upfront Fees shall be payable in full on the Funding Date in immediately available funds and may, at the option of the Borrower, be netted against the proceeds of the New Term Loans.

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- 6. **Terms Generally**. Other than as set forth herein, for all purposes under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (including this Joinder Agreement (unless the context dictates otherwise)), the New Term Loans shall have the same terms as the Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date and shall be treated for purposes of voluntary and mandatory prepayments (including any applicable prepayment fees and for scheduled principal payments) and all other terms as the same Class of Term Loans as the Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date. Upon the funding of the New Term Loans on the Funding Date, the New Term Loans shall automatically and without further action by any Person constitute Initial Term Loans for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. The New Term Loans shall be structured as an increase to the existing Initial Term Loans outstanding under the Credit Agreement immediately prior to the Funding Date that will trade fungibly with such existing Initial Term Loans. The Administrative Agent shall take any and all action as may be reasonably necessary to ensure that the New Term Loans are included in each Borrowing and repayment of Initial Term Loans on a pro rata basis. In furtherance of the foregoing, on the Funding Date, there shall commence an initial Iterm Loans as in effect immediately prior to the Funding Date.
- 7. **Proposed Borrowing**. This Agreement represents a request by the Borrower to borrow New Term Loans from the New Term Loan Lender as set forth on the applicable Borrowing notice delivered by the Borrower under the Credit Agreement.
- 8. **New Term Loan Lender**. To the extent not already a Lender, the New Term Loan Lender acknowledges and agrees that upon its execution of this Agreement that such New Term Loan Lender shall become a "Lender" and an "Initial Term Loan Lender" under, and for all purposes of, the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents, and shall be subject to and bound by the terms thereof, and shall perform all the obligations of and shall have all rights of a Lender thereunder. For purposes of <u>Section 12</u> and <u>Section 13.5</u> of the Credit Agreement, KKR Capital Markets LLC shall be deemed to be an Agent.
- 9. **Credit Agreement Governs.** Except as set forth in this Agreement, the New Term Loans shall otherwise be subject to the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

### ARTICLE II. OTHER TERMS OF THE JOINDER AGREEMENT

1. **Representations and Warranties**. The Borrower hereby represents and warrants that this Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by each Credit Party hereto and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligations of each such Credit Party enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except that the enforceability hereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity. The execution, delivery and performance by each Credit Party of this Agreement is within such Credit Party's corporate powers, has been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and does not and will not (a) conflict with or contravene the terms of any Credit Party's Organization Documents, (b) result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien under (other than under the Credit Documents), or require any payment to be made under (i) any Contractual Obligation to which any Credit Party is a party or affecting any Credit Party or the properties of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which any Loan Party or its property is subject; or (c) violate any Law; except with respect to any conflict, breach or contravention or payment or violation (but not creation of Liens) referred to in clauses (b) or (c), to the extent that such conflict, breach, contravention or payment or violation could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.



- 2. **Borrower and Guarantor Certifications**. By its execution of this Agreement, the undersigned officer of the Borrower and the Guarantors party hereto, to the best of his or her knowledge, and the Borrower and Guarantors hereby certify that (the "Borrower and Guarantor Certifications"):
  - a. no Default or Event of Default exists on the date hereof before or after giving effect to the New Term Loan Commitments, the borrowing of the New Term Loans contemplated hereby and the intended use of proceeds therefrom; and
  - b. the representations and warranties made by each Credit Party contained in the Credit Agreement or in the other Credit Documents are true and correct in all material respects (*provided* that such representations and warranties which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the date hereof with the same effect as though made on and as of the date hereof, except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects (*provided* that such representations and warranties adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) as of such earlier date.
- 3. **Funding Date Conditions**. This Agreement (excluding any provisions herein related to the Amendment) will become effective on the date (the "<u>Funding Date</u>") on which each of the following conditions (the "<u>Funding Date Conditions</u>") is satisfied:
  - a. The Administrative Agent shall have received from the Borrower and each Guarantor a counterpart of this Agreement (which may exclude provisions related to the Amendment) signed on behalf of such party;
  - The Administrative Agent and the New Term Loan Lender shall have received the executed legal opinion of (i) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP special New York counsel to the Credit Parties and (ii) Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, special Georgia counsel to the Credit Parties. The Borrower, the other Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent hereby instruct such counsel to deliver such legal opinion;
  - c. The Borrower shall have paid (i) KKR Capital Markets LLC (or its designated affiliate), as sole lead arranger and bookrunner (the "<u>Agent</u>") the fees in the amounts previously agreed in writing to be received on the Funding Date and (ii) the Agent and the Administrative Agent all reasonable costs and expenses (including, without limitation the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP, counsel for the Agent and the Administrative Agent) of the Agent and the Administrative Agent for which invoices have been presented prior to the Funding Date;
  - d. The Administrative Agent shall have received good standing certificates (to the extent such concept exists) from the applicable governmental authority of each Credit Party's jurisdiction of incorporation, organization or formation and (I) (A) a certificate of the Credit Partye, dated the Funding Date, substantially in the form of Exhibit E to the Credit Agreement, with appropriate insertions, of each Credit Party, executed by the President or any Vice President and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of each Credit Party, and attaching the documents referred to in the following clause (B) and (B) (x) a copy of the resolutions, in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of the board of directors or other managers of each Credit Party (or a duly authorized committee thereof) authorizing (i) the execution, delivery and performance of each Credit Document to which it is a party and (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the extensions of credit contemplated hereunder, (y) the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement or other comparable organizational documents, as applicable, of each Credit Party and (z) signature and incumbency certificates of the Authorized Officers of each Credit Party executing the Credit Documents to which it is a party or (II) a certificate of Holdings on behalf of each Credit Party, dated the Funding Date and executed by an Authorized Officer of Holdings, certifying that, except as otherwise indicated therein, there have been no amendments, supplements or modifications since the Closing Date to the documents delivered on the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Sections 6.5(x)</u> and <u>6.6</u> of the Credit Agreement;

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- e. The Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate from the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Vice President-Finance, a Director, a Manager or any other senior financial officer of the Borrower to the effect that after giving effect to the funding of the New Term Loans, Holdings on a consolidated basis with its Restricted Subsidiaries is Solvent;
- f. The Borrower shall have previously delivered to the Administrative Agent a Notice of Borrowing in accordance with <u>Section 7.2(a)</u> of the Credit Agreement; and
- g. The Borrower and Guarantor Certifications are true and correct.
- 4. **Notice**. For purposes of the Credit Agreement, the initial notice address of the New Term Loan Lender shall be as separately identified to the Administrative Agent.
- 5. Tax Forms. For each relevant New Term Loan Lender, delivered herewith to the Administrative Agent are such forms, certificates or other evidence with respect to United States federal income tax withholding matters as such New Term Loan Lender may be required to deliver to the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 5.4(d) and/or Section 5.4(e) of the Credit Agreement.
- 6. **Recordation of the New Loans**. Upon execution and delivery hereof, the Administrative Agent will record the New Term Loans made by the New Term Loan Lender in the Register.
- 7. **Amendment, Modification and Waiver**. This Agreement may not be amended, modified or waived except by an instrument or instruments in writing signed and delivered on behalf of each of the parties hereto.
- 8. **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement, the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents constitute the entire agreement among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and supersede all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and verbal, among the parties or any of them with respect to the subject matter hereof.
- 9. GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. Section 13.13 of the Credit Agreement is hereby incorporated into this Agreement *mutatis mutandis*.
- 10. **Severability**. Any term or provision of this Agreement which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability without rendering invalid or unenforceable the remaining terms and provisions of this Agreement or affecting the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction. If any provision of this Agreement is so broad as to be unenforceable, the provision shall be interpreted to be only so broad as would be enforceable.



- 11. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 12. **Tax Matters**. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, (a) the Borrower and the Administrative Agent shall treat the New Term Loans as a "qualified reopening" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.1275-2(k)) of the existing Initial Term Loans, and (b) from and after the Amendment No. 1 Effective Date, solely for purposes of FATCA, the Administrative Agent shall treat the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans) as not qualifying as "grandfathered obligations" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.1471-2(b)(2)(i).
- 13. **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL**. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, CLAIM OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY PARTY RELATED TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT LETTER OR THE PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES HEREUNDER.
- 14. **Credit Document**. On and after the Funding Date, this Agreement shall constitute a "Credit Document" for all purposes of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents (it being understood that for the avoidance of doubt this Agreement may be amended or waived solely by the parties hereto as set forth herein).
- 15. **Reaffirmation**. Each Credit Party hereby expressly acknowledges the terms of this Joinder Agreement and reaffirms, as of the date hereof, (i) the covenants, guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens and agreements or other commitments contained in each Credit Document to which it is a party, including, in each case, such covenants, guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens and agreements or other commitments as in effect immediately after giving effect to this Joinder Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) its guarantee of the Obligations (including, without limitation, the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans)) under each Guarantee, as applicable, (iii) its grant of Liens on the Collateral to secure the Obligations (including, without limitation, the Obligations with respect to the Initial Term Loans (including the New Term Loans)) pursuant to the Security Documents, and (iv) agrees that (A) each Credit Document to which it is a party shall continue to be in full force and effect and (B) all guarantees, pledges, grants of Liens, covenants, agreements and other commitments by such Credit Party under the Credit Documents shall continue to be in full force and effect and shall accrue to the benefit of the Secured Parties and shall not be affected, impaired or discharged hereby or by the transactions contemplated in this Joinder Agreement.
- 16. Effect of Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, this Agreement shall not by implication or otherwise limit, impair, constitute a waiver of, or otherwise affect the rights and remedies of, the Lenders or the Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, and shall not alter, modify, amend or in any way affect any of the terms, conditions, obligations, covenants or agreements contained in the Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document, all of which are ratified and affirmed in all respects and shall continue in full force and effect. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that the amendment of the Credit Agreement pursuant to this Agreement and all other Credit Documents amended and/or executed and delivered in connection herewith shall not constitute a novation of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents as in effect prior to the date hereof. Nothing herein shall be deemed to establish a precedent for purposes of interpreting the provisions of the Credit Agreement or entitle any Credit Party to a consent to, or a waiver, amendment, modification or other change of, any of the terms, conditions, obligations, covenants or agreements contained in the Credit Agreement or any other Credit Document in similar or different circumstances. This Agreement shall apply to and be effective only with respect to the provisions of the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents specifically referred to herein.

[signature pages to follow]

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has caused its duly authorized officer to execute and deliver this Joinder Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

NATIONAL VISION, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore

Name:	Patrick R. Moore
Title:	Chief Financial Officer

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore Name: Patrick R. Moore Title: Chief Financial Officer

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore Name: Patrick R. Moore Title: Chief Financial Officer

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore Name: Patrick R. Moore Title: Chief Financial Officer

VC IV, LLC

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore Name: Patrick R. Moore Title: Chief Financial Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC.

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore Name: Patrick R. Moore Title: Chief Financial Officer

INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATES, LTD.

By: /s/ Patrick R. Moore

Name:Patrick R. MooreTitle:Chief Financial Officer

### KKR CORPORATE LENDING LLC

By: /s/ Cade Thompson

Name:Cade ThompsonTitle:Authorized Signatory

[Signature Page to Joinder Agreement]

Consented to by:

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent

By: /s/ Elizabeth Fischer

Name: Elizabeth Fischer Title: Authorized Signatory

[Signature Page to Joinder Agreement]

Exhibit 10.6

#### FIRST LIEN GUARANTEE

THIS FIRST LIEN GUARANTEE dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Guarantee</u>"), by each of the signatories listed on the signature pages hereto and each of the other entities that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 20</u> (the "<u>Guarantors</u>," and individually, a "<u>Guarantor</u>"), in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), the lending institutions from time to time parties thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, together with the Swingline Lender, the "<u>Lenders</u>") and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Swingline Lender, Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Letter of Credit Issuer, and the other parties party thereto, pursuant to which, among other things, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender has agreed to make Swingline Loans to the Borrower and the Letter of Credit Issuer have agreed to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Extensions of Credit</u>") upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein and one or more Cash Management Banks or Hedge Banks may from time to time enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "<u>Equity Rollover</u>") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("<u>Parent</u>"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "<u>Equity RolloverContribution</u>") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, the Borrower is a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings and each Guarantor (other than Holdings) is a direct or indirect whollyowned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, the Extensions of Credit will be used in part to enable valuable transfers to the Guarantors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses;

WHEREAS, each Guarantor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the Extensions of Credit; and

WHEREAS, it is a condition precedent to the obligation of the Lenders and the Letter of Credit Issuer to make their respective Extensions of Credit to Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement that the Guarantors shall have executed and delivered this Guarantee to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Lenders, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer to enter into the Credit Agreement, to induce the Lenders, Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer to make their respective Extensions of Credit to Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Cash Management Banks or Hedge Banks to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries, the Guarantors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

#### 1. Defined Terms.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

- (b) "<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 2(d)</u>.
- (c) Section 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 2. <u>Guarantee</u>.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations of anyone other than such Guarantor (including amounts that would become due but for operation of the automatic stay under 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)).

(b) Each Guarantor further agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, the Guarantors under this Guarantee, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) Each Guarantor agrees that the Obligations may at any time and from time to time exceed the amount of the liability of such Guarantor hereunder without impairing this Guarantee or affecting the rights and remedies of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party hereunder.

(d) No payment or payments made by the Borrower, any of the Guarantors, any other guarantor or any other Person or received or collected by the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party from the Borrower, any of the Guarantors, any other guarantor or any other Person by virtue of any action or proceeding or any set-off or appropriation or application at any time or from time to time in reduction of or in payment of the Obligations shall be deemed to modify, reduce, release or otherwise affect the liability of any Guarantor hereunder, which shall, notwithstanding any such payment or payments, other than payments made by such Guarantor in respect of the Obligations or payments received or collected from such Guarantor in respect of the Obligations, remain liable for the Obligations, Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations) are paid in full, the Commitments are terminated and no Letters of Credit shall be outstanding or the Letters of Credit Outstanding shall have been Cash Collateralized (such date, the "Termination Date").

(e) Each Guarantor agrees that whenever, at any time, or from time to time, it shall make any payment to the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party on account of its liability hereunder, it will notify the Collateral Agent in writing that such payment is made under this Guarantee for such purpose, but the failure to notify the Collateral Agent of any such payment will not create a breach or default hereunder or result in any liability to such Guarantor.

(f) Each Guarantor intends that its guarantee under this Section 2 constitute, and this Section 2 shall be deemed to constitute a guarantee or other arrangement for the benefit of each other Guarantor for all purposes of Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The Collateral Agent shall have its own independent right to demand payment of the amounts payable by each applicable Guarantor under this Section 2, irrespective of any discharge of such Guarantor's obligations to pay those amounts to the other Secured Parties resulting from failure by them to take appropriate steps in insolvency proceedings affecting that Guarantor to preserve their entitlement to be paid those amounts.

Any amount due and payable by a Guarantor to the Collateral Agent under this Section 2 shall be decreased to the extent that the other Secured Parties have received (and are able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the other provisions of the Credit Documents and any amount due and payable by a Guarantor to the Collateral Agent under those provisions shall be decreased to the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under this Section 2.

3. <u>Limitation of Guarantee</u>. Anything herein or in any other Credit Document to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum liability of each Guarantor hereunder and under the other Credit Documents shall in no event exceed the amount that can be guaranteed by such Guarantor under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable laws relating to fraudulent conveyances, fraudulent transfers or the insolvency of debtors.

4. <u>Right of Contribution</u>. Each Guarantor hereby agrees that to the extent that a Guarantor shall have paid more than its proportionate share of any payment made hereunder (including by way of set-off rights being exercised against it), such Guarantor shall be entitled to seek and receive contribution from and against any other Guarantor hereunder who has not paid its proportionate share of such payment. Each Guarantor's right of contribution shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 6 hereof. The provisions of this Section 4 shall in no respect limit the obligations and liabilities of any Guarantor to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, and each Guarantor shall remain liable to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties up to the maximum liability of such Guarantor hereunder.

5. <u>Right of Set-off</u>. In addition to any rights and remedies of the Secured Parties provided by law, each Guarantor hereby irrevocably authorizes each Secured Party at any time and from time to time following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, without notice to such Guarantor or any other Guarantor but with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, any such notice being expressly waived by each Guarantor to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by such Guarantor hereunder (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), to set-off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) (other than payroll, trust, tax, fiduciary and petty cash accounts), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Secured Party to or for the credit or the account of such Guarantor. Each Secured Party shall notify such Guarantor promptly of any such set-off and appropriation and application made by such Secured Party, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application.

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6. Postponement of Subrogation. Notwithstanding any payment or payments made by any of the Guarantors hereunder or any set-off or appropriation and application of funds of any of the Guarantors by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, no Guarantor shall be entitled to be subrogated to any of the rights (or if subrogated by operation of law, such Guarantor hereby waives such rights to the extent permitted by applicable law) of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against the Borrower or any Guarantor or any collateral security or guarantee or right of offset held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of any of the Obligations, nor shall any Guarantor seek or be entitled to seek any contribution or reimbursement from the Borrower or any Guarantor on account of such subrogation rights at any time prior to the Termination Date, such amount shall be held by such Guarantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Guarantor, and shall, forthwith upon receipt by such Guarantor, be turned over to the Collateral Agent in the exact form received by such Guarantor (duly indorsed by such Guarantor to the Collateral Agent, if required), to be applied against the Obligations whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Security Agreement.

7. <u>Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights</u>. Each Guarantor shall remain obligated hereunder notwithstanding that, without any reservation of rights against any Guarantor and without notice to or further assent by any Guarantor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents, the Letters of Credit and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith and the Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be, or, in the case of any Secured Cash Management Agreement or Secured Hedge Agreement, the Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank party thereto) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security, guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of any of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Guarantee or any property subject thereto.

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#### 8. Guarantee Absolute and Unconditional.

(a) Each Guarantor waives any and all notice of the creation, contraction, incurrence, renewal, extension, amendment, waiver or accrual of any of the Obligations, and notice of or proof of reliance by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party upon this Guarantee or acceptance of this Guarantee. All Obligations shall conclusively be deemed to have been created, contracted or incurred, or renewed, extended, amended, waived or accrued, in reliance upon this Guarantee, and all dealings between the Borrower and any of the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, likewise shall be conclusively presumed to have been had or consummated in reliance upon this Guarantee. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Guarantor waives diligence, promptness, presentment, protest and notice of protest, demand for payment or performance, notice of default or nonpayment, notice of acceptance and any other notice in respect of the Obligations or any part of them, and any defense arising by reason of any disability or other defense of the Borrower or any of the Guarantors with respect to the Obligations. Each Guarantor understands and agrees that this Guarantee shall be construed as a continuing, absolute and unconditional guarantee of payment without regard to (a) the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document, any Letter of Credit, any Secured Cash Management Agreement, any Secured Hedge Agreement, any of the Obligations or any collateral security therefor or guarantee or right of offset with respect thereto at any time or from time to time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (b) any defense, set-off or counterclaim (other than a defense of payment or performance) that may at any time be available to or be asserted by the Borrower against the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party or (c) any other circumstance whatsoever (with or without notice to or knowledge of the Borrower or such Guarantor) that constitutes, or might be construed to constitute, an equitable or legal discharge of the Borrower for the Obligations, or of such Guarantor under this Guarantee, in bankruptcy or in any other instance. When pursuing its rights and remedies hereunder against any Guarantor, the Collateral Agent and any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, pursue such rights and remedies as it may have against the Borrower or any Guarantor or any other Person or against any collateral security or guarantee for the Obligations or any right of offset with respect thereto, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to pursue such other rights or remedies or to collect any payments from the Borrower or any Guarantor or any such other Person or to realize upon any such collateral security or guarantee or to exercise any such right of offset, or any release of the Borrower or any Guarantor or any such other Person or any such collateral security, guarantee or right of offset, shall not relieve such Guarantor of any liability hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, whether express, implied or available as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties against such Guarantor.

(b) This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Guarantor and the successors and assigns thereof and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, indorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the Termination Date, notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement and any Secured Cash Management Agreement or Secured Hedge Agreement the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

(c) A Guarantor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder and the Guarantee of such Guarantor shall be automatically released under the circumstances described in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(d) The Guarantors jointly and severally agree that, as between the Guarantors and the Secured Parties, the Obligations under the Credit Documents may be declared to be forthwith due and payable as provided in Section 11 of the Credit Agreement (and shall be deemed to have become automatically due and payable in the circumstances provided in such Section) for purposes of <u>Section 2</u>, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such declaration (or such obligations from becoming automatically due and payable) as against the Borrower and that, in the event of such declaration (or such obligations being deemed to have become automatically due and payable), such obligations (whether or not due and payable by the Borrower) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for purposes of <u>Section 2</u>.

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9. <u>Reinstatement</u>. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective, or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time, payment, or any part thereof, of any of the Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization of the Borrower or any Guarantor, or upon or as a result of the appointment of a receiver, intervenor or conservator of, or trustee or similar officer for, the Borrower or any Guarantor or any substantial part of its property, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

10. <u>Payments</u>. Each Guarantor hereby guarantees that payments hereunder will be paid to the Collateral Agent without set-off or counterclaim in Dollars (based on the Dollar Equivalent amount of such Obligations on the date of payment) at the Collateral Agent's office. Each Guarantor agrees that the provisions of Section 5.4 of the Credit Agreement shall apply to such Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee.

#### 11. <u>Representations and Warranties; Covenants.</u>

(a) Each Guarantor hereby represents and warrants that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 8 of the Credit Agreement as they relate to such Guarantor and in the other Credit Documents to which such Guarantor is a party, each of which hereby incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date (except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date and if any such representation and warranties are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects), and the Collateral Agent and each other Secured Party shall be entitled to rely on each of them as if they were fully set forth herein.

(b) Each Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees with the Collateral Agent and each other Secured Party that, from and after the date of this Guarantee until the Termination Date, such Guarantor shall take, or shall refrain from taking, as the case may be, all actions that are necessary to be taken or not taken so that no violation of any provision, covenant or agreement contained in Section 9 or Section 10 of the Credit Agreement and so that no Default or Event of Default is caused by any act or failure to act of such Guarantor.

#### 12. <u>Authority of the Collateral Agent</u>.

(a) The Collateral Agent enters into this Guarantee in its capacity as agent for the Secured Parties from time to time. The rights and obligations of the Collateral Agent under this Guarantee at any time are the rights and obligations of the Secured Parties at that time. Each of the Secured Parties has (subject to the terms of the Credit Documents) a several entitlement to each such right, and a several liability in respect of each such obligation, in the proportions described in the Credit Documents. The rights, remedies and discretions of the Secured Parties, or any of them, under this Guarantee may be exercised by the Collateral Agent. No party to this Guarantee is obliged to inquire whether an exercise by the Collateral Agent of any such right, remedy or discretion is within the Collateral Agent's authority as agent for the Secured Parties.

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(b) Each party to this Guarantee acknowledges and agrees that any changes (in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Documents) in the identity of the persons from time to time comprising the Secured Parties gives rise to an equivalent change in the Secured Parties, without any further act. Upon such an occurrence, the persons then comprising the Secured Parties are vested with the rights, remedies and discretions and assume the obligations of the Secured Parties under this Guarantee. Each party to this Guarantee irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent to give effect to the change in Lenders contemplated in this Section 12(b) by countersigning an Assignment and Acceptance.

(c) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be liable to any party for any action taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any Credit Document (except for its or such other Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

13. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to any Guarantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at the Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Guarantee may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Guarantee on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Guarantee signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings.

15. <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Guarantee that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

16. <u>Integration</u>. This Guarantee, together with the other Credit Documents and each other document in respect of any Secured Hedge Agreement and any Secured Cash Management Agreement, represents the agreement of each Guarantor and the Collateral Agent with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Guarantors or the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Credit Documents or each other document in respect of any Secured Hedge Agreement or any Secured Cash Management Agreement.

#### 17. Amendments in Writing; No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies.

(a) None of the terms or provisions of this Guarantee may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to Section 17(a)), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or privilege.

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A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion.

(c) The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

18. <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Guarantee are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

19. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Guarantee shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors and assigns except that no Guarantor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Guarantee without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent or as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement.

20. <u>Additional Guarantors</u>. Each Subsidiary of Holdings that is required to become a party to this Guarantee pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Guarantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Guarantor herein, for all purposes of this Guarantee, upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto (each such written supplement, a "<u>Guarantor Supplement</u>"). The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Guarantor as a party to this Guarantee shall not require the consent of any other Guarantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Guarantor as a party to this Guarantee.

# 21. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS GUARANTEE OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

22. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers; Service of Process</u>. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Guarantee and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 13</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Guarantor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this <u>Section 22</u> any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

Each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally appoints the Borrower as its agent for service of process in any suit, action or proceeding with respect to this Guarantee and each other Credit Document and agrees that service of process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Guarantor in care of the Borrower at the Borrower's address set forth in the Credit Agreement and each Guarantor hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the Borrower (or such other substitute agent) to accept such service on its behalf.

### 23. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS GUARANTEE AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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VISION HOLDING CORP., INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

AMERICA'S BEST MCHENRY IL, LLC, as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED VISION GROUP, INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of First Lien Guaranty Agreement]

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC, as a Grantor

By:	/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.	
	Name:	L. Reade Fahs, Jr.
	Title:	President and Chief Executive Officer

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ Peter M. Clarkson Name: Peter M. Clarkson Title: President

VC IV, LLC, as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATES, LTD., as a Guarantor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of First Lien Guaranty Agreement]

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent,

By: /s/ Robert Ehudin

Name: Robert Ehudin Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of First Lien Guaranty Agreement]

### ANNEX A TO THE GUARANTEE

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_] dated as of [\_], 20[\_] to the FIRST LIEN GUARANTEE dated as of March 13, 2014 (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), among each of the Guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto (each such subsidiary individually, a "<u>Guarantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Collateral Agent for the Secured Parties from time to time party to the Credit Agreement referred to below (as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>").

A. Reference is made to that certain First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, refinanced, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>" or the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation, National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), the lending institutions from time to time party thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, and the other parties party thereto.

B. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Guarantee.

C. The Guarantors have entered into the Guarantee in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Lenders, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders and the Letter of Credit Issuer to make their respective Extensions of Credit to Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower) under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Cash Management Banks or Hedge Banks to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries.

D. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 20 of the Guarantee provide that additional Subsidiaries may become Guarantors under the Guarantee by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Subsidiary (each a "<u>New Guarantor</u>") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Agreement to become a Guarantor under the Guarantee in order to induce the Lenders, the Swingline Lender and the Letter of Credit Issuer to make additional Extensions of Credit, to induce one or more Hedge Banks or Cash Management Banks to enter into Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements and as consideration for Extensions of Credit previously made.

Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and each New Guarantor agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 20 of the Guarantee, each New Guarantor by its signature below becomes a Guarantor under the Guarantee with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Guarantor, and each New Guarantor hereby (a) agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Guarantee applicable to it as a Guarantor thereunder (b) represents and warrants that the representations and warranties made by it as a Guarantor thereunder are true and correct on and as of the date hereof (except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date and if any such representations and warranties are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects) and (c), jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations of anyone other than such Guarantor (including amounts that would become due but for operation of the automatic stay under 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)). Each reference to a Guarantor in the Guarantee shall be deemed to include each New Guarantor. The Guarantee is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Each New Guarantor represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties that this Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

SECTION 3. Anything herein or in any other Credit Document to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum liability of each Guarantor hereunder and under the other Credit Documents shall in no event exceed the amount that can be guaranteed by such Guarantor under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable laws relating to fraudulent conveyances, fraudulent transfers or the insolvency of debtors.

SECTION 4. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with Holdings and the Collateral Agent. This Supplement shall become effective as to each New Guarantor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such New Guarantor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 6. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Guarantee, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 8. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each New Guarantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each New Guarantor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Guarantee as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW GUARANTOR], as the New Guarantor

By:

Name: Title:

[Signature Page to First Lien Guarantee Supplement]

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

[Signature Page to Guarantee Supplement]

## Exhibit 10.7

#### FIRST LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI") each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 8.14</u> (each such entity being a "<u>Subsidiary Grantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Grantors</u>"; the Subsidiary Grantors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Grantors</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company is a party to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, a Letter of Credit Issuer, and the Swingline Lender;

WHEREAS, (a) pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender has agreed to make Swingline Loans to the Borrower and the Letter of Credit Issuers have agreed to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein and (b) one or more Cash Management Banks or Hedge Banks may from time to time enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the First Lien Guarantee dated as of the date hereof (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>"), each Grantor party thereto has agreed to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "<u>Equity</u> <u>Rollover</u>") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("<u>Parent</u>"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "<u>Equity Rollover Contribution</u>") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, each Grantor is the Borrower or a Guarantor;

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Loans, the issuance of the Letters of Credit and the provision of Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements will be used in part to enable the Borrower to make valuable transfers to the Grantors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses; and

WHEREAS, each Grantor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the making of the Loans and the Swingline Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit; and the provision of such Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans, the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans and to induce the Letter of Credit Issuers to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries, the Grantors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Defined Terms</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

(b) Terms used herein without definition that are defined in the UCC have the meanings given to them in the UCC, including the following terms (which are capitalized herein): Account, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claims, Commodity Contract, Deposit Accounts, Documents, Fixtures, Goods, Instruments, Inventory, Letter-of-Credit Right, Securities, Securities Accounts, Security Entitlement, Software, Supporting Obligation and Tangible Chattel Paper.

(c) The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"<u>Collateral</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2</u>.

"Collateral Account" shall mean any collateral account established by the Collateral Agent as provided in Section 5.1 or Section 5.3.

"Collateral Agent" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Security Agreement.

"<u>Company</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Security Agreement.

"<u>Control</u>" shall mean "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-104 or 9-106, as applicable, of the UCC.

"<u>Copyrights</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (i) all copyrights arising under the laws of the United States, whether as author, assignee, transferee, licensee or otherwise, including copyrights in Software, and (ii) all registrations and applications for registration of any such copyright in the United States, including registrations, recordings, supplemental registrations and pending applications for registration in the United States Copyright Office, including those U.S. registered copyrights owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule 1</u>.

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"Default" or "Event of Default" shall mean a "default" or "event of default" under the Credit Agreement.

"Equipment" shall mean all "equipment," as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC, now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or to which any Grantor has rights and, in any event, shall include all machinery, equipment, furnishings, movable trade fixtures and vehicles now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or to which any Grantor has rights and any and all Proceeds, additions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing, wherever located, together with all attachments, components, parts, equipment and accessories installed thereon or affixed thereto; but excluding equipment to the extent it is subject to a Lien permitted pursuant to clauses (vi) (solely with respect to clause (d) of Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement), (vii) (to the extent that such Lien permitted by clause (vii) is listed on Schedule 10.2 of the Credit Agreement), (viii), (ix) and (xx) (to the extent the value of any such property subject to clause (xx) does not exceed the maximum amount of obligations permitted by such clause (xx)) of the definition of "Permitted Liens" in the Credit Agreement if the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such Indebtedness) prohibits assignment of, or granting of a security interest in, such Grantor's rights and interests therein) or creates a right of termination in favor of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party) as a result of such assignment or granting of a security interest (in each case, other than to the extent that any such prohibition or restriction would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), <u>provided</u>, that immediately upon the repayment of all Indebtedness secured by such Lien, such Grantor shall be deemed to have granted a Security Interest in all the rights and interests with respect to such

"Excluded Property" shall mean (i) any Vehicles and other assets subject to certificates of title, (ii) Letter-of-Credit Rights except to the extent perfection of a security interest therein may be accomplished by filing financing statements in appropriate form in the applicable jurisdiction under the UCC, (iii) any property that is subject to a Lien permitted pursuant to clauses (vi) (solely with respect to clause (d) of Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement), (vii) (to the extent such lien permitted by clause (vii) is listed on Schedule 10.2 of the Credit Agreement), (viii), (ix) and (xx) (to the extent the value of any such property subject to clause (xx) does not exceed the maximum amount of obligations permitted by such clause (xx)) of the definition of "Permitted Liens" in the Credit Agreement if the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such Indebtedness) prohibits the creation of any other Lien on such property or creates a right of termination in favor of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party) as a result of the creation of any such Lien (in each case, other than to the extent that any such prohibition or restriction would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law) and other than any proceeds and receivables of such Equipment, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction, (iv) (x) all leasehold interests in real property and (y) any parcel of real estate and the improvements thereto owned in fee by a Credit Party not constituting Mortgaged Property (but not any Collateral located thereon), (v) any "intent to use" Trademark application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office unless and until an amendment to allege use or a statement of use has been filed and accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, (vi) except to the extent a security interest therein can be perfected by filing a financing statement under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction, deposit accounts, securities accounts, commodities accounts and any other assets requiring perfection through control agreements or perfection by "control" (other than any Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) or any Instruments or Chattel Paper required to be delivered pursuant to this Security Agreement), (vii) any contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, in each case, only to the extent and for so long as the grant of a security interest therein by the applicable Grantor (x) is prohibited by such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture without the consent of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party), (y) would give any other party (other than a Credit Party) to any such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture the right to terminate its obligations thereunder or (z) is permitted only with consent and all necessary consents (other than those of a Credit Party) to such grant of a security interest have not been obtained from the other parties thereto (other than to the extent that any such prohibition referred to in clauses (x), (y) and (z) would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and receivables of such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction) (it being understood that the foregoing shall not be deemed to obligate such Grantor to obtain such consents), provided that the foregoing limitation shall not affect, limit, restrict or impair the grant by such Grantor of a Security Interest pursuant to this Security Agreement in any Account or any money or other amounts due or to become due under any such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture; (viii) any Commercial Tort Claim with a claim value of less than \$10,000,000; provided that with respect to clauses (iii) and (vi), such property shall be Excluded Property only to the extent and for so long as such prohibition is in effect; provided further that proceeds and products from any and all of the of the foregoing that would constitute Excluded Property shall also not be considered Collateral and proceeds and products from any and all of the of the foregoing that do not constitute Excluded Property shall be considered Collateral.

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"General Intangibles" shall mean all "general intangibles" as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC and, in any event, including with respect to any Grantor, all contracts, agreements, instruments and indentures in any form, and portions thereof, to which such Grantor is a party or under which such Grantor has any right, title or interest or to which such Grantor or any property of such Grantor is subject, as the same may from time to time be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, including (a) all rights of such Grantor to receive moneys due and to become due to it thereunder or in connection therewith, (b) all rights of such Grantor to receive proceeds of any insurance, indemnity, warranty or guarantee with respect thereto, (c) all claims of such Grantor for damages arising out of any breach of or default thereunder and (d) all rights of such Grantor to terminate, amend, supplement, modify or exercise rights or options thereunder.

"Grantor" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the recitals hereto.

"<u>Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all U.S. intellectual property, including all (i) (a) Patents, inventions, processes, developments, technology and know-how; (b) Copyrights, graphics, advertising materials, labels, package designs and photographs; (c) Trademarks; (d) trade secrets, designs, rights in Software, data, databases and confidential, proprietary or non-public information; and (e) all other intellectual property rights, and (ii) all rights, priorities and privileges related thereto and all rights to sue at law or in equity for any infringement or other impairment thereof, including the right to receive all Proceeds therefrom.

"<u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>" means any First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and/or Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement (each, an "<u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Intercreditor Agreements</u>").

"Investment Property" shall mean all Securities (whether certificated or uncertificated), Security Entitlements and Commodity Contracts of any Grantor (other than Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents).

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"Obligations" shall mean the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement).

"<u>Patents</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (a) all patents of the United States, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications for patent of the United States, including issuances, recordings and pending applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and (b) all reissues, reexaminations, continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part, or extensions thereof, and the inventions, discoveries or designs disclosed or claimed therein, including those U.S. patents and applications therefor owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule</u> <u>2</u>.

"<u>Proceeds</u>" shall mean all "proceeds" as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC and, in any event, shall include with respect to any Grantor, any consideration received from the sale, exchange, license, lease or other disposition of any asset or property that constitutes Collateral, any value received as a consequence of the possession of any Collateral and any payment received from any insurer or other Person or entity as a result of the destruction, loss, theft, damage or other involuntary conversion of whatever nature of any asset or property that constitutes Collateral, and shall include (a) all cash and negotiable instruments received by or held on behalf of the Collateral Agent, (b) any claim of any Grantor against any third party for (and the right to sue and recover for and the rights to damages or profits due or accrued arising out of or in connection with) (i) past, present or future infringement or dilution of any Trademark now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or injury to the goodwill associated with or symbolized thereby, (iii) past, present or future infringement of any Copyright now or hereafter owned by any Grantor and (c) any and all other amounts from time to time paid or payable under or in connection with any of the Collateral.

"<u>Registered Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks issued by, registered with, renewed by or the subject of a pending application before the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the "Secured Parties" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

"Security Agreement" shall mean this First Lien Security Agreement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Security Interest" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.

"Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.2(b).

"<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 6.5(a)</u>.

"Trademarks" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (i) all trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, domain names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade dress, logos, other source or business identifiers and designs, now existing or hereafter adopted or acquired, all registrations and recordings thereof (if any), and all registration and applications filed in connection therewith, including registrations and applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any similar offices in any State of the United States, and all extensions or renewals thereof and (ii) all goodwill associated therewith or symbolized thereby, including those U.S. registered trademarks and applications therefor owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereto.

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"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; provided, however, that, in the event that, by reason of any provisions of law, any of the attachment, perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such attachment, perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

"Vehicles" shall mean all cars, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles covered by a certificate of title law of any state and all tires and other appurtenances to any of the foregoing.

Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis.

2. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>.

(a) Each Grantor hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and security interest in (the "<u>Security</u> <u>Interest</u>"), all of its right, title and interest in, to and under all of the following property now owned or at any time hereafter acquired by such Grantor or in which such Grantor now has or at any time in the future may acquire any right, title or interest (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"), as collateral security for the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations:

- (i) all Accounts;
- (ii) all Chattel Paper;
- (iii) all Commercial Tort Claims described on <u>Schedule 4</u> (as such Schedule may be amended from time to time);
- (iv) all Documents;
- (v) all Equipment, Fixtures and Goods;
- (vi) all General Intangibles;
- (vii) all Instruments;
- (viii) all Intellectual Property;
- (ix) all Inventory;
- (x) all Investment Property;
- (xi) all Deposit Accounts;
- (xii) all Supporting Obligations;
- (xiii) all books and records pertaining to the Collateral; and

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(xiv) the extent not otherwise included, all Proceeds and products of any and all of the foregoing;

provided that (x) the Collateral (or any defined term used in the definition thereof) for any Obligations\_shall not include any (A) Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents with respect to such Obligations, (B) Excluded Property or (C) any assets with respect to which, (1) in the reasonable judgment of the Collateral Agent and the Borrower (as agreed in writing), the cost or other consequences of granting a security interest in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom, or (2) granting a security interest in such assets in favor of the Secured Parties under the Secured Parties under the Secured Parties under the Secured parties would result in materially adverse tax consequences or would require obtaining the consent of any governmental authority, in each case as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Collateral Agent, and (y) none of the items included in clauses (i) through (xiv) above shall constitute Collateral to the extent (and only to the extent) that the grant of the Security Interest therein would violate any Requirement of Law applicable to such Collateral (other than to the extent that any such prohibition or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and receivables of such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction); provided, however, that Collateral shall include any Proceeds, substitutions or replacements of any assets referred to in the foregoing clauses (x) and (y) (unless such Proceeds, substitutions or replacements would constitute assets referred to in clause (x) or (y)).

(b) Each Grantor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file or record financing statements, amendments to financing statements and, with notice to the applicable Grantors, other filing or recording documents or instruments with respect to the Collateral in such form and in such offices as the Collateral Agent reasonably determines appropriate to perfect the Security Interests of the Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement, and such financing statements and amendments may describe the Collateral covered thereby as "all assets", "all assets now owned or hereafter acquired" or words of similar effect, provided that with respect to fixtures the Collateral Agent shall only file or record financing statements in the jurisdiction of organization of a Grantor, except in connection with a Mortgage. Each Grantor hereby also authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file continuation statements with respect to previously filed financing statements.

Subject to the limitations contained herein and in the Credit Agreement, each Grantor hereby agrees to provide to the Collateral Agent, promptly upon request, any information reasonably necessary to effectuate the filings or recordings authorized by this <u>Section 2(b)</u>.

The Collateral Agent is further authorized to file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or United States Copyright Office (or any successor office), with the signature of each applicable Grantor, such documents as may be necessary or advisable for the purpose of perfecting, confirming, continuing, enforcing or protecting the Security Interest granted hereunder by each Grantor and naming any Grantor or the Grantors as debtors and the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, as secured party.

The Security Interests are granted as security only and shall not subject the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to, or in any way alter or modify, any obligation or liability of any Grantor with respect to or arising out of the Collateral, unless the Collateral Agent has expressly assumed such obligations or liabilities and released the Grantors from such obligations and liabilities.

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#### 3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

Each Grantor hereby represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and each Secured Party on the date hereof (and on the date of each Credit

3.1 <u>Title; No Other Liens</u>. Except for (a) the Security Interest granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Security Agreement and the Pledge Agreement and (b) the Liens permitted by the Credit Agreement, such Grantor owns, or has valid leaseholds in or the right to use, each item of the Collateral free and clear of any and all Liens. To the knowledge of such Grantor, no security agreement, financing statement or other public notice with respect to all or any part of the Collateral that evidences a Lien securing any material Indebtedness is on file or of record in any public office, except such as (i) have been filed in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Security Agreement, (ii) are permitted by the Credit Agreement or (iii) relate to obligations no longer outstanding or are in respect of commitments to lend which have been terminated.

#### 3.2 <u>Perfected Liens</u>.

Event) that:

(a) After giving effect to the Transaction, this Security Agreement is effective to create in favor of the Collateral Agent, for its benefit and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, legal, valid and enforceable Security Interests in the Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of Capital Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries, Stock Equivalents issued by Foreign Subsidiaries and Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the UCC), subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, general equitable principles, and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(b) Subject to the limitations set forth in clause (c) of this <u>Section 3.2</u>, the Security Interests granted pursuant to this Security Agreement (i) will constitute valid and perfected Security Interests in the Collateral (to the extent perfection may be obtained by the filings or other actions described in clause (A), (B) or (C) of this paragraph) in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as collateral security for the Obligations, upon (A) with respect to Collateral in which perfection can be obtained by filing a financing statement, the filing in the applicable filing offices of all financing statements, in each case, naming each Grantor as "debtor" and the Collateral Agent as "secured party" and describing the Collateral, (B) with respect to Instruments, Chattel Paper, Certificated Securities and negotiable Documents, delivery to the Collateral Agent (or its bailee) of all Instruments, Chattel Paper, Certificated Security agreement substantially in the form of Annex B hereof (the <u>"Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement</u>") and containing a description of all Collateral constituting Registered Intellectual Property in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with respect to U.S. registered and applied for Patents and Trademarks, within 90 days from the execution date of such Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement, or in the United States Copyright Office, with respect to U.S. registered Copyrights, within thirty (30) days from the execution date of such Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Grantor shall be required to perfect the Security Interests granted by this Security Agreement or the Pledge Agreement by any means other than by (i) filings pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code of the relevant State(s), (ii) filings approved or required by United States federal government offices with respect to Registered Intellectual Property under applicable United States law; (iii) delivery to the Collateral Agent (or its bailee) to be held in its possession of all Collateral consisting of (y) Pledge Shares and Pledge Debt (each as defined in the Pledge Agreement) and (z) Tangible Chattel Paper, Instruments or Certificated Securities (other than Pledge Shares and Pledge Debt) with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 individually; and (iv) actions to perfect a security interest in Commercial Tort Claims to the extent set forth in Section 4.1(f). No additional actions shall be required hereunder with respect to any assets that are located outside of the United States or assets that require action under the law of any non-U.S. jurisdiction to create or perfect a security interest in such assets; it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that this should not affect any requirement of the Credit Agreement to execute any Non-U.S. Security Documents.

(d) It is understood and agreed that the Security Interests in cash and Investment Property created hereunder shall not prevent the Grantors from using such assets in the ordinary course of their respective businesses.

## 3.3 Schedules

(a) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 1</u> sets forth a true and complete list of all of each Grantor's United States registered and applied for Copyrights, including the name of the registered owner and the registration number.

(b) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 2</u> and <u>Schedule 3</u> set forth a true and complete list of all of each Grantor's Patents and Trademarks, respectively, applied for or registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including the name of the registered owner or applicant and the registration, application, or publication number, as applicable, of each United States Patent or United States registered Trademark owned by each Grantor.

(c) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 5(a)</u> sets forth, with respect to each Grantor, (i) its exact legal name, as such name appears in its respective certificate of incorporation or formation or any other organizational document filed in its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or organization, (ii) its type of organization, (iii) its organizational identification number, if any, (iv) its jurisdiction of formation and (v) the address of its chief executive office. As of the Closing Date, set forth in <u>Schedule 5(b)</u>hereto is a list of (w) any other corporate or organizational legal names each Grantor has had, together with the date of the relevant change, (x) all other names used by each Grantor, (y) any other business or organization to which each Grantor became the successor by merger, consolidation or acquisition exceeded \$10,000,000, and any changes in the form, nature or jurisdiction of organization or otherwise, and (z) all other names used by each Grantor has changed is jurisdiction of organization at any time in the past five years. As of the Closing Date, except as set forth in Schedule 5(c), no Grantor has changed is jurisdiction of organization at any time during the past four months.

#### 4. <u>Covenants</u>

Each Grantor hereby covenants and agrees with the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties that, from and after the date of this Security Agreement until the Termination Date:

## 4.1 Maintenance of Perfected Security Interest; Further Documentation.

(a) Except as otherwise permitted in the Credit Documents, such Grantor shall maintain the Security Interest created by this Security Agreement as a perfected Security Interest having at least the priority described in <u>Section 3.2(b)</u> and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to defend such Security Interest against the material claims and demands of all Persons (except to the extent that the Agent and the Borrower agree that the cost of such defense is excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders of the security interest and priority), in each case other than a Security Interest in assets of such Grantor subject to a disposition permitted by <u>Sections 10.3</u> and <u>10.4</u> of the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party, and in each case subject to <u>Section 3.2(c)</u>.

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(b) Such Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent and the Lenders from time to time statements and schedules further identifying and describing the Collateral of such Grantor and such other reports in connection therewith as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request.

(c) Such Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent at the time of the delivery of the financial statements provided for in Section 9.1(a) of the Credit Agreement (or, if the Credit Agreement is no longer in effect, on an annual basis): a schedule setting forth any new or additional (A) Registered Intellectual Property owned by any Grantor, which has not been previously disclosed to the Collateral Agent, following the Closing Date (or following the date of the last supplement provided to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 4.1(c)</u>), all in reasonable detail, and (B) within thirty (30) days following the delivery of such financial statements, execute and file appropriate documents or instruments with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office, as applicable, evidencing the Collateral Agent's security interest in such new or additional Registered Intellectual Property.

(d) Subject to <u>clause (e)</u> below and <u>Section 4.1(a)</u>, each Grantor agrees that at any time and from time to time, at the expense of such Grantor, it 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, including all applicable documents required under <u>Section 3.2(b)(C)</u>), which may be required under any applicable law, or which, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, the Collateral Agent may reasonably request, in order (i) to grant, preserve, protect and perfect the validity and priority of the Security Interests created or intended to be created hereby or (ii) to enable the Collateral Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to any Collateral, including the filing of any financing or continuation statements under the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in any jurisdiction with respect to the Security Interests created hereby and all applicable documents required under <u>Section 3.2(b)(C)</u>, all at the expense of such Grantor.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 4.1</u> to the contrary, (i) with respect to any assets acquired by such Grantor after the date hereof that are required by the Credit Agreement to be subject to the Lien created hereby or (ii) with respect to any Person that, subsequent to the date hereof, becomes a Subsidiary that is required by the Credit Agreement to become a party hereto, the relevant Grantor after the acquisition or creation thereof shall promptly take all actions required by the Credit Agreement and this <u>Section 4.1</u>.

(f) As of the date hereof, each Grantor hereby represents and warrants that it holds no Commercial Tort Claims with a claim value of \$10,000,000 or more other than those listed in <u>Schedule 4</u>. If any Grantor shall at any time hold or acquire a Commercial Tort Claim with a claim value\_of \$10,000,000 or more, such Grantor shall promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days upon obtaining knowledge thereof, or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree) notify the Collateral Agent in a writing signed by such Grantor of the brief details thereof which writing shall serve to supplement <u>Schedule 4</u> hereto.

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(g) With respect to each material item of its Intellectual Property included in the Collateral, each Grantor agrees to take, at its expense, all commercially reasonable steps, including, without limitation, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, to (i) maintain the validity and enforceability of such material Intellectual Property and maintain such material Intellectual Property in full force and effect, and (ii) pursue the registration and maintenance of each patent, trademark or servicemark registration or application, or copyright registration or application, now or hereafter included in such material Intellectual Property of such Grantor, including, without limitation, the payment of required fees and taxes, the filing of responses to office actions issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, the filing of affidavits under Sections 8 and 15 of the U.S. Trademark Act, and the payment of maintenance fees. Each Grantor shall take all commercially reasonable steps which it, or the Collateral Agent (during the continuation of an Event of Default), deems reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances to preserve and protect each material item of its Intellectual Property included in the Collateral, including, without limitation, maintaining the quality of any and all products or services used or provided in connection with any of the material Trademarks, at least consistent with the quality of the products and services as of the date hereof, and taking all steps necessary to ensure that all licensed users of any of the material Trademarks use such consistent standards of quality.

4.2 <u>Changes in Locations, Name, etc.</u> Each Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days (or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree) of such change) a written notice of any change (i) in its legal name, (ii) in its jurisdiction of organization or, if not a registered organization, location for purposes of the UCC, (iii) in its type of organization or corporate structure which would impair the perfection and priority of the Security Interest granted hereby; or (iv) in its organizational identification number (if any). Each Grantor agrees promptly to provide the Collateral Agent with certified organizational documents reflecting any of the changes described in the first sentence of this paragraph and take all other action reasonably necessary to maintain the perfection and priority of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral.

- 5. <u>Remedial Provisions</u>.
- 5.1 Certain Matters Relating to Accounts.

(a) At any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and after giving reasonable notice to the Borrower and any other relevant Grantor, the Collateral Agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make test verifications of the Accounts in any manner and through any medium that the Collateral Agent reasonably considers advisable, and each Grantor shall furnish all such assistance and information as the Collateral Agent may require in connection with such test verifications. The Collateral Agent shall have the absolute right to share any information it gains from such inspection or verification with any Secured Party.

(b) The Collateral Agent hereby authorizes each Grantor to collect such Grantor's Accounts and the Collateral Agent may curtail or terminate said authority at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and after giving reasonable prior notice to the Borrower and any other relevant Grantor. If required in writing by the Collateral Agent at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, any payments of Accounts, when collected by any Grantor, (i) shall be forthwith (and, in any event, within two (2) Business Days) deposited by such Grantor in the exact form received, duly endorsed by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent, subject to withdrawal by the Collateral Agent for the account of the Secured Parties only as provided in <u>Section 5.4</u> and (ii) until so turned over, shall be held by such Grantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Grantor. Each such deposit of Proceeds of Accounts shall be accompanied by a report identifying in reasonable detail the nature and source of the payments included in the deposit.

(c) At the Collateral Agent's request at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, each Grantor shall deliver to the Collateral Agent all original (if available) and other documents evidencing, and relating to, the agreements and transactions which gave rise to the Accounts, including all original (if available) orders, invoices and shipping receipts.

(d) Each Grantor hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, to be exercised solely upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, solely for the purpose of enabling Agent to exercise rights and remedies under this <u>Article 5</u>, and solely to the extent such grant would not constitute or result in the abandonment, termination, acceleration, invalidation of or rendering unenforceable any right, title or interest therein or result in a breach of the terms of, or constitute a breach or default under such Intellectual Property, a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, license or sublicense (on a non-exclusive basis) any of the Intellectual Property included in the Collateral and now owned or hereafter acquired by such Grantor (subject to the rights of any person or entity under any pre-existing license or other agreement); <u>provided</u>, however, that nothing in this <u>Section 5.1</u>shall require any Grantor to grant any license that is prohibited by any rule of law, statute or regulation or is prohibited by, or constitutes a breach of default under or results in the termination of or gives rise to any right of acceleration, modification or cancellation under any contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document evidencing, giving rise to a right to use or theretofore granted with respect to such property, <u>provided</u>, further, that such licenses to be granted hereunder with respect to Trademarks shall be subject to reasonable quality control standards applicable to each such Trademark as in effect as of the date such licenses hereunder are granted. Any license granted pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(d)</u> shall be exercisable solely during the continuance of an Event of Default.

# 5.2 <u>Communications with Credit Parties; Grantors Remain Liable</u>.

(a) The Collateral Agent in its own name or in the name of others may at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, after giving reasonable notice to the relevant Grantor of its intent to do so, communicate with obligors under the Accounts to verify with them to the Collateral Agent's satisfaction the existence, amount and terms of any Accounts. The Collateral Agent shall have the absolute right to share any information it gains from such inspection or verification with any Secured Party.

(b) Upon the written request of the Collateral Agent at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, each Grantor shall notify obligors on the Accounts that the Accounts have been assigned to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties and that payments in respect thereof shall be made directly to the Collateral Agent.

(c) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each Grantor shall remain liable under each of the Accounts to observe and perform all the conditions and obligations to be observed and performed by it thereunder, all in accordance with the terms of any agreement giving rise thereto. Unless the Collateral Agent has expressly in writing assumed the obligations and liabilities with respect thereto, and released the Grantors therefrom, neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall have any obligation or liability under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto) by reason of or arising out of this Security Agreement or the receipt by the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party of any payment relating thereto, nor shall the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party be obligated in any manner to perform any of the obligations of any Grantor under or pursuant to any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), to make any payment, to make any inquiry as to the nature or the sufficiency of any payment received by it or as to the sufficiency of any performance by any party thereunder, to present or file any claim, to take any action to enforce any performance or to collect the payment of any amounts which may have been assigned to it or to which it may be entitled at any time or times.

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5.3 <u>Proceeds to be Turned Over To Collateral Agent</u>. In addition to the rights of the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties specified in <u>Section 5.1</u> with respect to payments of Accounts, if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing and the Collateral Agent, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, so requires by notice in writing to the relevant Grantor, all Proceeds received by any Grantor consisting of cash, checks and other near cash items shall be held by such Grantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Grantor, and shall, forthwith upon receipt by such Grantor, be turned over to the Collateral Agent in the exact form received by such Grantor (duly endorsed by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent hereunder shall be held by the Collateral Agent in a Collateral Agent in the Secured Parties) shall continue to be held as collateral security for all the Obligations and shall not constitute payment thereof until applied as provided in <u>Section 5.4</u>.

5.4 <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. Subject to the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall apply the proceeds of any collection or sale of the Collateral as well as any Collateral consisting of cash, at any time after receipt in the order set forth in Section 11.14 of the Credit Agreement.

If, despite the provisions of this Agreement, any Secured Party shall receive any payment or other recovery in excess of its portion of payments on account of the Obligations to which it is then entitled in accordance with this Agreement, such Secured Party shall hold such payment or other recovery in trust for the benefit of all Secured Parties hereunder for distribution in accordance with this <u>Section 5.4</u>.

Code and Other Remedies. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, 5.5 and after giving prior notice to the Borrower and any applicable Grantor, the Collateral Agent may exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party upon default under the UCC or any other applicable law and also may with notice to the relevant Grantor, sell the Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale or sales, at any exchange, broker's board or office of the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party or elsewhere for cash or on credit or for future delivery at such price or prices and upon such other terms as are commercially reasonable irrespective of the impact of any such sales on the market price of the Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be authorized at any such sale (if it deems it advisable to do so) to restrict the prospective bidders or purchasers of such Collateral to Persons who will represent and agree that they are purchasing the Collateral for their own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or sale thereof, and, upon consummation of any such sale, the Collateral Agent shall have the right to assign, transfer and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers thereof the Collateral so sold. Each purchaser at any such sale shall hold the property sold absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Grantor, and each Grantor hereby waives (to the extent permitted by law) all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal that it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Collateral Agent and any Secured Party shall have the right upon any such public sale, and, to the extent permitted by law, upon any such private sale, to purchase the whole or any part of the Collateral so sold, and the Collateral Agent or such Secured Party may pay the purchase price by crediting the amount thereof against the Obligations. Each Grantor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law, at least ten (10) days' notice to such Grantor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Collateral Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. To the extent permitted by law, each Grantor hereby waives any claim against the Collateral Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which any Collateral may have been sold at such a private sale was less than the price that might have been obtained at a public sale, even if the Collateral Agent accepts the first offer received and does not offer such Collateral to more than one offeree. Each Grantor further agrees, at the Collateral Agent's request, to assemble the Collateral and make it available to the Collateral Agent, at places which the Collateral Agent shall reasonably select, whether at such Grantor's premises or elsewhere. The Collateral Agent shall apply the net proceeds of any action taken by it pursuant to this Section 5.5 in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.4.

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5.6 <u>Deficiency</u>. Each Grantor shall remain liable for any deficiency if the proceeds of any sale or other disposition of the Collateral are insufficient to pay its Obligations and the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of any attorneys employed by the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party to collect such deficiency (in each case subject to the limitations set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement).

Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights. Each Grantor shall remain obligated hereunder notwithstanding 57 that, without any reservation of rights against any Grantor and without notice to or further assent by any Grantor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith and the Secured Cash Management Agreements, Secured Hedge Agreements and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may, in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement or any applicable Secured Cash Management Agreement or Secured Hedge Agreement, be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be, or, in the case of any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement, the Hedge Bank or Cash Management Bank party thereto) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security. guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Security Agreement or any property subject thereto. When making any demand hereunder against any Grantor, the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, make a similar demand on any Grantor or any other Person, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to make any such demand or to collect any payments from any Grantor or any other Person or any release of any Grantor or any other Person shall not relieve any Grantor in respect of which a demand or collection is not made or any Grantor not so released of its several obligations or liabilities hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, express or implied, or as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against any Grantor. For the purposes hereof "demand" shall include the commencement and continuance of any legal proceedings.

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## 6. <u>The Collateral Agent</u>.

# 6.1 <u>Collateral Agent's Appointment as Attorney-in-Fact, etc.</u>

(a) Each Grantor hereby appoints, which appointment is irrevocable and coupled with an interest, and shall automatically terminate with respect to such Grantor on the Termination Date or, if sooner, upon the termination or release of such Grantor hereunder pursuant to <u>Section 6.5</u>, effective upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Collateral Agent and any officer or agent thereof, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full irrevocable power and authority in the place and stead of such Grantor and in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Security Agreement, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute any and all documents and instruments that may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Security Agreement, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Grantor hereby gives the Collateral Agent the power and right, on behalf of such Grantor, either in the Collateral Agent's name or in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, without assent by such Grantor, to do any or all of the following, in each case after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and after written notice by the Collateral Agent to the Borrower and any applicable Grantor of its intent to do so:

(i) take possession of and endorse and collect any checks, drafts, notes, acceptances or other instruments for the payment of moneys due under any Account constituting Collateral or with respect to any other Collateral and file any claim or take any other action or proceeding in any court of law or equity or otherwise deemed appropriate by the Collateral Agent for the purpose of collecting any and all such moneys due under any Account constituting Collateral or with respect to any other Purpose of collecting any and all such moneys due under any Account constituting Collateral or with respect to any other Collateral whenever payable;

(ii) in the case of any Intellectual Property, execute and deliver, and have recorded, any and all agreements, instruments, documents and papers as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request to evidence the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' Security Interest in such Intellectual Property and the goodwill and general intangibles of such Grantor relating thereto or represented thereby;

(iii) upon at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice, pay or discharge taxes and Liens levied or placed on or threatened against the Collateral (other than taxes not required to be discharged under the Credit Agreement and other than Permitted Liens);

(iv) execute, in connection with any sale provided for in <u>Section 5.5</u>, any endorsements, assignments or other instruments of conveyance or transfer with respect to the Collateral;

(v) obtain and adjust insurance required to be maintained by such Grantor pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Credit Agreement;

(vi) direct any party liable for any payment under any of the Collateral to make payment of any and all moneys due or to become due thereunder directly to the Collateral Agent or as the Collateral Agent shall direct;

(vii) ask or demand for, collect and receive payment of and receipt for, any and all moneys, claims and other amounts due or to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Collateral;

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(viii) sign and endorse any invoices, freight or express bills, bills of lading, storage or warehouse receipts, drafts against debtors, assignments, verifications, notices and other documents in connection with any of the Collateral;

(ix) commence and prosecute any suits, actions or proceedings at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect the Collateral or any portion thereof and to enforce any other right in respect of any Collateral;

(x) defend any suit, action or proceeding brought against such Grantor with respect to any Collateral (with such Grantor's consent to the extent such action or its resolution could materially affect such Grantor or any of its Affiliates in any manner other than with respect to its continuing rights in such Collateral);

(xi) settle, compromise or adjust any such suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Collateral and, in connection therewith, give such discharges or releases as the Collateral Agent may deem appropriate (with such Grantor's consent to the extent such action or its resolution could materially affect such Grantor or any of its Affiliates in any manner other than with respect to its continuing rights in such Collateral); and

(xii) generally, sell, transfer, pledge and make any agreement with respect to or otherwise deal with any of the Collateral as fully and completely as though the Collateral Agent were the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and do, at the Collateral Agent's option and such Grantor's expense, at any time, or from time to time, all acts and things that the Collateral Agent deems necessary to protect, preserve or realize upon the Collateral and the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' Security Interests therein and to effect the intent of this Security Agreement, all as fully and effectively as such Grantor might do.

Anything in this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, the Collateral Agent agrees that it will not exercise any rights under the power of attorney provided for in this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and after the expiration of any notice periods otherwise required hereunder or under any other Credit Document.

(b) Subject to any limitations of the Collateral Agent to take actions as set forth in clause (a), if any Grantor fails to perform or comply with any of its agreements contained herein within a reasonable period of time after the Collateral Agent has requested it to do so, the Collateral Agent, at its option, but without any obligation so to do, may perform or comply, or otherwise cause performance or compliance, with such agreement.

(c) The reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses of the Collateral Agent, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement, incurred in connection with actions undertaken as provided in this <u>Section 6.1</u>, together with interest thereon at a rate per annum equal to the highest rate per annum at which interest would then be payable on any category of past due ABR Loans under the Credit Agreement, from the date of payment by the Collateral Agent to the date reimbursed by the relevant Grantor, shall be payable by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent within ten (10) Business Days of receipt by Holdings of an invoice setting forth such expense in reasonable detail.

(d) Each Grantor hereby ratifies all that said attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. All powers, authorizations and agencies contained in this Security Agreement are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable until this Security Agreement is terminated and the Security Interests created hereby are released.

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6.2 Duty of Collateral Agent. The Collateral Agent's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Collateral in its possession, under Section 9-207 of the UCC or otherwise, shall be to deal with it in the same manner as the Collateral Agent deals with similar property for its own account. The Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any Collateral in its possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Collateral Agent accords its own property. Neither the Collateral Agent, any Secured Party nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents shall be liable for failure to demand, collect or realize upon any of the Collateral or for any delay in doing so or shall be under any obligation to sell or otherwise dispose of any Collateral upon the request of any Grantor or any other Person or to take any other action whatsoever with regard to the Collateral or any part thereof. The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties hereunder are solely to protect the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' interests in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty upon the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party to exercise of such powers, and neither they nor any of their officers, directors, employees or agents shall be accountable only for amounts that they actually receive as a result of the exercise of such powers, and neither they nor any of their officers, directors, employees or agents shall be responsible to any Grantor for any act or failure to act hereunder, except for their own respective gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined in a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral Agent be responsible or liable to

6.3 <u>Authority of Collateral Agent</u>. Each Grantor acknowledges that the rights and responsibilities of the Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement with respect to any action taken by the Collateral Agent or the exercise or non-exercise by the Collateral Agent of any option, voting right, request, judgment or other right or remedy provided for herein or resulting or arising out of this Security Agreement shall, as between the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, be governed by the Intercreditor Agreements and the Credit Agreement, and by such other agreements with respect thereto as may exist from time to time among them, but, as between the Collateral Agent and the Grantors, the Collateral Agent shall be conclusively presumed to be acting as agent for the applicable Secured Parties with full and valid authority so to act or refrain from acting, and no Grantor shall be under any obligation, or entitlement, to make any inquiry respecting such authority.

6.4 <u>Security Interest Absolute</u>. All rights of the Collateral Agent hereunder, the Security Interest and all obligations of the Grantors hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional.

## 6.5 <u>Continuing Security Interest; Assignments Under the Credit Agreement; Release</u>.

(a) This Security Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Grantor and the successors and assigns thereof and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, indorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the date on which all Obligations under the Credit Documents (other than, in each case, any contingent indemnity obligations not then due, any Secured Hedge Obligations or any Secured Cash Management Obligations) shall have been satisfied by payment in full, the Commitments shall have been terminated, all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated, and all Letter of Credit Outstandings shall have been reduced to zero (or all such Letters of Credit and Letter of Credit Outstandings shall have been Cash Collateralized) (such date, the "Termination Date"), notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement, the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

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(b) A Grantor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder as it relates to the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement) if it ceases to be a Credit Party in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The Security Interest granted hereby in any Collateral shall automatically be released as it relates to the Obligations (i) to the extent provided in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) upon the effectiveness of any written consent to the release of the Security Interest granted hereby in such Collateral pursuant to Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement. Any such release in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of such Collateral permitted under the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party shall result in such Collateral being sold, transferred or disposed of, as applicable, free and clear of the Lien and Security Interest created hereby.

(d) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver to any Grantor, at such Grantor's expense, all documents that such Grantor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release subject to, if reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent's receipt of a certification by the Borrower and the applicable Grantor stating that such transaction is in compliance with the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. Any execution and delivery of documents pursuant to this <u>Section 6.5</u> shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Collateral Agent.

6.6 <u>Reinstatement</u>. Each Grantor further agrees that, if any payment made by any Credit Party or other Person and applied to the Obligations is at any time annulled, avoided, set aside, rescinded, invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential or otherwise required to be refunded or repaid, or the proceeds of Collateral are required to be returned by any Secured Party to such Credit Party, its estate, trustee, receiver or any other Person, including any Grantor, under any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or repayment, any Lien or other Collateral securing such liability shall be and remain in full force and effect, as fully as if such payment had never been made or, if prior thereto the Lien granted hereby or other Collateral securing such liability hereunder shall have been released or terminated by virtue of such cancellation or surrender, such Lien or other Collateral shall be reinstated in full force and effect, and such prior cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect any Lien or other Collateral securing the obligations of any Grantor in respect of the amount of such payment.

## 7. <u>Collateral Agent As Agent</u>.

(a) Goldman Sachs Bank USA has been appointed to act as the Collateral Agent under the Credit Agreement, by the Lenders under the Credit Agreement and, by their acceptance of the benefits hereof, the other Secured Parties. The Collateral Agent shall be obligated, and shall have the right hereunder, to make demands, to give notices, to exercise or refrain from exercising any rights, and to take or refrain from taking any action (including the release or substitution of Collateral), solely in accordance with this Security Agreement and the Credit Agreement, <u>provided</u> that the Collateral Agent shall exercise, or refrain from exercising, any remedies provided for in <u>Section 5</u> in accordance with the instructions of Required Lenders. In furtherance of the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 7(a)</u>, each Secured Party, by its acceptance of the benefits hereof, agrees that it shall have no right individually to realize upon any of the Collateral hereunder, except to the extent specifically set forth in Section 5 of the Guarantee, it being understood and agreed by such Secured Party that all rights and remedies hereunder may be exercised solely by the Collateral Agent for the ratable benefit of the applicable Lenders and Secured Parties in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 7(a)</u>.

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(b) The Collateral Agent shall at all times be the same Person that is the Collateral Agent under the Credit Agreement. Written notice of resignation by the Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 12.9 of the Credit Agreement shall also constitute notice of resignation as Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement; removal of the Collateral Agent shall also constitute removal under this Security Agreement; and appointment of a Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 12.9 of the Credit Agreement shall also constitute appointment of a successor Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Collateral Agent under Section 12.9 of the Credit Agreement by a successor Collateral Agent, that successor Collateral Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or removed Collateral Agent all sums, securities and other items of Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement shall promptly (i) transfer to such successor Collateral Agent all sums, securities and other items of Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement and (ii) execute and deliver to such successor Collateral Agent or otherwise authorize the filing of such amendments to financing statements and take such other actions, as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the assignment to such successor Collateral Agent of the Security Interests created hereunder, whereupon such retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent's resignation or removal hereunder as Collateral Agent, the provisions of this Security Agreement shall inure to its benefit as to any actions tak

(c) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be liable to any party for any action taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any Security Document (except for its or such other Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

# 8. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

8.1 Intercreditor Agreements. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Agreement and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent hereunder, are subject to the provisions of any Intercreditor Agreement then in effect. In the event of any conflict between the terms of any Intercreditor Agreement then in effect and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of such Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control. No right, power or remedy granted to the Collateral Agent hereunder shall be exercised by the Collateral Agent, and no direction shall be given by the Collateral Agent, in contravention of any such Intercreditor Agreement.

8.2 <u>Amendments in Writing</u>. None of the terms or provisions of this Security Agreement may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except by a written instrument executed by the affected Grantor and the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

8.3 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to (i) any Grantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

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8.4 <u>No Waiver by Course of Conduct; Cumulative Remedies</u>. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to <u>Section 8.2</u>), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or such other Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

8.5 Enforcement Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) Each Grantor agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by any Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, such Grantor under this Security Agreement, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Grantor agrees to pay, and to save the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties harmless from, any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Security Agreement to the extent the Credit Parties would be required to do so pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The agreements in this <u>Section 8.5</u> shall survive repayment of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

8.6 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The provisions of this Security Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that no Grantor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Security Agreement without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent except pursuant to a transaction permitted by the Credit Agreement.

8.7 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Security Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Security Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Security Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings.

8.8 <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Security Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

8.9 <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Security Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

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8.10 Integration. This Security Agreement together with the other Credit Documents represents the agreement of each of the Grantors with respect to the subject matter hereof and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth herein or in the other Credit Documents.

8.11 <u>GOVERNING LAW.</u> THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

8.12 <u>Submission To Jurisdiction Waivers</u>. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 8.3</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of any other party hereto (or any Secured Party) to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Grantor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 8.12 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

8.13 <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each party hereto hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party;

(b) neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to any Grantor arising out of or in connection with this Security Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, and the relationship between the Grantors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and

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(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders and any other Secured Party or among the Grantors and the Lenders and any other Secured Party.

8.14 <u>Additional Grantors</u>. Each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to this Security Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Grantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Grantor herein, for all purposes of this Security Agreement upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto. The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Grantor as a party to this Security Agreement shall not require the consent of any other Grantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Grantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Grantor as a party to this Security Agreement.

## 8.15 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

## [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Security Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC, as a Grantor

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

VISION HOLDING CORP., as a Grantor

#### By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

AMERICA'S BEST MCHENRY IL, LLC,

as a Grantor

# By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name : L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title : Chief Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED VISION GROUP, INC., as a Grantor

# By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name. : L. Reade Fahs, Jr Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Grantor

#### By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC, as a Grantor

#### By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.				
Name:	L. Reade Fahs, Jr.			
Title:	President and Chief Executive Officer			

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.,

as a Grantor

# By:

/s/ Peter M. Clarkson Name: Peter M. Clarkson Title: President

# VC IV, LLC,

as a Grantor

# By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC., as a Grantor

# By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

# INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATIONS, LTD., as a Grantor

#### By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent

By:

/s/ Robert Ehudin

Name: Robert Ehudin

Title: Authorized Signatory

> ANNEX A TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_] (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), to the First Lien Security Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Security Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>") each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 8.14</u> (each such entity being a "<u>Subsidiary Grantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Grantors</u>"; the Subsidiary Grantors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Grantors</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

A. Reference is made to the First Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>") among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, a Letter of Credit Issuer and the Swingline Lender.

B.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Security

Agreement.

C. The Grantors have entered into the Security Agreement in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuer to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower) under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries.

D. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 8.14 of the Security Agreement provide that each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to the Security Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Grantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Subsidiary Grantor therein, for all purposes of the Security Agreement upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Subsidiary (each a "New Grantor") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Security Agreement to become a Subsidiary Grantor under the Security Agreement in order to induce the Lenders to make Loans, the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuer to issue Letters of Credit.

Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and the New Grantors agree as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 8.14 of the Security Agreement, each New Grantor by its signature below becomes a Grantor under the Security Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Grantor and each New Grantor hereby (a) agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Security Agreement applicable to it as a Grantor thereunder and (b) represents and warrants that the representations and warranties made by it as a Grantor thereunder are true and correct on and as of the date hereof. In furtherance of the foregoing, each New Grantor, as security for the payment and performance in full of the Obligations, does hereby grant to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a Security Interest in all of the Collateral of such New Grantor, in each case whether now or hereafter existing or in which it now has or hereafter acquires an interest. Each reference to a "Grantor" in the Security Agreement shall be deemed to include each New Grantor. The Security Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Each New Grantor represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties that this Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general equitable principles.

SECTION 3. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings. This Supplement shall become effective as to each New Grantor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such New Grantor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 4. Such New Grantor hereby represents and warrants that (a) as of the date hereof, set forth on Schedule I hereto is (i) its exact legal name, as such name appears in its respective certificate of incorporation or formation or any other organizational document filed in its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or organization, (ii) its type of organization, (iii) its organizational identification number, if any, (iv) its jurisdiction of formation and (v) the address of its chief executive office and (b) as of the date hereof (i) Schedule II hereto lists all of each New Grantor's registered Copyrights (and all applications therefor), (ii) Schedule III hereto lists all of each New Grantor's Patents (and all applications therefor), (iii) Schedule IV hereto lists all of each New Grantor's registered Trademarks (and all applications therefor), and (vii) Schedule V hereto lists all of each New Grantor's Commercial Tort Claims with a claim value of \$10,000,000 or more.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Security Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

# SECTION 6. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Security Agreement, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 8. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each New Grantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

#### [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each New Grantor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Security Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW GRANTOR], as the New Grantor

By:

Name: Title:

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

SCHEDULE I TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

# COLLATERAL

		Type of	
	Jurisdiction of	Organization or	Organizational
	Incorporation or	Corporate	Identification
<u>Legal Name</u>	<b>Organization</b>	Structure	<u>Number</u>
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SCHEDULE II TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

TITLE

# U.S. REGISTERED COPYRIGHTS

Registrations:

OWNER

**REGISTRATION NUMBER** 

SCHEDULE III TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

# U.S. PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

 OWNER
 APPLICATION NUMBER
 REGISTRATION NUMBER
 TITLE

SCHEDULE IV TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

# U.S. REGISTERED TRADEMARKS AND TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

	APPLICATION	REGISTRATION	
OWNER	NUMBER	NUMBER	TRADEMARK

SCHEDULE V TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

COMMERCIAL TORT CLAIMS

ANNEX B TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENT

#### FORM OF GRANT OF <u>SECURITY INTEREST IN [TRADEMARK/PATENT/COPYRIGHT] RIGHTS</u>

This GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN [TRADEMARK/ PATENT/ COPYRIGHT] RIGHTS (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_], is made by [\_\_], a [\_\_] (the "<u>Grantor</u>"), in favor of Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Agent</u>") for the several banks and other financial institutions (the "<u>Lenders</u>") from time to time parties to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>") the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, a Letter of Credit Issuer and the Swingline Lender.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender to make the Swingline Loans to the Borrower and the Letter of Credit Issuers have agreed to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Credit Agreement, each Grantor and any Subsidiaries that become a party thereto, have executed and delivered a First Lien Security Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 in favor of the Agent (together with all amendments and modifications, if any, from time to time thereafter made thereto, the "<u>Security Agreement</u>");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Security Agreement, Grantor has pledged and granted to the Agent for the benefit of the Agent and the Secured Parties continuing security interest in all Intellectual Property, including the [Trademarks/Patents/Copyrights], that is not Excluded Property; and

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to induce the Lenders to make loans and the Swingline Lender to make the Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuer to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower), and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries, Grantor agrees, for the benefit of the Agent and the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires, terms used in this Agreement, including its preamble and recitals, have the meanings provided or provided by reference in the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement.

2. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. Grantor hereby grants a security interest in all of Grantor's right, title and interest in, to and under the [Trademarks/Patents/Copyrights] that are not Excluded Property (including, without limitation, those items listed on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto), including [the goodwill associated with such Trademarks and]<sup>1</sup> the right to receive all Proceeds therefrom (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"), to the Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties as collateral security for payment and performance when due of the Obligations[; <u>provided</u> that, applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to register trademarks or service marks on the basis of Grantor's "intent to use" such trademarks or service marks will not be deemed to be Collateral unless and until an amendment to allege use or a statement of use has been filed and accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, whereupon such application shall be automatically subject to the security interest granted herein and deemed to be included in the Collateral.]<sup>2</sup>

3. <u>Purpose</u>. This Agreement has been executed and delivered by Grantor for the purpose of recording the grant of security interest herein with the United States [Patent and Trademark][Copyright] Office. The security interest granted hereby has been granted to the Secured Parties in connection with the Security Agreement and is expressly subject to the terms and conditions thereof. The Security Agreement (and all rights and remedies of the Secured Parties thereunder) shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

4. <u>Acknowledgment</u>. Grantor does hereby further acknowledge and affirm that the rights and remedies of the Secured Parties with respect to the security interest in the Collateral granted hereby are more fully set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement, the terms and provisions of which (including the remedies provided for therein) are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Security Agreement, the terms of the Security Agreement shall govern.

5. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together constitute one and the same original.

6. <u>Governing Law</u>: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

- <sup>1</sup> Language applicable to Grant of Security Interest in Trademark Rights
- <sup>2</sup> Language applicable to Grant of Security Interest in Trademark Rights

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the day and year first above written.

[], as the Grantor
By: Name: Title:

[Grant of Security Interest in [Trademark/Patent/Copyright] Rights]

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA as the Collateral Agent

By: Name:

Title:

[Grant of Security Interest in [Trademark/Patent/Copyright] Rights]

# SCHEDULE A

# U.S. [Patent/Trademark/Copyright] Registrations and Applications

[For Patents:]

	OWNE	R APPLICATION NU	MBER REGISTRATION NUM	IBER TITLE
[For Trademarks:]				
	OWNER	APPLICATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK
[For Copyrights:]				
OWNER		REG	STRATION NUMBER	TITLE

## Exhibit 10.8

#### FIRST LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT

FIRST LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 29</u> hereof (each such Subsidiary Pledgors" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Pledgors</u>"; the Subsidiary Pledgors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Pledgors</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are party to the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the lending institutions from time to time parties thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, together with the Swingline Lender, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, a Letter of Credit Issuer and the Swingline Lender;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition

Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "Merger") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "<u>Equity Rollover</u>") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("<u>Parent</u>"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "<u>Equity Rollover Contribution</u>") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, (a) pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender has agreed to make Swingline Loans to the Borrower and the Letter of Credit Issuers have agreed to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein and (b) one or more Cash Management Banks or Hedge Banks may from time to time enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements or Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the First Lien Guarantee, dated as of the date hereof (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>"), each Pledgor (other than the Borrower) has agreed to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations (as defined below);

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Loans, the issuance of the Letters of Credit and the provision of Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements will be used in part to enable the Borrower to make valuable transfers to the other Pledgors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses;

WHEREAS, each Pledgor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the making of the Loans and the issuance of the Letters of Credit and the provision of Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, (a) the Pledgors are the legal and beneficial owners of the Equity Interests described in Schedule 1 hereto and issued by the entities named therein (such Equity Interests, together with any Equity Interests of the issuer of such Equity Interests or any other issuer directly held by any Pledgor in the future, in each case, except to the extent excluded from the Collateral for the Obligations pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 2 below, referred to collectively herein as the "<u>Pledged Shares</u>") and (b) each of the Pledgors is the legal and beneficial owner of the Indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note in excess of \$10,000,000 and described in Schedule 1 hereto (together with any other Indebtedness owed to any Pledgor hereafter and required to be pledged pursuant to Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement, the "<u>Pledged Debt</u>");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans, the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuers to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries, the Pledgors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Defined Terms</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement. Any term used herein or in the Credit Agreement without definition that is defined in the UCC has the meaning given to it in the UCC.

- (b) "<u>Collateral</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2</u>.
- (c) "<u>Collateral Agent</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (d) "<u>Company</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (e) "<u>Equity Interests</u>" shall mean, collectively, Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents.
- (f) "<u>Guarantee</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (g) "<u>Holdings</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.

(h) "<u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>" means any First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and/or Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement (each, an "<u>Intercreditor Agreement</u>" and collectively, the "<u>Intercreditor Agreements</u>").

- (i) "<u>Obligations</u>" shall mean the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement).
- (j) "Pledge Agreement" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (k) "<u>Pledged Debt</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (l) "<u>Pledged Shares</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (m) "<u>Pledgors</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (n) "<u>Proceeds</u>" has the meaning given to it in the UCC.
- (o) "Security Interest" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.
- (p) "<u>Subsidiary Pledgor</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (q) "<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in <u>Section 13(a)</u>.

(r) "<u>UCC</u>" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any of the attachment, perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "<u>UCC</u>" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such attachment, perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

(s) Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. <u>Grant of Security</u>. As collateral security for the payment and performance when due of all of the Obligations, each Pledgor hereby collaterally assigns and pledges to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and a security interest in (the "<u>Security Interest</u>") all of such Pledgor's right, title and interest in, to and under the following, whether now owned or existing or at any time hereafter acquired or existing (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"):

(a) the Pledged Shares held by such Pledgor and the certificates representing such Pledged Shares and any interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of the issuer of the Pledged Shares or any financial intermediary pertaining to the Pledged Shares and all dividends, cash, warrants, rights, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Pledged Shares.

(b) the Pledged Debt and the instruments evidencing the Pledged Debt owed to such Pledgor, and all interest, cash, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of such Pledged Debt; and

(c) to the extent not covered by clauses (a) and (b) above, respectively, all Proceeds of any or all of the foregoing Collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Collateral (and any defined term used in the definition thereof) for the Obligations shall not include any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or any Excluded Property.

3. Delivery of the Collateral. All certificates or instruments, if any, representing or evidencing the Collateral shall be promptly (and in any event within 90 days (or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree)), delivered to and held by or on behalf of the Collateral Agent pursuant hereto to the extent required by the Credit Agreement and shall be in suitable form for transfer by delivery, or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent. The Collateral Agent shall have the right, at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the Intercreditor Agreements, and upon at least 3 Business Days' prior written notice to the relevant Pledgor, to transfer to or to register in the name of the Collateral Agent or any of its nominees any or all of the Pledged Shares.

4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants, after giving effect to the Transactions, as follows:

(a) Schedule 1 hereto (i) correctly represents as of the Closing Date (A) the issuer, the certificate number, the Pledgor and the record and beneficial owner, the number and class and the percentage of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of such class of all Pledged Shares and (B) the issuer, the initial principal amount, the Pledgor and holder, date of issuance and maturity date of all Pledged Debt and (ii) together with the comparable schedule to each supplement hereto, includes all Equity Interests, debt securities and promissory notes required to be pledged hereunder. Except as set forth on Schedule 1, and except for Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents, the Pledged Shares represent all (or 66% in the case of pledges of the Voting Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries or any Domestic Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which consist of Capital Stock and/or debt of Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each class of Equity Interests in the issuer on the Closing Date.

(b) Such Pledgor is the legal and beneficial owner of the Collateral pledged or collaterally assigned by such Pledgor hereunder free and clear of any Lien, except for Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement.

(c) As of the Closing Date, the Pledged Shares pledged by such Pledgor hereunder have been duly authorized and validly issued and, in the case of Pledged Shares issued by a corporation, are fully paid and non-assessable, in each case, to the extent such concepts are applicable in the jurisdiction of organization of the respective issuer.

(d) The execution and delivery by such Pledgor of this Pledge Agreement and the pledge of the Collateral pledged by such Pledgor hereunder pursuant hereto create a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in such Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction) and, upon delivery of such Collateral to the Collateral Agent, shall constitute a fully perfected Lien on and security interest in the Collateral, securing the payment of the Obligations, in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation and perfection of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(e) Such Pledgor has full organizational power, authority and legal right to pledge all the Collateral pledged by such Pledgor pursuant to this Pledge Agreement and this Pledge Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Pledgor (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

#### 5. <u>Certification of Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership Interests, Equity Interests in Foreign Subsidiaries and Pledged Debt</u>.

(a) With respect to any Equity Interests in any Subsidiary that are not a security as defined in Section 8-102(a)(15) of the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction or pursuant to Section 8-103 of the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction, if any Pledgor shall take any action that, under such sections, converts such Equity Interests into a security, such Pledgor shall give prompt written notice thereof to the Collateral Agent and cause the issuer thereof to its certificates or instruments evidencing such Equity Interests, which it shall promptly deliver to the Collateral Agent as provided in <u>Section 3.</u>

(b) Each Pledgor will comply with Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) In the event that any Equity Interests in any Foreign Subsidiary pledged hereunder are not represented by a certificate, the Pledgors agree not to permit such Foreign Subsidiary to issue Equity Interests represented by a certificate to any other Person.

6. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the terms and limitations of Sections 9.11, 9.12 and 9.14 of the Credit Agreement and 3.2(c) of the Security Agreement, each Pledgor agrees that at any time and from time to time, at the expense of such Pledgor, it will execute or otherwise authorize the filing of any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements, deeds of trust and other documents), which may be required under any applicable law, or which the Collateral Agent may reasonably request, in order (x) to perfect and protect any pledge, assignment or security interest granted or purported to be granted hereby (including the priority thereof) or (y) to enable the Collateral Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to any Collateral. Each Pledgor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file or record financing statements, amendments to financing statements and, with notice to the applicable Grantors, other filing or recording documents or instruments with respect to the Collateral Agent under this Pledge Agreement.

- 7. <u>Voting Rights; Dividends and Distributions; Etc</u>.
- (a) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:

(i) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Collateral or any part thereof for any purpose not prohibited by the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the other Credit Documents.

(ii) The Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver (or cause to be executed and delivered) to each Pledgor all such proxies and other instruments as such Pledgor may reasonably request for the purpose of enabling such Pledgor to exercise the voting and other rights that it is entitled to exercise pursuant to paragraph (i) above.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c) below, each Pledgor shall be entitled to receive and retain and use, free and clear of the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement, any and all dividends, distributions, principal and interest made or paid in respect of the Collateral to the extent permitted by the Credit Agreement, as applicable; provided, however, that any and all noncash dividends, interest, principal or other distributions that would constitute Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt, whether resulting from a subdivision, combination or reclassification of the outstanding Equity Interests of the issuer of any Pledged Shares or received in exchange for Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt or any part thereof, or in redemption thereof, or as a result of any merger, consolidation, acquisition or other exchange of assets to which such issuer may be a party or otherwise, shall be, and shall be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent to hold as, Collateral and shall, if received by such Pledgor, be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent, be segregated from the other property or funds of such Pledgor and be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

(c) Upon at least three Business Days' prior written notice to a Pledgor by the Collateral Agent that the Collateral Agent is exercising its rights under this <u>Section 7(c)</u>, following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements,

(i) all rights of such Pledgor to exercise or refrain from exercising the voting and other consensual rights that it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 7(a)(i) shall cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to exercise or refrain from exercising such voting and other consensual rights during the continuance of such Event of Default, provided that, unless otherwise directed by the Required Lenders, the Collateral Agent shall have the right from time to time following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, to permit the Pledgors to exercise such rights. After all Events of Default have been cured or waived, each Pledgor will have the right to exercise the voting and consensual rights that such Pledgor would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to the terms of Section 7(a)(i) (and the obligations of the Collateral Agent under Section 7(a)(i) shall be reinstated);

(ii) all rights of such Pledgor to receive the dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that such Pledgor would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to <u>Section 7(b)</u> shall cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, shall thereupon have the sole right to receive and hold as Collateral such dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments during the continuance of such Event of Default. After all Events of Default have been cured or waived, the Collateral Agent shall repay to each Pledgor (without interest) all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments not otherwise applied in accordance with <u>Section 11(b)</u> that such Pledgor would otherwise be permitted to receive, retain and use pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 7(b)</u>;

(iii) all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that are received by such Pledgor contrary to the provisions of <u>Section</u> <u>7(b)</u> shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and segregated from other property or funds of such Pledgor and shall forthwith be delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsements); and

(iv) in order to permit the Collateral Agent to receive all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments to which it may be entitled under Section 7(b) above, to exercise the voting and other consensual rights that it may be entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 7(c)(i) above, and to receive all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that it may be entitled to under Sections 7(c)(ii) and (c)(iii) above, such Pledgor shall from time to time execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent, appropriate proxies, dividend payment orders and other instruments as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request in writing, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements.

8. <u>Transfers and Other Liens; Additional Collateral; Etc</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, each Pledgor shall:

(a) not (i) except as permitted by the Credit Agreement, sell or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option or warrant with respect to, any of the Collateral or (ii) create or suffer to exist any consensual Lien upon or with respect to any of the Collateral, except for Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement; provided that in the event such Pledgor sells or otherwise disposes of assets as permitted by the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party, and such assets are or include any of the Collateral, the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement shall be automatically released concurrently with the consummation of such sale, and upon the request of the applicable Pledgor the Collateral Agent shall evidence such release of such Collateral to such Pledgor; and

(b) use commercially reasonable efforts to defend its and the Collateral Agent's title or interest in and to all the Collateral (and in the Proceeds thereof) against any and all Liens (other than Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement), however arising, and any and all Persons whomsoever (except to the extent that the Collateral Agent and the Borrower agree that the cost of such defense is excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders thereof).

9. <u>Collateral Agent Appointed Attorney-in-Fact</u>. Each Pledgor hereby appoints, which appointment is irrevocable and coupled with an interest, and shall automatically terminate with respect to such Pledgor on the Termination Date or, if sooner, upon the release of such Pledgor hereunder pursuant to <u>Section 13</u>, the Collateral Agent as such Pledgor's attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the place and stead of such Pledgor and in the name of such Pledgor or otherwise, to take any action and to execute any instrument, in each case solely after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default (and upon prior written notice to such Pledgor that the Collateral Agent intends to take such action), that the Collateral Agent may deem reasonably necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Pledge Agreement, including to receive, indorse and collect all instruments made payable to such Pledgor representing any dividend, distribution or principal or interest payment in respect of the Collateral or any part thereof and to give full discharge for the same.

10. The Collateral Agent's Duties. The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent hereunder are solely to protect its interest in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty upon it to exercise any such powers. Except for the safe custody of any Collateral in its possession and the accounting for moneys actually received by it hereunder, the Collateral Agent shall have no duty as to any Collateral, as to ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relative to any Pledged Shares, whether or not the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters, or as to the taking of any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties or any other rights pertaining to any Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any Collateral in its possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Collateral Agent accords its own property. The Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have a duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral, the existence, priority or perfection of the Collateral Agent's Lien thereon, or any certificate prepared by any Credit Party in connection therewith, nor shall the Collateral Agent be responsible or liable to the Lenders for any failure to monitor or maintain any portion of the Collateral.

## 11. <u>Remedies</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, if any Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:

The Collateral Agent may exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise (a) available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party upon default under the UCC or any other applicable law (whether or not the UCC applies to the affected Collateral) and also may upon prior notice to the relevant Pledgor, sell the Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale or sales, at any exchange broker's board or at any of the Collateral Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit or for future delivery, at such price or prices and upon such other terms as are commercially reasonable irrespective of the impact of any such sales on the market price of the Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be authorized at any such sale of Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt (if it deems it advisable to do so) to restrict the prospective bidders or purchasers of Collateral to Persons who will represent and agree that they are purchasing the Collateral for their own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or sale thereof, and, upon consummation of any such sale, the Collateral Agent shall have the right to assign, transfer and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers thereof the Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt so sold. Each purchaser at any such sale shall hold the property sold absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Pledgor, and each Pledgor hereby waives (to the extent permitted by law) all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal that it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Collateral Agent or any Secured Party shall have the right upon any such public sale, and, to the extent permitted by law, upon any such private sale, to purchase all or any part of the Collateral so sold, and the Collateral Agent or such Secured Party may pay the purchase price by crediting the amount thereof against the Obligations. Each Pledgor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law, at least ten days' notice to such Pledgor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Collateral Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. To the extent permitted by law, each Pledgor hereby waives any claim against the Collateral Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which any Collateral may have been sold at such a private sale was less than the price that might have been obtained at a public sale, even if the Collateral Agent accepts the first offer received and does not offer such Collateral to more than one offeree.

(b) Subject to the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall apply the Proceeds of any collection or sale of the Collateral as well as any Collateral consisting of cash, at any time after receipt in the order set forth in Section 11.14 of the Credit Agreement. Upon any sale of the Collateral by the Collateral Agent (including pursuant to a power of sale granted by statute or under a judicial proceeding), the receipt of the Collateral Agent or of the officer making the sale shall be a sufficient discharge to the purchaser or purchasers of the Collateral Agent or such officer or be answerable in any way for the misapplication thereof.

(c) All payments received by any Pledgor in respect of the Collateral after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent shall be segregated from other property or funds of such Pledgor and shall be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights. Each Pledgor shall remain obligated hereunder notwithstanding 12. that, without any reservation of rights against any Pledgor and without notice to or further assent by any Pledgor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith and the Secured Cash Management Agreements, Secured Hedge Agreements and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be, or, in the case of any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement, the Hedge Bank or Cash Management Bank party thereto) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security, guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Pledge Agreement or any property subject thereto. When making any demand hereunder against any Pledgor, the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, make a similar demand on any Pledgor or any other Person, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to make any such demand or to collect any payments from any Pledgor or any other Person or any release of the Company or any Pledgor or any other Person shall not relieve any Pledgor in respect of which a demand or collection is not made or any Pledgor not so released of its several obligations or liabilities hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, express or implied, or as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against any Pledgor. For the purposes hereof "demand" shall include the commencement and continuance of any legal proceedings.

#### 13. Continuing Security Interest; Assignments Under the Credit Agreement; Release.

(a) This Pledge Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Pledgor and the successors and assigns thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, endorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the date on which all the Obligations under the Credit Documents (other than, in each case, any contingent indemnity obligations not then due, any Secured Hedge Obligations or any Secured Cash Management Obligations) shall have been satisfied by payment in full, the Commitments shall have been terminated, all Letters of Credit shall have expired or terminated, and all Letter of Credit Outstandings shall have been reduced to zero (or all such Letters of Credit and Letter of Credit Outstandings shall have been Cash Collateralized in a manner reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Letter of Credit Issuers) (such date, the "Termination Date"), notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

(b) Any Pledgor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder and the Collateral of such Pledgor shall be automatically released as it relates to the Obligations upon such Pledgor ceasing to be a Credit Party in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement. Any such release in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of such Collateral permitted under the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party shall result in such Collateral being sold, transferred or disposed of, as applicable, free and clear of the Liens of this Pledge Agreement.

(c) The Collateral shall be automatically released from the Liens of this Pledge Agreement as it relates to the Obligations (i) to the extent provided for in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) upon the effectiveness of any written consent to the release of the security interest granted in such Collateral pursuant to Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(d) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (a), (b) or (c), the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver to any Pledgor or authorize the filing of, at such Pledgor's expense, all documents that such Pledgor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release subject to, if reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent's receipt of a certification by the Borrower and the applicable Pledgor stating that such transaction is in compliance with the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. Any execution and delivery of documents pursuant to this <u>Section 13</u> shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Collateral Agent.

14. <u>Reinstatement</u>. Each Pledgor further agrees that, if any payment made by any Credit Party or other Person and applied to the Obligations is at any time annulled, avoided, set aside, rescinded, invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential or otherwise required to be refunded or repaid, or the Proceeds of Collateral are required to be returned by any Secured Party to such Credit Party, its estate, trustee, receiver or any other Person, including any Pledgor, under any bankruptcy law, state, federal or foreign law, common law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or repayment, any Lien or other Collateral securing such liability hereunder shall have been released or terminated by virtue of such cancellation or surrender), such Lien or other Collateral shall be reinstated in full force and effect, and such prior cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect any Lien or other Collateral securing the obligations of any Pledgor in respect of the amount of such payment.

15. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to any Pledgor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Pledge Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Pledge Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

17. <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Pledge Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

18. <u>Integration</u>. This Pledge Agreement together with the other Credit Documents represents the agreement of each of the Pledgors with respect to the subject matter hereof and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth herein or in the other Credit Documents.

19. <u>Amendments in Writing; No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>.

(a) None of the terms or provisions of this Pledge Agreement may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except by a written instrument executed by the affected Pledgor and the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to <u>Section 19(a)</u>), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or such other Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion.

(c) The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

20. <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Pledge Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

21. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Pledge Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each Pledgor and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, except that no Pledgor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Pledge Agreement without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent or as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement.

22. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

23. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 15</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of any other party hereto (or any Secured Party) to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Pledgor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 23 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

# 24. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

25. Intercreditor Agreements. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Pledge Agreement and the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent hereunder, are subject to the provisions of any Intercreditor Agreement then in effect. In the event of any conflict between the terms of any Intercreditor Agreement then in effect and the terms of this Pledge Agreement, the terms of such Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control. No right, power or remedy granted to the Collateral Agent hereunder shall be exercised by the Collateral Agent, and no direction shall be given by the Collateral Agent, in contravention of any such Intercreditor Agreement.

## 26. Enforcement Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) Each Pledgor agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by any Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, such Pledgor under this Pledge Agreement, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Pledgor agrees to pay, and to save the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties harmless from, any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Pledge Agreement to the extent the Borrower would be required to do so pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The agreements in this <u>Section 26</u> shall survive repayment of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

27. <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each party hereto hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party;

(b) neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to any Pledgor arising out of or in connection with this Pledge Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, and the relationship between the Pledgors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders and any other Secured Party or among the Pledgors and the Lenders and any other Secured Party.

28. <u>Additional Pledgors</u>. Each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to this Pledge Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Pledgor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Pledgor herein, for all purposes of this Pledge Agreement, upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto. The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Pledgor as a party to this Pledge Agreement shall not require the consent of any other Pledgor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Pledgor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Pledgor as a party to this Pledge Agreement.

## [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Pledge Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

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VISION HOLDING CORP., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent

By: /s/ Robert Ehudin

Name: Robert Ehudin Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of First Lien Pledge Agreement]

> ANNEX A TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_], dated as of [\_], 20[\_\_] (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), to the FIRST LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 29</u> hereof (each such Subsidiary being a "<u>Subsidiary Pledgor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Pledgors</u>"; the Subsidiary Pledgors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Pledgors</u>"), and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

A. Reference is made to (i) the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as the Administrative Agent, a Letter of Credit Issuer, the Collateral Agent and the Swingline Lender, and (ii) the First Lien Guarantee, dated as of the date of the Pledge Agreement (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Guarantee"), among the Guarantors party thereto and the Collateral Agent.

Agreement.

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Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Pledge

C. The Pledgors have entered into the Pledge Agreement in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement, to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuers to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower) under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries.

D. The undersigned Guarantors (each an "<u>Additional Pledgor</u>") are, as of the date hereof, (a) the legal and beneficial owners of the Equity Interests described in Schedule 1 hereto and issued by the entities named therein (such Equity Interests, together with any Equity Interests of the issuer of such Equity Interests or any other issuer directly held directly by any such Additional Pledgor in the future, in each case, except to the extent excluded from the Additional Collateral for the Obligations pursuant to the penultimate paragraph of <u>Section 1</u> below, referred to collectively herein as the "<u>Additional Pledged</u> <u>Shares</u>") and (b) the legal and beneficial owners of the Indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note in excess of \$10,000,000 described in Schedule 1 hereto (together with any other Indebtedness owed to any such Additional Pledgor hereafter and required to be pledged pursuant to Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement, the "<u>Additional Pledged Debt</u>").

E. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 28 of the Pledge Agreement provide that additional Subsidiaries may become Subsidiary Pledgors under the Pledge Agreement by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Additional Pledgor is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 28 of the Pledge Agreement to pledge to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties the Additional Pledged Shares and the Additional Pledged Debt and to become a Subsidiary Pledgor under the Pledge Agreement in order to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower, the Swingline Lenders to make Swingline Loans and the Letter of Credit Issuers to issue Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the Borrower) under the Credit Agreement and to induce one or more Lenders or Affiliates of Lenders to enter into Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements with the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries.

Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and each undersigned Additional Pledgor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Each Additional Pledgor by its signature hereby collaterally assigns and pledges to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in all of such Additional Pledgor's right, title and interest in the following, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or existing (collectively, the "Additional Collateral"):

(a) the Additional Pledged Shares held by such Additional Pledgor and the certificates representing such Additional Pledged Shares and any interest of such Additional Pledgor in the entries on the books of the issuer of the Additional Pledged Shares or any financial intermediary pertaining to the Additional Pledged Shares and all dividends, cash, warrants, rights, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Additional Pledged Shares;

(b) the Additional Pledged Debt and the instruments evidencing the Additional Pledged Debt owed to such Additional Pledger, and all interest, cash, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of such Additional Pledged Debt; and

(c) to the extent not covered by clauses (a) and (b) above, respectively, all Proceeds of any or all of the foregoing Additional Collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Additional Collateral (and any defined term used in the definition thereof) for the Obligations shall not include any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or any Excluded Property.

For purposes of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral shall be deemed to include the Additional Collateral.

SECTION 2. Each Additional Pledgor by its signature below becomes a Pledgor under the Pledge Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Pledgor, and each Additional Pledgor hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Pledge Agreement applicable to it as a Pledgor thereunder. Each reference to a "Subsidiary Pledgor" or a "Pledgor" in the Pledge Agreement shall be deemed to include each Additional Pledgor. The Pledge Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Each Additional Pledgor represents and warrants as follows:

(a) Schedule 1 hereto correctly represents as of the date hereof (A) the issuer, the certificate number, the Additional Pledgor and registered owner, the number and class and the percentage of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of such class of all Additional Pledged Shares and (B) the issuer, the initial principal amount, the Additional Pledgor and holder, date of and maturity date of all Additional Pledged Debt. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> and except for Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents, the Additional Pledged Shares represent all (or 66% in the case of pledges of the Voting Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries or any Domestic Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which consist of equity and/or debt of Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each class of Equity Interests of the issuer thereof on the date hereof.

(b) Such Additional Pledgor is the legal and beneficial owner of the Additional Collateral pledged or collaterally assigned by such Additional Pledgor hereunder free and clear of any Lien, except for Permitted Liens and the Liens created by this Supplement to the Pledge Agreement.

(c) As of the date of this Supplement, the Additional Pledged Shares pledged by such Additional Pledgor hereunder have been duly authorized and validly issued and, in the case of Additional Pledged Shares issued by a corporation, are fully paid and non-assessable, in each case, to the extent such concepts are applicable in the jurisdiction of organization of the respective issuer.

(d) The execution and delivery by such Additional Pledgor of this Supplement and the pledge of the Additional Collateral pledged by such Additional Pledgor pursuant hereto create a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in such Additional Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction) and, upon delivery of such Additional Collateral to the Collateral Agent, shall constitute a fully perfected lien and security interest in the Additional Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation and perfection of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), securing the payment of the Obligations, in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(e) Such Additional Pledgor has full organizational power, authority and legal right to pledge all the Additional Collateral pledged by such Additional Pledgor pursuant to this Supplement, and this Supplement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Additional Pledgor (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

SECTION 4. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings. This Supplement shall become effective as to each Additional Pledgor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such Additional Pledgor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Pledge Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

# SECTION 6. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Pledge Agreement, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 8. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 15 of the Pledge Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each Additional Pledgor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

# [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Additional Pledgor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Pledge Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF ADDITIONAL PLEDGOR], as an Additional Pledgor

By:

Name: Title:

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

[Supplement to the First Lien Pledge Agreement]

SCHEDULE 1 TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Record owner	Issuer	Certificate No.	Number of Shares	% of Share Owned
		<u>Pledged Debt</u>		
		Principal	Date of	Maturity

[First Lien Pledge Agreement]

Exhibit 10.9

# SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT

dated as of March 13, 2014

among

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., as Holdings,

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as the Initial Borrower,

VISION HOLDINGS CORP., as the Surviving Borrower

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as the Borrower

The Several Lenders from Time to Time Parties Hereto,

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent,

and

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC. CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC. MIZUHO BANK, LTD. KKR CAPITAL MARKETS LLC, BARCLAYS BANK PLC, MACQUARIE CAPITAL (USA) INC. as Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners

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Exhibit K

#### **CREDIT AGREEMENT**

SECOND LIEN CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014, among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC. ("Holdings"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., a Delaware corporation ("MergerSub" or the "Initial Borrower"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company" and, following the consummation of the Merger, the "Surviving Borrower"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI" and, following the consummation of the Secondary Merger, the "Borrower"), the lending institutions from time to time parties hereto (each a "Lender" and, collectively, the "Lenders"), MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (such terms and each other capitalized term used but not defined in this preamble having the meaning provided in <u>Section 1</u>).

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "Acquisition Agreement"), by and among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby MergerSub will merge (the "Merger") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company contribute Equity Interests of the Company held by them (the "Equity Rollover Interests") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("Parent"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover Interests will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "Equity Rollover Contribution") the Equity Rollover Interests to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, to fund, in part, the Acquisition, it is intended that the Sponsor and the other Initial Investors will contribute an amount in cash to Holdings and/or a direct or indirect parent thereof in exchange for Capital Stock (such contribution, the "**Equity Investments**") together with the investment of equity rolled over or invested in connection with the Acquisition by the existing management and other existing stockholders (including the Equity Rollover Interests), which shall be no less than 25% of the sum of (1) the aggregate gross proceeds of the First Lien Term Loans and the Initial Term Loans borrowed on the Closing Date, excluding the gross proceeds of any loans to fund working capital needs and (2) the equity capitalization of Holdings and its Subsidiaries on the Closing Date after giving effect to the Transactions (the "**Minimum Equity Amount**");

WHEREAS, in connection with the Acquisition, it is intended that the Borrower will enter into Credit Facilities established pursuant to the First Lien Credit Documents (the "First Lien Facilities") consisting of First Lien Term Loans of \$500,000,000 and First Lien Revolving Loans of up to \$75,000,000;

WHEREAS, in connection with the foregoing, (i) the Initial Borrower has requested that the Lenders extend credit in the form of Initial Term Loans to the Initial Borrower on the Closing Date, in an aggregate principal amount of \$125,000,000;

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans will be used, together with (i) the net proceeds of the First Lien Facilities, (ii) the net proceeds of the Equity Investments on the Closing Date, and (iii) cash on hand, to effect the Acquisition, to provide for liquidity in the form of cash on the balance sheet of Holdings and to pay Transaction Expenses;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the contribution of the Equity Rollover Interests, the Company shall merge (the "Secondary Merger") with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders are willing to make available to the Borrower such loans upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

#### Section 1. Definitions

1.1 <u>Defined Terms</u>. As used herein, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this <u>Section 1.1</u> unless the context otherwise requires (it being understood that defined terms in this Agreement shall include in the singular number the plural and in the plural the singular):

"**ABR**" shall mean for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (i) the Federal Funds Effective Rate *plus* 1/2 of 1%, (ii) the rate of interest in effect for such day as announced from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its "prime rate" at its principal office in New York City, and (iii) the rate per annum determined in the manner set forth in <u>clause (ii)</u> of the definition of LIBOR Rate *plus* 1%; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the ABR applicable to the Initial Term Loans at any time be less than 2.00% per annum. Any change in the ABR due to a change in such rate announced by the Administrative Agent or in the Federal Funds Effective Rate or LIBOR Rate shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the announcement of such change.

"ABR Loan" shall mean each Loan bearing interest based on the ABR.

"Acquired EBITDA"shall mean, with respect to any Acquired Entity or Business or any Converted Restricted Subsidiary (any of the foregoing, a "Pro Forma Entity") for any period, the amount for such period of Consolidated EBITDA of such Pro Forma Entity (determined using such definitions as if references to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries therein were to such Pro Forma Entity and its Restricted Subsidiaries), all as determined on a consolidated basis for such Pro Forma Entity in accordance with GAAP.

"Acquired Entity or Business" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Acquired Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any specified Person, (i) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged, consolidated, or amalgamated with or into or became a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, including Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging, consolidating, or amalgamating with or into or becoming a Restricted Subsidiary of such specified Person, and (ii) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

"Acquisition" shall mean the transactions contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement.

"Acquisition Agreement" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Administrative Agent" shall mean Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the administrative agent for the Lenders under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, or any successor administrative agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.9</u>.

"Administrative Agent's Office" shall mean the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> or such other address or account as the Administrative Agent may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Lenders.

"Administrative Questionnaire" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(b)(ii)(D).

"Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if such Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such other Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Affiliated Institutional Lender" shall mean (i) any Affiliate of the Sponsor that is either a bona fide debt fund or such Affiliate extends credit or buys loans in the ordinary course of business, (ii) KKR Corporate Lending LLC and (iii) MCS Corporate Lending LLC.

"Affiliated Lender" shall mean a Lender that is the Sponsor or any Affiliate thereof (other than Holdings, the Borrower, any other Subsidiary of Holdings, or any Affiliated Institutional Lender).

"Agent Parties" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.17(b).

"Agents" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Joint Lead Arranger and Bookrunner.

"Agreement" shall mean this Credit Agreement.

"Agreement Currency" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.19.

"Applicable Margin" shall mean a percentage per annum with respect to the Initial Term Loans equal to (i) for LIBOR Loans; 5.75% and (ii) for ABR Loans; 4.75%:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (a) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Extended Term Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant Extension Amendment, (b) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of New Term Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant Incremental Amendment, (c) the Applicable Margin in respect of any Class of Replacement Term Loans shall be the applicable percentages per annum set forth in the relevant agreement, and (d) in the case of the Loans and any Class of New Term Loans, the Applicable Margin shall be increased as, and to the extent, necessary to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 2.14</u>.

"Approved Fund" shall mean any Fund that is administered or managed by (i) a Lender, (ii) an Affiliate of a Lender, or (iii) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers, advises or manages a Lender.

"Asset Sale" shall mean:

(i) the sale, conveyance, transfer, or other disposition, whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, of property or assets (including by way of a Sale Leaseback) (each a "**disposition**") of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or

(ii) the issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than preferred stock of Restricted Subsidiaries issued in compliance with <u>Section 10.1</u>), whether in a single transaction or a series of related transactions, in each case, other than:

(a) any disposition of Cash Equivalents or Investment Grade Securities or obsolete, worn out or surplus property or property (including leasehold property interests) that is no longer economically practical in its business or commercially desirable to maintain or no longer used or useful equipment in the ordinary course of business or any disposition of inventory, immaterial assets, or goods (or other assets) in the ordinary course of business (including the disposition of optical goods to FirstSight);

(b) the disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Holdings or the Borrower in a manner permitted pursuant to Section 10.3;

(c) the incurrence of Liens that are permitted to be incurred pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u> or the making of any Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment (other than pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> of the definition thereof) that is permitted to be made, and is made, pursuant to <u>Section 10.5</u>;

(d) any disposition of assets or issuance or sale of Equity Interests of any Restricted Subsidiary in any transaction or series of transactions with an aggregate Fair Market Value of less than \$12,000,000;

(e) any disposition of property or assets or issuance of securities by (1) a Restricted Subsidiary to Holdings or (2) by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary to another Restricted Subsidiary;

(f) to the extent allowable under Section 1031 of the Code, or any comparable or successor provision, any exchange of like property (excluding any boot thereon) for use in a Similar Business;

(g) any issuance, sale or pledge of Equity Interests in, or Indebtedness, or other securities of, an Unrestricted Subsidiary;

(h) foreclosures, condemnation, casualty or any similar action on assets (including dispositions in connection therewith);

(i) sales of accounts receivable, or participations therein, and related assets in connection with any Receivables Facility;

(j) any financing transaction with respect to property built or acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, including Sale Leasebacks and asset securitizations permitted by this Agreement;

(k) (1) any surrender or waiver of contractual rights or the settlement, release, or surrender of contractual rights or other litigation claims, (2) the termination or collapse of cost sharing agreements with Holdings or any Subsidiary and the settlement of any crossing payments in connection therewith, or (3) the settlement, discount, write off, forgiveness, or cancellation of any Indebtedness owing by any present or former consultants, directors, officers, or employees of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) or any Subsidiary or any of their successors or assigns;

(l) the disposition or discount of inventory, accounts receivable, or notes receivable in the ordinary course of business or the conversion of accounts receivable to notes receivable;

(m) the licensing or sub-licensing of Intellectual Property or other general intangibles (whether pursuant to franchise agreements or otherwise) in the ordinary course of business;

(n) the unwinding of any Hedging Obligations or obligations in respect of Cash Management Services;

(o) sales, transfers, and other dispositions of Investments in joint ventures to the extent required by, or made pursuant to, customary buy/sell arrangements between the joint venture parties set forth in joint venture arrangements and similar binding arrangements;

(p) the lapse or abandonment of Intellectual Property rights in the ordinary course of business, which in the reasonable business judgment of the Borrower are not material to the conduct of the business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole;

(q) the issuance of directors' qualifying shares and shares issued to foreign nationals as required by applicable law;

(r) dispositions of property to the extent that (1) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property that is promptly purchased or (2) the proceeds of such Asset Sale are promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property (which replacement property is actually promptly purchased);

(s) leases, assignments, subleases, licenses, or sublicenses, in each case in the ordinary course of business and which do not materially interfere with the business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole;

(t) dispositions of non-core assets acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or Investment permitted hereunder;

(u) to the extent necessary or reasonably considered advisable by the Borrower to comply with requirements of law at such time, dispositions of (A) any retail location or any eye facility located in California and/or (B) FirstSight or any other Managed Care Subsidiary;

(v) dispositions pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements; and

(w) any lease or sublease of real property and related office equipment and personal property to health care professionals (or their Affiliates) or a Managed Care Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business.

"Asset Sale Prepayment Event"shall mean any Asset Sale subject to the Reinvestment Period allowed in <u>Section 10.4</u>; provided, further, that with respect to any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, the Borrower shall not be obligated to make any prepayment otherwise required by <u>Section 5.2</u> unless and until the aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds from all such Asset Sale Prepayment Events, after giving effect to the reinvestment rights set forth herein, exceeds \$12,000,000 (the "**Prepayment Trigger**") in any fiscal year of Holdings, but then from all such Net Cash Proceeds (excluding amounts below the Prepayment Trigger).

"Assignment and Acceptance"shall mean (i) an assignment and acceptance substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit F</u>, or such other form as may be approved by the Administrative Agent and (ii) in the case of any assignment of Term Loans in connection with a Permitted Debt Exchange conducted in accordance with <u>Section 2.15</u>, such form of assignment (if any) as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in accordance with <u>Section 2.15(a)</u>.

"Auction Agent" shall mean (i) the Administrative Agent or (ii) any other financial institution or advisor employed by Holdings, the Borrower, or any Subsidiary (whether or not an Affiliate of the Administrative Agent) to act as an arranger in connection with any Permitted Debt Exchange pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u> or Dutch auction pursuant to <u>Section 13.6(h)</u>; provided that Holdings shall not designate the Administrative Agent as the Auction Agent without the written consent of the Administrative Agent (it being understood that the Administrative Agent shall be under no obligation to agree to act as the Auction Agent); provided, further, that neither Holdings nor any of its Subsidiaries may act as the Auction Agent.

"Authorized Officer"shall mean, with respect to any Person, any individual holding the position of chairman of the board (if an officer), the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Controller, the Vice President-Finance, a Senior Vice President, a Director, a Manager, or any other senior officer or agent with express authority to act on behalf of such Person designated as such by the board of directors or other managing authority of such Person.

"Average New Store Consolidated EBITDA" shall mean, with respect to any Test Period, the numeric average of the amount of Consolidated EBITDA of Stores (excluding New Stores) in their 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> fiscal quarters after opening of such Stores (e.g., the sum of each such Store's Consolidated EBITDA for such four quarter period, divided by the number of applicable Stores).

"Bankruptcy Code" shall have the meaning provided in Section 11.5.

"Benefited Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.8(a).

"Board" shall mean the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).

"**Borrower**" shall mean (a) at any time prior to the consummation of the Transactions, the Initial Borrower, (b) upon and at any time after the consummation of the Transactions other than the Secondary Merger, the Surviving Borrower and (c) following the Secondary Merger, NVI.

"Borrowing" shall mean Loans of the same Class and Type, made, converted, or continued on the same date and, in the case of LIBOR Loans, as to which a single Interest Period is in effect.

"**Business Day**"shall mean any day excluding Saturday, Sunday, and any other day on which banking institutions in New York City are authorized by law or other governmental actions to close, and, if such day relates to any interest rate settings as to a LIBOR Loan, any fundings, disbursements, settlements, and payments in respect of any such LIBOR Loan, or any other dealings in Dollars to be carried out pursuant to this Agreement in respect of any such LIBOR Loan, such day shall be a day on which dealings in deposits in Dollars are conducted by and between banks in the applicable London interbank market.

"**Capital Expenditures**"shall mean, for any period, the aggregate of all expenditures (whether paid in cash or accrued as liabilities and including in all events all amounts expended or capitalized under Capital Leases) by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period that, in conformity with GAAP, are or are required to be included as additions during such period to property, plant, or equipment reflected in the consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (including capitalized software expenditures, customer acquisition costs and incentive payments, conversion costs, and contract acquisition costs).

"**Capital Lease**" shall mean, as applied to any Person, any lease of any property (whether real, personal, or mixed) by that Person as lessee that, in conformity with GAAP, is, or is required to be, accounted for as a capital lease on the balance sheet of that Person; <u>provided</u> that (i) all leases of any Person that are or would be characterized as operating leases in accordance with GAAP immediately prior to December 31, 2013 (whether or not such operating leases were in effect on such date) shall continue to be accounted for as operating leases (and not as Capital Leases) for purposes of this Agreement regardless of any change in GAAP following the date that would otherwise require such leases to be recharacterized as Capital Leases and (ii) all leases for Stores shall be accounted for as operating leases for purposes of this Agreement.

"**Capital Stock**" shall mean (i) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock, (ii) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights, or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock, (iii) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited), and (iv) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person (it being understood and agreed, for the avoidance of doubt, that "cash-settled phantom appreciation programs" in connection with employee benefits that do not require a dividend or distribution shall not constitute Capital Stock).

"**Capitalized Lease Obligation**" shall mean, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a Capital Lease that would at such time be required to be capitalized and reflected as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) prepared in accordance with GAAP; provided that all obligations of any Person that are or would be characterized as operating lease obligations in accordance with GAAP immediately prior to December 31, 2013 (whether or not such operating lease obligations were in effect on such date) shall continue to be accounted for as operating lease obligations (and not as Capitalized Lease Obligations) for purposes of this Agreement regardless of any change in GAAP following the date that would otherwise require such obligations to be recharacterized as Capitalized Lease Obligations.

#### "**Cash Equivalents**" shall mean:

(i) Dollars,

(ii) (a) Euro, Pounds Sterling, Canadian Dollars, or any national currency of any Participating Member State in the European Union or (b) local currencies held from time to time in the ordinary course of business,

(iii) securities issued or directly and fully and unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any country that is a member state of the European Union or any agency or instrumentality thereof the securities of which are unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation of such government with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(iv) certificates of deposit, time deposits, and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding one year, and overnight bank deposits, in each case with any commercial bank having capital and surplus of not less than \$250,000,000 in the case of U.S. banks and \$100,000,000 (or the Dollar Equivalent as of the date of determination) in the case of foreign banks,

(v) repurchase obligations for underlying securities of the types described in <u>clauses(iii)</u>, <u>(iv)</u>, and <u>(ix)</u> entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in <u>clause (iv)</u> above,

(vi) commercial paper rated at least P-2 by Moody's or at least A-2 by S&P and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation thereof,

(vii) marketable short-term money market and similar securities having a rating of at least P-2 or A-2 from either Moody's or S&P, respectively (or, if at any time neither Moody's nor S&P shall be rating such obligations, an equivalent rating from another nationally recognized ratings agency) and in each case maturing within 24 months after the date of creation or acquisition thereof,

(viii) readily marketable direct obligations issued by any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof having one of the two highest rating categories obtainable from either Moody's or S&P with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(ix) Indebtedness or preferred stock issued by Persons with a rating of "A" or higher from S&P or "A2" or higher from Moody's with maturities of 24 months or less from the date of acquisition,

(x) solely with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary: (a) obligations of the national government of the country in which such Foreign Subsidiary maintains its chief executive office and principal place of business provided such country is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, in each case maturing within one year after the date of investment therein, (b) certificates of deposit of, bankers acceptances of, or time deposits with, any commercial bank which is organized and existing under the laws of the country in which such Foreign Subsidiary maintains its chief executive office and principal place of business provided such country is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and whose short-term commercial paper rating from S&P is at least "A-2" or the equivalent thereof or from Moody's is at least "P-2" or the equivalent thereof (any such bank being an "**Approved Foreign Bank**"), and in each case with maturities of not more than 24 months from the date of acquisition, and (c) the equivalent of demand deposit accounts which are maintained with an Approved Foreign Bank, in each case, customarily used by corporations for cash management purposes in any jurisdiction outside the United States to the extent reasonably required in connection with any business conducted by such Foreign Subsidiary organized in such jurisdiction,

(xi) in the case of investments by any Foreign Subsidiary or investments made in a country outside the United States, Cash Equivalents shall also include investments of the type and maturity described in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>ix</u>) above of foreign obligors, which investments have ratings, described in such clauses or equivalent ratings from comparable foreign rating agencies, and

(xii) investment funds investing 90% of their assets in securities of the types described in <u>clauses (i)</u> through (<u>ix)</u> above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Cash Equivalents shall include amounts denominated in currencies other than those set forth in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that such amounts are converted into any currency listed in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> as promptly as practicable and in any event within ten Business Days following the receipt of such amounts.

"Cash Management Agreement" shall mean any agreement or arrangement to provide Cash Management Services.

"Cash Management Services" shall mean any one or more of the following types of services or facilities: (i) commercial credit cards, merchant card services, purchase or debit cards, including non-card e-payables services, or electronic funds transfer services, (ii) treasury management services (including controlled disbursement, overdraft automatic clearing house fund transfer services, return items, and interstate depository network services) and (iii) any other demand deposit or operating account relationships or other cash management services, including pursuant to any Cash Management Agreements.

"**Casualty Event**" shall mean, with respect to any property of any Person, any loss of or damage to, or any condemnation or other taking by a Governmental Authority of, such property for which such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries receives insurance proceeds or proceeds of a condemnation award in respect of any equipment, fixed assets, or real property (including any improvements thereon) to replace or repair such equipment, fixed assets, or real property; provided, further, that with respect to any Casualty Event, the Borrower shall not be obligated to make any prepayment otherwise required by Section 5.2 unless and until the aggregate amount of Net Cash Proceeds from all such Casualty Events, after giving effect to the reinvestment rights set forth herein, exceeds \$12,000,000 (the "Casualty Prepayment Trigger") in any fiscal year of Holdings, but then from all such Net Cash Proceeds (excluding amounts below the Casualty Prepayment Trigger).

"CFC" shall mean a Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a "controlled foreign corporation" within the meaning of Section 957 of the Code.

"CFC Holding Company" shall mean a Domestic Subsidiary of the Borrower substantially all of the assets of which consist of equity or debt of one or more Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs.

"Change in Law" shall mean (i) the adoption of any law, treaty, order, policy, rule, or regulation after the Closing Date, (ii) any change in any law, treaty, order, policy, rule, or regulation or in the interpretation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority after the Closing Date or (iii) compliance by any Lender with any guideline, request, directive, or order issued or made after the Closing Date by any central bank or other governmental or quasi-governmental authority (whether or not having the force of law), including, for avoidance of doubt any such adoption, change or compliance in respect of (a) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, regulations, guidelines, or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (b) all requests, rules, guidelines, requirements, 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 pursuant to Basel III.

"**Change of Control**" shall mean and be deemed to have occurred if (i) at any time prior to a Qualifying IPO of the Company, the Permitted Holders shall at any time not own, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, beneficially and of record, at least 35% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of Holdings; (ii) any Person, entity, or "group" (within the meaning of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), other than the Permitted Holders, shall at any time have acquired direct or indirect beneficial ownership of a percentage of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock of Holdings that exceeds 35% thereof, unless, in case of <u>clause (i)</u> or <u>clause (ii)</u> above, the Permitted Holders have, at such time, the right or the ability by voting power, contract, or otherwise to elect or designate for election at least a majority of the board of directors of Holdings; (iii) at any time, a Change of Control (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) shall have occurred; or (iv) at any time prior to a Qualifying IPO of the Company, Holdings shall cease to beneficially own, directly or indirectly, 100% of the issued and outstanding equity interests of the Borrower.

"Class" (i) when used in reference to any Loan or Borrowing, shall refer to whether such Loan, or the Loans comprising such Borrowing, are Initial Term Loans, New Term Loans (of each Series), Extended Term Loans (of the same Extension Series) or, Replacement Term Loans (of the same Series) and (ii) when used in reference to any Commitment, refers to whether such Commitment is an Initial Term Loan Commitment or a New Term Loan Commitment.

"Closing Date" shall mean March 13, 2014.

"Closing Date Refinancing" means the repayment, repurchase, redemption, defeasance or other discharge of the Existing Debt Facility and termination and/or release of any security interests and guarantees in connection therewith.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"**Collateral**" shall mean all property pledged or mortgaged or purported to be pledged or mortgaged pursuant to the Security Documents, excluding in all events Excluded Property.

"**Collateral Agent**" shall mean Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent under the Security Documents, or any successor collateral agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.9</u>, and any Affiliate or designee of Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. may act as the Collateral Agent under any Credit Document.

"**Commitments**" shall mean, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's Initial Term Loan Commitment and; if applicable, New Term Loan Commitment with respect to any Series.

"Communications" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.17(a).

"Company" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement and after the Secondary Merger, the Company shall mean NVI.

"Company Material Adverse Effect" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Material Adverse Effect" in the Acquisition Agreement.

"**Company Representations**" shall mean the representations and warranties made by the Company with respect to itself and its subsidiaries in the Acquisition Agreement as are material to the interests of the Lenders, but only to the extent that Holdings (or one of Holdings' Affiliates) has the right (taking into account any applicable cure provisions) to terminate its obligations under the Acquisition Agreement or decline to consummate the Acquisition as a result of a breach of such representations and warranties in the Acquisition Agreement.

"Confidential Information" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.16.

"Confidential Information Memorandum"shall mean the Confidential Information Memorandum of Holdings dated February 2014.

"Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense" shall mean with respect to any Person for any period, the total amount of depreciation and amortization expense, including the amortization of deferred financing fees or costs, debt issuance costs, commissions, fees, and expenses, capitalized expenditures, customer acquisition costs, the amortization of original issue discount resulting from the issuance of Indebtedness at less than par and incentive payments, conversion costs, and contract acquisition costs of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period on a consolidated basis and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated EBITDA" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period:

(i) increased (without duplication) by:

(a) provision for taxes based on income or profits or capital, including, without limitation, U.S. federal, state, non-U.S., franchise, excise, value added, and similar taxes and foreign withholding taxes of such Person paid or accrued during such period deducted, including any penalties and interest related to such taxes or arising from any tax examinations (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(b) Fixed Charges of such Person for such period (including (1) net losses on Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments entered into for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk and (2) costs of surety bonds in connection with financing activities, in each case, to the extent included in Fixed Charges), together with items excluded from the definition of Consolidated Interest Expense and any non-cash interest expense, to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in calculating such Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(c) Consolidated Depreciation and Amortization Expense of such Person for such period to the extent the same were deducted in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(d) any expenses, fees, charges, or losses (other than depreciation or amortization expense) related to any Equity Offering, Permitted Investment, Restricted Payment, acquisition, disposition, recapitalization, or the incurrence of Indebtedness permitted to be incurred by this Agreement (including a refinancing thereof) (whether or not successful and including any such transaction consummated prior to the Closing Date), including (1) such fees, expenses, or charges related to the incurrence of the First Lien Loans and the Loans hereunder and all Transaction Expenses, (2) such fees, expenses, or charges related to the offering of the Credit Documents and any other credit facilities, and (3) any amendment or other modification of the First Lien Loans, the Loans hereunder, or other Indebtedness, and, in each case, deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(e) any other non-cash charges, including any write offs, write downs, expenses, losses, or items to the extent the same were deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income (provided that if any such non-cash charges represent an accrual or reserve for potential cash items in any future period, the cash payment in respect thereof in such future period shall be deducted from Consolidated EBITDA to such extent, and excluding amortization of a prepaid cash item that was paid in a prior period), *plus* 

(f) the amount of any minority interest expense consisting of Subsidiary income attributable to minority equity interests of third parties in any non-Wholly Owned Subsidiary deducted (and not added back) in such period in calculating Consolidated Net Income, *plus* 

(g) the amount of management, monitoring, consulting, and advisory fees (including termination fees) and related indemnities and expenses paid or accrued in such period to the Initial Investors or any of their respective Affiliates, *plus* 

(h) costs of surety bonds incurred in such period in connection with financing activities, plus

(i) the amount of reasonably identifiable and factually supportable "run-rate" cost savings, operating expense reductions, and synergies that are projected by the Borrower in good faith to result from actions either taken or expected to be taken within 24 months of the determination to take such action, net of the amount of actual benefits realized prior to or during such period from such actions (which cost savings, operating expense reductions, and synergies shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though such cost savings, operating expense reductions, or synergies had been realized on the first day of such period), *plus* 

(j) the amount of loss or discount on sale of receivables and related assets to the Receivables Subsidiary in connection with a Receivables Facility, *plus* 

(k) any costs or expense incurred by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement, to the extent that such cost or expenses are funded with cash proceeds contributed to the capital of Holdings or net cash proceeds of an issuance of Equity Interests of Holdings (other than Disqualified Stock) solely to the extent that such net cash proceeds are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and have not been relied on for purposes of any incurrence of Indebtedness pursuant to <u>clause (1)(i)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u>, *plus* 

(l) the amount of expenses relating to payments made to option holders of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any of its direct or indirect parent companies in connection with, or as a result of, any distribution being made to shareholders of such Person or its direct or indirect parent companies, which payments are being made to compensate such option holders as though they were shareholders at the time of, and entitled to share in, such distribution, in each case to the extent permitted under this Agreement, *plus* 

(m) with respect to any joint venture that is not a Restricted Subsidiary, an amount equal to the proportion of those items described in <u>clauses (a)</u> and (<u>c)</u> above relating to such joint venture corresponding to Holdings' and the Restricted Subsidiaries' proportionate share of such joint venture's Consolidated Net Income (determined as if such joint venture were a Restricted Subsidiary), *plus* 

(n) costs associated with, or in anticipation of, or preparation for, compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection therewith and Public Company Costs, *plus* 

(o) cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenses) not included in Consolidated EBITDA in any period solely to the extent that the corresponding non-cash gains relating to such receipts were deducted in the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA pursuant to paragraph (2) below for any previous period and not added back, *plus* 

(p) to the extent not already included in the Consolidated Net Income, (1) any expenses and charges that are reimbursed by indemnification or other similar provisions in connection with any investment or any sale, conveyance, transfer, or other Asset Sale of assets permitted hereunder and (2) to the extent covered by insurance and actually reimbursed, or, so long as the Borrower has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer and only to the extent that such amount is (A) not denied by the applicable carrier in writing within 180 days and (B) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of the determination by Borrower that there exists such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within such 365 days), expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption, *plus* 

(q) for any Test Period, the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income projected by the Borrower in good faith to be attributable to New Contracts entered into during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for the delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such New Contracts had been realized during such Test Period (without duplication of any amounts attributable to such New Contracts already received in such Test Period)), *plus* 

(r) New Store Consolidated EBITDA Adjustments, plus

(s) pre-opening costs and expenses incurred during the Test Period for Stores or facilities opened during or after the Test Period, plus

(t) charges, expenses, and other items described in the Confidential Information Memorandum or the Sponsor Model,

## (ii) decreased by (without duplication):

(a) non-cash gains increasing Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period, excluding any non-cash gains which represent the reversal of any accrual of, or cash reserve for, anticipated cash charges that reduced Consolidated EBITDA in any prior period other than non-cash gains relating to the application of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 840—*Leases* (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 13); provided that, to the extent non cash gains are deducted pursuant to this <u>clause (ii)(a)</u> for any previous period and not otherwise added back to Consolidated EBITDA, Consolidated EBITDA shall be increased by the amount of any cash receipts (or any netting arrangements resulting in reduced cash expenses) in respect of such non cash gains received in subsequent periods to the extent not already included therein, *plus* 

(b) for any Test Period, the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income attributable to Terminated Contracts that have terminated or expired during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to Section 9.1(a) or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Terminated Contracts during such Test Period), *plus* 

(iii) increased or decreased by (without duplication):

(a) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from currency gains or losses related to Indebtedness, intercompany balances, and other balance sheet items, plus or minus, as the case may be, and

(b) any net gain or loss resulting in such period from Hedging Obligations, and the application of Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 815—Derivatives and Hedging (ASC 815) (formerly Financing Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 133), and its related pronouncements and interpretations, or the equivalent accounting standard under GAAP or an alternative basis of accounting applied in lieu of GAAP.

#### For the avoidance of doubt:

(i) to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income, there shall be excluded in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period any adjustments resulting from the application of ASC 815 and its related pronouncements and interpretations, or the equivalent accounting standard under GAAP or an alternative basis of accounting applied in lieu of GAAP,

(ii) there shall be included in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period, without duplication, (1) the Acquired EBITDA of any Person or business, or attributable to any property or asset acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during such period (but not the Acquired EBITDA of any related Person or business or any Acquired EBITDA attributable to any assets or property, in each case to the extent not so acquired) to the extent not subsequently sold, transferred, abandoned, or otherwise disposed by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each such Person, business, property, or asset acquired and not subsequently so disposed of, an "Acquired Entity or Business") and the Acquired EBITDA of any Unrestricted Subsidiary that is converted into a Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each, a "Converted Restricted Subsidiary"), based on the actual Acquired EBITDA of such Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring Prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring Prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired Entity or Business for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such Acquired

(iii) to the extent included in Consolidated Net Income, there shall be excluded in determining Consolidated EBITDA for any period the Disposed EBITDA of any Person, property, business, or asset sold, transferred, abandoned, or otherwise disposed of, closed or classified as discontinued operations by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during such period (each such Person, property, business, or asset so sold or disposed of, a "**Sold Entity or Business**"), and the Disposed EBITDA of any Restricted Subsidiary that is converted into an Unrestricted Subsidiary during such period (each, a "**Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary**") based on the actual Disposed EBITDA of such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary for such period (including the portion thereof occurring prior to such sale, transfer, or disposition or conversion); provided that for the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding any classification under GAAP of any Person or business in respect of which a definitive agreement for the disposition thereof has been entered into as discontinued operations, the Disposed EBITDA of such Person or business shall not be excluded pursuant to this paragraph until such disposition shall have been consummated; and

(iv) the Equity Rollover Contribution shall not be included in determining Consolidated EBITDA.

"**Consolidated First LienSecured Debt**" shall mean Consolidated Total Debt as of such date secured by a Lien on the Collateral on an equal priority basis (but without regard to the control of remedies) with liens on the Collateral securing the First Lien Obligations.

"Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt as of such date of determination, *minus* cash and Cash Equivalents (in each case, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens) of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds of any Indebtedness being incurred and giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio) to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings for the Test Period then last ended, in each case with such pro forma adjustments to Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt and Consolidated EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of:

(i) consolidated cash interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent such expense was deducted (and not added back) in computing Consolidated Net Income (including (a) all commissions, discounts, and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit or bankers acceptances, (b) capitalized interest to the extent paid in cash, and (c) net payments, if any, pursuant to interest rate Hedging Obligations with respect to Indebtedness, and excluding (1) any one-time cash costs associated with breakage in respect of hedging agreements for interest rates, (2) all non-recurring cash interest expense consisting of liquidated damages for failure to timely comply with registration rights obligations, all as calculated on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, (3) any "additional interest" owing pursuant to a registration rights agreement, (4) non-cash interest expense attributable to a parent entity resulting from push-down accounting, but solely to the extent not reducing consolidated cash interest expense in any prior period, (5) any non-cash expensing of bridge, commitment, and other financing fees that have been previously paid in cash, but solely to the extent not reducing consolidated cash interest expense) related to any Receivables Facility); less

(ii) cash interest income for such period.

For purposes of this definition, interest on a Capitalized Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by such Person to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP.

"**Consolidated Net Income**" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income, of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, and otherwise determined in accordance with GAAP; <u>provided</u> that, without duplication,

(i) any after-tax effect of extraordinary, non-recurring, or unusual gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) or expenses (including relating to the Transactions), severance, relocation costs, curtailments, or modifications to pension and post-retirement employee benefits plans, start-up, transition, integration, and other restructuring and business optimization costs, charges, reserves, or expenses (including related to acquisitions after the Closing Date and to the start-up, closure, and/or consolidation of facilities), new product introductions, and one-time compensation charges shall be excluded,

(ii) the Net Income for such period shall not include the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles and changes as a result of the adoption or modification of accounting policies during such period,

(iii) any net after-tax gains or losses on disposal of disposed, abandoned, transferred, closed, or discontinued operations or Stores shall be excluded,

(iv) any after-tax effect of gains or losses (less all fees and expenses relating thereto) attributable to asset dispositions or abandonments other than in the ordinary course of business, as determined in good faith by the board of directors of Holdings, shall be excluded,

(v) the Net Income for such period of any Person that is not a Subsidiary, or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting, shall be excluded; <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income of Holdings shall be increased by the amount of dividends or distributions or other payments that are actually paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash or Cash Equivalents) to the referent Person or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof in respect of such period,

(vi) solely for the purpose of determining the amount available for Restricted Payments under <u>clause (iii)(A)</u> of <u>Section 10.5</u> the Net Income for such period of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Guarantor) shall be excluded to the extent the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of its Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (which has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by the operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule, or governmental regulation applicable to that Restricted Subsidiary or its stockholders, unless such restriction with respect to the payment of dividends or similar distributions (a) has been legally waived, or otherwise released, (b) is imposed pursuant to this Agreement and other Credit Documents, the First Lien Credit Documents, Permitted Debt Exchange Notes, New Term Loans, or Permitted Other Indebtedness, or (c) arises pursuant to an agreement or instrument if the encumbrances and restrictions contained in any such agreement or instrument taken as a whole are not materially less favorable to the Secured Parties than the encumbrances and restrictions contained in the Credit Documents (as determined by the Borrower in good faith); <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Net Income of the referent Person will be increased by the amount of dividends or other distributions or other payments actually paid in cash (or to the extent converted into cash) or Cash Equivalents to such Person or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such period, to the extent not already included therein,

(vii) effects of adjustments (including the effects of such adjustments pushed down to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries) in any line item in such Person's consolidated financial statements required or permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805 – Business Combinations and Topic 350 – Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (ASC 805 and ASC 350) (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 141 and 142, respectively) resulting from the application of purchase accounting, including in relation to the Transactions and any acquisition that is consummated after the Closing Date or the amortization or write-off of any amounts thereof, net of taxes, shall be excluded,

(viii) (a) any after-tax effect of income (loss) from the early extinguishment of Indebtedness or Hedging Obligations or other derivative instruments (including deferred financing costs written off and premiums paid), (b) any non-cash income (or loss) related to currency gains or losses related to Indebtedness, intercompany balances, and other balance sheet items and to Hedging Obligations pursuant to ASC 815 (or such successor provision), and (c) any non-cash expense, income, or loss attributable to the movement in mark to market valuation of foreign currencies, Indebtedness, or derivative instruments pursuant to GAAP, shall be excluded,

(ix) any impairment charge, asset write-off, or write-down pursuant to ASC 350 and Financial Accounting Standards Codification Topic 360 – Impairment and Disposal of Long-Lived Assets (ASC 360) (formerly Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement Nos. 142 and 144, respectively) and the amortization of intangibles arising pursuant to ASC 805 shall be excluded,

(x) (a) any non-cash compensation expense recorded from grants of stock appreciation or similar rights, phantom equity, stock options units, restricted stock, or other rights to officers, directors, managers, or employees and (b) non-cash income (loss) attributable to deferred compensation plans or trusts, shall be excluded,

(xi) any fees and expenses incurred during such period, or any amortization thereof for such period, in connection with any acquisition, Investment, recapitalization, Asset Sale, issuance, or repayment of Indebtedness, issuance of Equity Interests, refinancing transaction or amendment or modification of any debt instrument (in each case, including any such transaction consummated prior to the Closing Date and any such transaction undertaken but not completed) and any charges or non-recurring merger costs incurred during such period as a result of any such transaction shall be excluded,

(xii) accruals and reserves (including contingent liabilities) that are established or adjusted within twelve months after the Closing Date that are so required to be established as a result of the Transactions in accordance with GAAP, or changes as a result of adoption or modification of accounting policies, shall be excluded,

(xiii) to the extent covered by insurance or indemnification and actually reimbursed, or, so long as the Borrower has made a determination that there exists reasonable evidence that such amount will in fact be reimbursed by the insurer or indemnifying party and only to the extent that such amount is (a) not denied by the applicable carrier or indemnifying party in writing within 180 days and (b) in fact reimbursed within 365 days of the date of the determination by Borrower that there exists such evidence (with a deduction for any amount so added back to the extent not so reimbursed within 365 days), losses and expenses with respect to liability or casualty events or business interruption shall be excluded,

(xiv) any deferred tax expense associated with tax deductions or net operating losses arising as a result of the Transactions, or the release of any valuation allowance related to such items, shall be excluded,

(xv) any costs or expenses incurred during such period relating to environmental remediation, litigation, or other disputes in respect of events and exposures that occurred prior to the Closing Date shall be excluded, and

(xvi) Consolidated Net Income for any Test Period shall be (a) increased by the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income projected by the Borrower in good faith to be attributable to New Contracts entered into during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for the delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis as though the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such New Contracts had been realized during such Test Period (without duplication of any amounts attributable to such New Contracts already received in such Test Period)) and (b) decreased by the aggregate amount of "run-rate" Consolidated Net Income attributable to Terminated Contracts that have terminated or expired during such Test Period (or following such Test Period but prior to the date for delivery of the financial statements for such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Test Period pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or (b)) (which amount shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis so as to eliminate the full annual amount of such Consolidated Net Income attributable to such Test Period), and

(xvii) any net increase or decrease in deferred revenue from the sale of Eye Care Club memberships, product warranty programs and other programs providing deferred revenue shall be excluded.

"Consolidated Senior Secured Debt" shall mean the Consolidated Total Debt as of such date secured by a Lien on the Collateral.

"Consolidated Senior Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Senior Secured Debt as of such date of determination, minus cash and Cash Equivalents (in each case, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens) of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds of any Indebtedness being incurred and giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Senior Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio) to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings for the Test Period then last ended, in each case with such pro forma adjustments to Consolidated Senior Secured Debt and Consolidated EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"**Consolidated Total Assets**" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the amount that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total assets" (or any like caption) on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date.

"**Consolidated Total Debt**" shall mean, as at any date of determination, an amount equal to the sum of the aggregate amount of all outstanding Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis consisting of Indebtedness for borrowed money, Capitalized Lease Obligations and debt obligations evidenced by promissory notes and similar instruments (and excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, Hedging Obligations); <u>provided</u> that Consolidated Total Debt shall not include Letters of Credit (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), except to the extent of Unpaid Drawings (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) thereunder.

"Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio"shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Total Debt as of such date of determination, *minus* cash and Cash Equivalents (in each case, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens) of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than the proceeds of any Indebtedness being incurred and giving rise to the need to calculate the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio) to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings for the Test Period then last ended, in each case with such pro forma adjustments to Consolidated Total Debt and Consolidated EBITDA as are appropriate and consistent with the pro forma adjustment provisions set forth in the definition of Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio.

"Consolidated Working Capital" shall mean, at any date, the excess of (i) the sum of all amounts (other than cash and Cash Equivalents) that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total current assets" (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date excluding the current portion of current and deferred income taxes *over* (ii) the sum of all amounts that would, in conformity with GAAP, be set forth opposite the caption "total current liabilities" (or any like caption) on a consolidated balance sheet of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on such date, but excluding, without duplication, (a) the current portion of any Funded Debt, (b) all Indebtedness consisting of Loans and Letter of Credit Exposure (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) and Capital Leases to the extent otherwise included therein, (c) the current portion of interest, (d) the current portion of current and deferred income taxes, (e) any liabilities that are not Indebtedness and will not be settled in cash or Cash Equivalents during the next succeeding twelve month period after such date, (f) the effects from applying purchase accounting, (g) any accrued professional liability risks, (h) restricted marketable securities and (i) current portion of deferred revenue.

"**Contingent Obligations**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing any leases, dividends, or other obligations that do not constitute Indebtedness ("**primary obligations**") of any other Person (the "**primary obligor**") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including, without limitation, any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, or (iii) to purchase property, securities, or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof.

"Contract Consideration" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of Excess Cash Flow.

"Contractual Requirement" shall have the meaning provided in Section 8.3.

"Converted Restricted Subsidiary" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"Counterparty" shall mean a Person other than a retail customer.



"Credit Documents" shall mean this Agreement, each Joinder Agreement, the Guarantees, the Security Documents, and any promissory notes issued by the Borrower pursuant hereto.

"Credit Event" shall mean and include the making (but not the conversion or continuation) of a Loan.

"Credit Facility" shall mean a category of Commitments and extensions of credit thereunder.

"Credit Party"shall mean Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Guarantors.

"Cure Amount" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 11.15</u> of the First Lien Credit Agreement.

"**Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event**" shall mean any issuance or incurrence by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries of any Indebtedness (excluding any Indebtedness permitted to be issued or incurred under <u>Section 10.1</u> other than <u>Section 10.1(w)(i)</u> or <u>Section 10.1(x)(i)(b)</u>).

"Declined Proceeds" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(f).

"Default" shall mean any event, act, or condition that with notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"Default Rate" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.8(c).

"Defaulting Lender" shall mean any Lender whose acts or failure to act, whether directly or indirectly, cause it to meet any part of the definition of Lender Default.

"Deferred Net Cash Proceeds"shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Net Cash Proceeds.

"Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date" shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Net Cash Proceeds.

"Designated Non-Cash Consideration"shall mean the Fair Market Value of non-cash consideration received by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with an Asset Sale that is so designated as Designated Non-Cash Consideration pursuant to a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower, setting forth the basis of such valuation, executed by either a senior vice president or the principal financial officer of Holdings or the Borrower, less the amount of cash or Cash Equivalents received in connection with a subsequent sale of or collection on or other disposition of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration will no longer be considered to be outstanding when and to the extent it has been paid, redeemed or otherwise retired or sold or otherwise disposed of in compliance with <u>Section 10.4</u>.

"**Designated Preferred Stock**" shall mean preferred stock of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (in each case other than Disqualified Stock) that is issued for cash (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary or an employee stock ownership plan or trust established by Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries) and is so designated as Designated Preferred Stock, pursuant to an officer's certificate executed by the principal financial officer of Holdings or the parent company thereof, as the case may be, on the issuance date thereof, the cash proceeds of which are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u>.

"Disposed EBITDA"shall mean, with respect to any Sold Entity or Business or any Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary for any period, the amount for such period of Consolidated EBITDA of such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary (determined as if references to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries in the definition of Consolidated EBITDA were references to such Sold Entity or Business or Converted Unrestricted Subsidiary, as the case may be.

"disposition" shall have the meaning assigned such term in <u>clause (i)</u> of the definition of Asset Sale.

"**Disqualified Lenders**" shall mean such Persons (i) that have been specified in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Lead Arrangers prior to the commencement of "primary syndication" as being Disqualified Lenders, (ii) who are competitors of Holdings and its Subsidiaries that are separately identified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent from time to time, and (iii) in the case of each of <u>clauses (i)</u> and (<u>ii</u>), any of their Affiliates (other than any such Affiliate that is affiliated with a financial investor in such Person and that is not itself an operating company or otherwise an Affiliate of an operating company so long as such Affiliate is a bona fide Fund) that are either (a) identified in writing by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent from time to time or (b) clearly identifiable on the basis of such Affiliate's name. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Loan Party and the Lenders acknowledge and agree that the Administrative Agent shall not have any responsibility or obligation to determine whether any Lender or potential Lender is a Disqualified Lender and the Administrative Agent shall have no liability with respect to any assignment made to a Disqualified Lender.

"**Disqualified Stock**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any Capital Stock of such Person which, by its terms, or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible or for which it is putable or exchangeable, or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or is redeemable at the option of the holder thereof (other than solely for Qualified Stock), other than as a result of a change of control, asset sale, or similar event, in whole or in part, in each case, prior to the date that is 91 days after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date hereunder; <u>provided</u> that if such Capital Stock is issued to any plan for the benefit of employees of Holdings or its Subsidiaries or by any such plan to such employees, such Capital Stock shall not constitute Disqualified Stock solely because it may be required to be repurchased by Holdings or its Subsidiaries in order to satisfy applicable statutory or regulatory obligations or as a result of such employee's termination, death, or disability.

"**Dollar Equivalent**" shall mean, at any time, (i) with respect to any amount denominated in Dollars, such amount, and (ii) with respect to any amount denominated in any currency other than Dollars, the equivalent amount thereof in Dollars, as determined by the Administrative Agent on the basis of the Spot Rate (determined on the most recent relevant date of determination) for the purchase of Dollars with such currency.

"Dollars" and "\$" shall mean dollars in lawful currency of the United States.

"Domestic Subsidiary" shall mean each Subsidiary of Holdings that is organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia.

"Effective Yield" shall mean, as to any Indebtedness, the effective yield on such Indebtedness in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower and consistent with generally accepted financial practices, taking into account the applicable interest rate margins, any interest rate floors (the effect of which floors shall be determined in a manner set forth in the proviso below), or similar devices and all fees, including upfront or similar fees or original issue discount (amortized over the shorter of (i) the remaining weighted average life to maturity of such Indebtedness and (ii) the four years following the date of incurrence thereof) payable generally to Lenders or other institutions providing such Indebtedness, but excluding any arrangement, structuring, ticking, or other similar fees payable in connection therewith that are not generally shared with the relevant Lenders and, if applicable, consent fees for an amendment paid generally to consenting Lenders; provided that with respect to any Indebtedness that includes a "LIBOR floor," or "ABR floor," (a) to the extent that the LIBOR Rate (with an Interest Period of three months) or ABR (without giving effect to any floors in such definitions), as applicable, on the date that the Effective Yield is being calculated is less than such floor, the amount of such difference shall be deemed added to the interest rate margin for such Indebtedness for the purpose of calculating the Effective Yield and (b) to the extent that the LIBOR Rate (with an Interest Period of three months) or ABR (without giving effect to any floors in such definitions), as applicable, on the date that the Effective Yield is being calculated is greater than such floor, then the floor shall be disregarded in calculating the Effective Yield.

"Environmental Claims" shall mean any and all actions, suits, orders, decrees, demand letters, claims, notices of noncompliance or potential responsibility or violation, or proceedings pursuant to any Environmental Law or any permit issued, or any approval given, under any such Environmental Law (hereinafter, "Claims"), including, without limitation, (i) any and all Claims by governmental or regulatory authorities for enforcement, cleanup, removal, response, remedial, or other actions or damages pursuant to any Environmental Law and (ii) any and all Claims by any third party seeking damages, contribution, indemnification, cost recovery, compensation, or injunctive relief relating to the presence Release or threatened Release of Hazardous Materials or arising from alleged injury or threat of injury to health or safety (to the extent relating to human exposure to Hazardous Materials), or the environment including, without limitation, ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, soil, land surface and subsurface strata, and natural resources such as wetlands.

"Environmental Law" shall mean any applicable federal, state, foreign, or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, code, and rule of common law now or hereafter in effect and in each case as amended, and any binding judicial or administrative interpretation thereof, including any binding judicial or administrative order, consent decree, or judgment, relating to pollution or protection of the environment, including, without limitation, ambient air, indoor air, surface water, groundwater, soil, land surface and subsurface strata and natural resources such as flora, fauna, or wetlands, or protection of human health or safety (to the extent relating to human exposure to Hazardous Materials) and including those relating to the generation, storage, treatment, transport, Release, or threat of Release of Hazardous Materials.

"Equity Interest" shall mean Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to acquire Capital Stock, but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock.

"Equity Investments" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Equity Offering" shall mean any public or private sale of common stock or preferred stock of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (excluding Disqualified Stock), other than: (i) public offerings with respect to the Company or any of its direct or indirect parent company's (including Holdings') common stock registered on Form S-8, (ii) issuances to any Subsidiary of Holdings, (iii) any such public or private sale that constitutes an Excluded Contribution, (iv) any Cure Amount, and (v) any Rollover Equity Rollover Contribution.

**"Equity Rollover Contribution"** shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Equity Rollover Interests" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"ERISA" shall mean the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"ERISA Affiliate" shall mean any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that, together with any Credit Party, is treated as a single employer under 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" shall mean (i) the failure of any Plan to comply with any provisions of ERISA and/or the Code (and applicable regulations under either) or with the terms of such Plan; (ii) the existence with respect to any Plan of a non-exempt Prohibited Transaction; (iii) any Reportable Event; (iv) the failure of any Credit Party or ERISA Affiliate to make by its due date a required installment under Section 430(j) of the Code with respect to any Pension Plan or any failure by any Pension Plan to satisfy the minimum funding standards (within the meaning of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA) applicable to such Pension Plan, whether or not waived; (v) a determination that any Pension Plan is in "at risk" status (within the meaning of Section 430 of the Code or Section 303 of ERISA); (vi) 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; (vii) the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or the incurrence by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Pension Plan, including but not limited to the imposition of any Lien in favor of the PBGC or any Pension Plan; (viii) the receipt by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice to terminate any Pension Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Pension Plan under Section 4042 of ERISA; (ix) the failure by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates to make any required contribution to a Multiemployer Plan; (x) the incurrence by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any liability with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Pension Plan (or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA) or Multiemployer Plan; (xi) the receipt by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates of any notice concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, Insolvent or in Reorganization, in "endangered" or "critical" status (within the meaning of Section 432 of the Code or Section 305 of ERISA), or terminated (within the meaning of Section 4041A of ERISA); or (xii) the failure by any Credit Party or any of its ERISA Affiliates to pay when due (after expiration of any applicable grace period) any installment payment with respect to Withdrawal Liability under Section 4201 of ERISA.

"Event of Default" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 11</u>.

"Excess Cash Flow" shall mean, for any period, an amount equal to the excess of:

(i) the sum, without duplication, of:

(a) Consolidated Net Income for such period,

(b) an amount equal to the amount of all non-cash charges to the extent deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income and cash receipts to the extent excluded in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

(c) decreases in Consolidated Working Capital for such period (other than (1) reclassification of items from short-term to long-term or vice versa and (2) any such decreases arising from acquisitions or Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries completed during such period or the application of purchase accounting),

(d) an amount equal to the aggregate net non-cash loss on Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period (other than Asset Sales in the ordinary course of business) to the extent deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, and

(e) cash receipts in respect of Hedge Agreements during such period to the extent not otherwise included in Consolidated Net Income,

(f) increases in current and non-current deferred revenue to the extent deducted or not included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

over (ii) the sum, without duplication, of:

(a) an amount equal to the amount of all non-cash credits included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, cash charges to the extent excluded in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income, and Transaction Expenses to the extent not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income and paid in cash during such period,

(b) without duplication of amounts deducted pursuant to <u>clause (k)</u> below in prior periods, the amount of Capital Expenditures or acquisitions of Intellectual Property accrued or made in cash during such period, except to the extent that such Capital Expenditures or acquisitions were financed with the proceeds of long-term Indebtedness of Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries (unless such Indebtedness has been repaid other than with the proceeds of long-term indebtedness) other than intercompany loans,

(c) the aggregate amount of all principal payments of Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (including (1) the principal component of payments in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations, (2) the amount of any scheduled repayment of First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 2.5</u> (or any comparable provisions) of the First Lien Credit Agreement or Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> and of First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (or any comparable provision) of the First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (or any comparable provision) of the First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (or any comparable provision) of the First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (or any comparable provision) of the First Lien Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (or any comparable provision) of the First Lien Credit Agreement) to the extent required due to an Asset Sale that resulted in an increase to Consolidated Net Income and not in excess of the amount of such increase but excluding (A) all other prepayments of Loans and First Lien Term Loans and (B) all prepayments of Revolving Loans (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) (and any other revolving loans (unless there is an equivalent permanent reduction in commitments thereunder)) made during such period, except to the extent financed with the proceeds of other long-term Indebtedness of Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries,

(d) an amount equal to the aggregate net non-cash gain on Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period (other than Asset Sales in the ordinary course of business) to the extent included in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

(e) increases in Consolidated Working Capital for such period (other than (1) reclassification of items from short-term to long-term or vice versa and (2) any such increases arising from acquisitions or Asset Sales by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries completed during such period or the application of purchase accounting),

(f) payments in cash by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period in respect of long-term liabilities of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries other than Indebtedness, to the extent not already deducted from Consolidated Net Income,

(g) without duplication of amounts deducted pursuant to <u>clause (k)</u> below in prior fiscal periods, the aggregate amount of cash consideration paid by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) in connection with Investments (including acquisitions) (but excluding Permitted Investments of the type described in clauses (i) and (ii) thereof) made during such period constituting Permitted Investments or made pursuant to <u>Section</u> <u>10.5</u> to the extent that such Investments were not financed with the proceeds received from (1) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (2) the issuance of Capital Stock,

(h) the amount of dividends paid in cash during such period (on a consolidated basis) by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, to the extent such dividends were not financed with the proceeds received from (1) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (2) the issuance of Capital Stock,

(i) the aggregate amount of expenditures actually made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries in cash during such period (including expenditures for the payment of financing fees) to the extent that such expenditures are not expensed during such period and are not deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income,

(j) the aggregate amount of any premium, make-whole, or penalty payments actually paid in cash by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries during such period that are made in connection with any prepayment of Indebtedness to the extent that such payments are not deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income,

(k) without duplication of amounts deducted from Excess Cash Flow in other periods, (1) the aggregate consideration required to be paid in cash by Holdings or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to binding contracts (the "**Contract Consideration**") entered into prior to or during such period and (2) any planned cash expenditures by the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (the "**Planned Expenditures**"), in the case of each of <u>clauses</u> (<u>1</u>), and (<u>2</u>), relating to Permitted Acquisitions (or Investments similar to those made for Permitted Acquisitions), Capital Expenditures, or acquisitions of Intellectual Property to be consummated or made during the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters of Holdings following the end of such period (except to the extent financed with any of the proceeds received from (A) the issuance or incurrence of long-term Indebtedness or (B) the issuance of Equity Interests); <u>provided</u> that to the extent that the aggregate amount of cash actually utilized to finance such Permitted Acquisitions (or Investments similar to those made for Permitted Acquisitions), Capital Expenditures, or acquisitions of Intellectual Property during such following period of four consecutive fiscal quarters is less than the Contract Consideration and Planned Expenditures, the amount of such shortfall shall be added to the calculation of Excess Cash Flow, at the end of such period of four consecutive fiscal quarters,

(l) the amount of taxes (including penalties and interest) paid in cash or tax reserves set aside or payable (without duplication) in such period to the extent they exceed the amount of tax expense deducted in determining Consolidated Net Income for such period,

(m) cash expenditures in respect of Hedge Agreements during such period to the extent not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income,

and

(n) decreases in current and non-current deferred revenue to the extent included or not deducted in arriving at such Consolidated Net Income.

"Excluded Contribution" shall mean net cash proceeds, the Fair Market Value of marketable securities, or the Fair Market Value of Qualified Proceeds received by Holdings from (i) contributions to its common equity capital, and (ii) the sale (other than to a Subsidiary of Holdings or to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement of Holdings) of Capital Stock (other than Disqualified Stock and Designated Preferred Stock) of Holdings, in each case designated as Excluded Contributions pursuant to an officer's certificate executed by either a senior vice president or the principal financial officer of the Borrower on the date such capital contributions are made or the date such Equity Interests are sold, as the case may be, which are excluded from the calculation set forth in <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u>; provided that (i) any non-cash assets shall qualify only if acquired by a parent of Holdings in an arm's-length transaction within the six months prior to such contribution, (ii) no Cure Amount shall constitute an Excluded Contribution and (iii) no Equity Rollover Contribution shall constitute an Excluded Contribution.

## "Excluded Property" shall have the meaning set forth in the Security Agreement.

"Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents" shall mean (i) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents with respect to which, in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of pledging such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom(it being understood that prior to the First Lien Termination Date, the judgment of the First Lien Administrative Agent in respect of the matters described in this clause (i) shall be deemed to be the judgment of the Administrative Agent with respect to such matters), (ii) solely in the case of any pledge of Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Foreign Subsidiary or any CFC Holding Company, any Voting Stock or Stock Equivalents of any class of such Foreign Subsidiary or such CFC Holding Company in excess of 66% of the outstanding Voting Stock of such class, (iii) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents to the extent the pledge thereof would violate any applicable Requirement of Law (including any legally effective requirement to obtain the consent of any Governmental Authority unless such consent has been obtained), (iv) in the case of (A) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary to the extent such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents are subject to a Lien permitted by clause (ix) of the definition of Permitted Lien or (B) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary that is not Wholly-Owned by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at the time such Subsidiary becomes a Subsidiary, any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of each such Subsidiary described in clause (A) or (B) to the extent (I) that a pledge thereof to secure the Obligations is prohibited by any applicable Contractual Requirement (other than customary non-assignment provisions which are ineffective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law and other than proceeds thereof the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), (II) any Contractual Requirement prohibits such a pledge without the consent of any other party; provided that this clause (II) shall not apply if (x) such other party is a Credit Party or Wholly-Owned Subsidiary or (y) consent has been obtained to consummate such pledge (it being understood that the foregoing shall not be deemed to obligate Holdings or any Subsidiary to obtain any such consent) and for so long as such Contractual Requirement or replacement or renewal thereof is in effect, or (III) a pledge thereof to secure the Obligations would give any other party (other than a Credit Party or Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) to any contract, agreement, instrument, or indenture governing such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents the right to terminate its obligations thereunder (other than customary non-assignment provisions which are ineffective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law and other than proceeds thereof the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the Uniform Commercial Code or other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), (v) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary to the extent that the pledge of such Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents would result in materially adverse tax consequences to Holdings or any Subsidiary as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, (vi) any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents that are margin stock, and (vii) any Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary that is not a Material Subsidiary or is an Unrestricted Subsidiary, a captive insurance Subsidiary, an SPV, any special purpose entity or a Managed Care Subsidiary.

"Excluded Subsidiary" shall mean (i) each Subsidiary, in each case, for so long as any such Subsidiary does not (on a consolidated basis with its Restricted Subsidiaries) constitute a Material Subsidiary, (ii) each Subsidiary that is not a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary on any date such Subsidiary would otherwise be required to become a Guarantor pursuant to the requirements of Section 9.11 (for so long as such Subsidiary remains a non-Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary), (iii) any CFC Holding Company, (iv) any Domestic Subsidiary that is a Subsidiary of a Foreign Subsidiary that is a CFC, (v) any Foreign Subsidiary, (vi) each Subsidiary that is prohibited by any applicable Contractual Requirement or Requirement of Law from guaranteeing or granting Liens to secure the Obligations at the time such Subsidiary becomes a Restricted Subsidiary (and for so long as such restriction or any replacement or renewal thereof is in effect), (vii) each Subsidiary with respect to which, as reasonably determined by Holdings, the consequence of providing a Guarantee of the Obligations would adversely affect the ability of Holdings and its Subsidiaries to satisfy applicable Requirements of Law, (viii) any other Subsidiary with respect to which, (a) in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent and Borrower, as agreed in writing, the cost or other consequences of providing a Guarantee of the Obligations shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom (it being understood that prior to the First Lien Termination Date, the determination of the First Lien Administrative Agent in respect of the matters described in this clause (viii)(a) shall be deemed to be the determination of the Administrative Agent with respect to such matters) or (b) providing such a Guarantee would result in material adverse tax consequences as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, (ix) each Unrestricted Subsidiary, (x) any Receivables Subsidiary, (xi) each other Subsidiary acquired pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder and financed with assumed secured Indebtedness permitted hereunder, and each Restricted Subsidiary acquired in such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder that guarantees such Indebtedness, in each case to the extent that, and for so long as, the documentation relating to such Indebtedness to which such Subsidiary is a party prohibits such Subsidiary from guaranteeing the Obligations and such prohibition was not created in contemplation of such Permitted Acquisition or other Investment permitted hereunder, (xii) each SPV or not-for-profit Subsidiary and (xiii) any Managed Care Subsidiary.

"Excluded Taxes" shall mean, with respect to the Administrative Agent, any Lender, or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document, (i) Taxes imposed on or measured by its overall net income, net profits, or branch profits (however denominated, and including (for the avoidance of doubt) any backup withholding in respect thereof under Section 3406 of the Code or any similar provision of state, local, or foreign law), and franchise (and similar) Taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income Taxes), in each case by a jurisdiction (including any political subdivision thereof) as a result of such recipient being organized in, having its principal office in, or in the case of any Lender, having its applicable lending office in, such jurisdiction, or as a result of any other present or former connection with such jurisdiction (other than any such connection arising solely from this Agreement or any other Credit Documents or any transactions contemplated thereunder), (ii) any United States federal withholding Tax imposed on any payment by or on account of a Lender pursuant to laws in force at the time such Lender acquires an interest in any Credit Document (or designates a new lending office), other than in the case of a Lender that is an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under <u>Section 13.7</u> (or that designates a new lending office pursuant to a request by the Borrower), except to the extent that such Lender (or its assignor, if any) was entitled, immediately prior to the designation of a new lending office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts from the Credit Parties with respect to such withholding Tax imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Class" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g).

"Extended Term Loans" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(g)(i)</u>.

"Extending Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iii).

"Extension Amendment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iv).

"Extension Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(v).

"Extension Election" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(g)(iii)</u>.

"Extension Request" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(i).

"Extension Series" shall mean all Extended Term Loans that are established pursuant to the same Extension Amendment (or any subsequent Extension Amendment to the extent such Extension Amendment expressly provides that the Extended Term Loans, provided for therein are intended to be a part of any previously established Extension Series) and that provide for the same interest margins, extension fees, and amortization schedule.

"Eye Care Club" shall mean the multi-year programs offered from locations operated by Holdings or its Subsidiaries pursuant to which a purchaser/customer obtains the right to obtain multiple eye examinations and discounts on eyewear during the program period.

"**Fair Market Value**" shall mean with respect to any asset or group of assets on any date of determination, the value of the consideration obtainable in a sale of such asset at such date of determination assuming a sale by a willing seller to a willing purchaser dealing at arm's length and arranged in an orderly manner over a reasonable period of time having regard to the nature and characteristics of such asset, as determined in good faith by the Borrower.

"FATCA" shall mean Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version described above), and any intergovernmental agreements (or related legislation or official administrative rules or practices) implementing the foregoing.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" shall mean, for any day, the weighted average of the per annumrates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers on such day, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; <u>provided</u> that (i) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Effective 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 (ii) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Effective Rate for such day shall be the average rate charged to the Administrative Agent on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Fees" shall mean all amounts payable pursuant to, or referred to in, <u>Section 4.1</u>.

"**First Lien Administrative Agent**" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, in its capacity as the Administrative Agent under and as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement, or any successor administrative agent appointed in accordance with the terms and provisions of the First Lien Credit Agreement.

"**First Lien Base Incremental Amount**" shall mean collectively (i) New Term Loans, New Term Loan Commitments, Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments, and Incremental Revolving Credit Loans (in each case, as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) issued or incurred (including any unused commitments obtained) pursuant to <u>clause (ii)(a)</u> of the definition of "Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" in the First Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date) and (ii) Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred (including any unused commitments obtained) pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(x)(i)(a)</u> of the First Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date) pursuant to <u>clause (i)(a)</u> of the definition of "Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date).

"**First Lien Credit Agreement**" shall mean the Credit Agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among Holdings, the Borrower, the guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto, the other parties from time to time party thereto, and the First Lien Administrative Agent.

"First Lien Credit Documents" shall have the meaning given the term "Credit Documents" in the First Lien Credit Agreement.

"First Lien Facilities" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals of this Agreement.

"First Lien Loans" shall mean the Loans under and as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement.

"First Lien Obligations" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Obligations" in the First Lien Credit Agreement and any modification, replacement, refinancing, refunding, renewal, or extension thereof.

"First Lien Revolving Loans" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Revolving Loan" in the First Lien Credit Agreement" and any modification, replacement, refinancing, refunding, renewal, or extension thereof.

"First Lien Term Loans" shall have the meaning provided to the term "Term Loans" in the First Lien Credit Agreement and any modification, replacement, refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension thereof.

"First Lien Termination Date" shall mean the date on which the Discharge of Senior Obligations (as such term is defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) has occurred.

"FirstSight" shall mean FirstSight Vision Services, Inc., a California corporation.

"**Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio**" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (i) Consolidated EBITDA for the Test Period then last ended to (ii) the Fixed Charges for such Test Period. In the event that Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary incurs, assumes, guarantees, redeems, retires, or extinguishes any Indebtedness or issues or redeems Disqualified Stock or preferred stock subsequent to the commencement of the Test Period but prior to or simultaneously with the date of determination, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving Pro Forma Effect to such incurrence, assumption, guarantee, redemption, retirement, or extinguishment of Indebtedness, or such issuance or redemption of Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (in each case, including a pro forma application of the net proceeds therefrom), as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the Test Period; provided, however, that Pro Forma Effect shall not give effect to any Indebtedness incurred on the date of such determination (except pursuant to the first paragraph of Section 10.1 and Section 10.1(n)).

"Fixed Charges" shall mean, with respect to any Person for any period, the sum of:

(i) Consolidated Interest Expense of such Person for such period,

(ii) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of preferred stock (including any Designated Preferred Stock) or any Refunding Capital Stock of such Person made during such period, and

(iii) all cash dividend payments (excluding items eliminated in consolidation) on any series of Disqualified Stock made during such period.

"Foreign Benefit Arrangement" shall mean any employee benefit arrangement mandated by non-U.S. law that is maintained or contributed to by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Foreign Plan" shall mean each employee benefit plan (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA) that is not subject to U.S. law and is maintained or contributed to by any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Foreign Plan Event" shall mean, with respect to any Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement, (i) the failure to make or, if applicable, accrue in accordance with normal accounting practices, any employee or employee contributions required by applicable law or by the terms of such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement; (ii) the failure to register or loss of good standing (if applicable) with applicable regulatory authorities of any such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement required to be registered; or (iii) the failure of any Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement to comply with any provisions of applicable law and regulations or with the terms of such Foreign Plan or Foreign Benefit Arrangement.

"Foreign Subsidiary" shall mean each Subsidiary of Holdings that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"Fund" shall mean any Person (other than a natural Person) that is engaged or advises funds or other investment vehicles that are engaged in making, purchasing, holding, or investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course.

"Funded Debt" shall mean all Indebtedness of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for borrowed money that matures more than one year from the date of its creation or matures within one year from such date that is renewable or extendable, at the option of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, to a date more than one year from the date of its creation or arises under a revolving credit or similar agreement that obligates the lender or lenders to extend credit during a period of more than one year from such date (including all amounts of such Funded Debt required to be paid or prepaid within one year from the date of its creation), and, in the case of the Credit Parties, Indebtedness in respect of the Loans and the First Lien Loans.

"GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, as in effect from time to time; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent that the Borrower requests an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the Closing Date in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision, regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof, then 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 notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith. Furthermore, at any time after the Closing Date, Holdings may elect to apply International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**") accounting principles in lieu of GAAP and, upon any such election, references herein to GAAP and GAAP concepts shall thereafter be construed to refer to IFRS and corresponding IFRS concepts (except as otherwise provided in this Agreement); <u>provided</u> any such election, once made, shall be irrevocable; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any calculation or determination in this Agreement that requires the application of GAAP for periods that include fiscal quarters ended prior to Holdings' election to apply IFRS shall remain as previously calculated or determined in accordance with GAAP. The Borrower shall give written notice of any such election made in accordance with this definition to the Administrative Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, solely making an election (without any other action) referred to in this definition will not be treated as an incurrence of Indebtedness. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the amount of any Indebtedness under GAAP with respect to Capitalized Lease Obligations shall be determined in accordance with the definition of Capitalized Lease Obligations.

"Governmental Authority" shall mean any nation, sovereign, or government, any state, province, territory, or other political subdivision thereof, and any entity or authority exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory, or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, including a central bank or stock exchange.

#### "Granting Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(g).

"Guarantee" shall mean (i) the Guarantee made by Holdings and each other Guarantor in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>, and (ii) any other guarantee of the Obligations made by a Restricted Subsidiary in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"guarantee obligations" shall mean, as to any Person, any obligation of such Person guaranteeing or intended to guarantee any Indebtedness of any primary obligor in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of such Person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such Indebtedness or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (a) for the purchase or payment of any such Indebtedness or (b) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities, or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such Indebtedness of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such Indebtedness, or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of such Indebtedness against loss in respect thereof; provided, however, that the term guarantee obligations shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business or customary and reasonable indemnity obligations or product warranties in effect on the Closing Date or entered into in connection with any acquisition or disposition of assets permitted under this Agreement (other than such obligations with respect to Indebtedness). The amount of any guarantee obligation shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the Indebtedness in respect of which such guarantee obligation is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof (assuming such Person is required to perform thereunder) as determined by such Person in good faith.

"Guarantors" shall mean (i) each Subsidiary of Holdings that is party to the Guarantee on the Closing Date, (ii) each Subsidiary of Holdings that becomes a party to the Guarantee after the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 9.11</u> or otherwise, and (iii) Holdings; provided that in no event shall any Excluded Subsidiary be required to be a Guarantor (unless such Subsidiary is no longer an Excluded Subsidiary).

"Hazardous Materials" shall mean (i) any petroleum or petroleum products, radioactive materials, friable asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, and radon gas; (ii) any chemicals, materials, or substances defined as or included in the definition of "hazardous substances," "hazardous waste," "hazardous materials," "extremely hazardous waste," "restricted hazardous waste," "toxic substances," "toxic pollutants," or "pollutants," or "pollutants," or words of similar import, under any Environmental Law; and (iii) any other chemical, material, or substance, which is prohibited, limited, or regulated due to its dangerous or deleterious properties or characteristics by, any Environmental Law.

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

"Hedging Obligations" shall mean, with respect to any Person, the obligations of such Person under any Hedge Agreements.

"Historical Financial Statements" shall mean (i) the audited consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at December 31, 2011 and December 29, 2012, and the related audited consolidated statements of income and cash flow of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 29, 2012 and (ii) the unaudited interim consolidated balance sheets of the Company and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarters ending March 30, 2013, June 29, 2013 and September 28, 2013 and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and cash flow of the Company and its Subsidiaries for fiscal quarters ending March 30, 2013, June 29, 2013 and September 28, 2013.

"Holdings" shall mean (i) Holdings (as defined in the preamble to this Agreement) or (ii) after the Closing Date any other Person or Persons ("New Holdings") that is a Subsidiary of (or are Subsidiaries of) Holdings or of any Parent Entity of Holdings (or the previous New Holdings, as the case may be) but not the Company ("Previous Holdings"); provided that (a) such New Holdings directly owns (i) 100% of the Equity Interests of the Company and (ii) 100% of the Equity Interests of each other direct Subsidiary of Previous Holdings which were owned by Previous Holdings immediately prior thereto, (b) New Holdings shall expressly assume all the obligations of Previous Holdings under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents pursuant to a supplement hereto or thereto in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (c) if reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, an opinion of counsel shall be delivered by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent to the effect that, without limitation, such substitution does not violate this Agreement or any other Credit Document, (d) all Capital Stock of the Company and each other direct Subsidiary of Previous Holdings and pledged to secure the Obligations, (f) (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such substitution and such substitution does not result in any adverse tax consequences to any Credit Party and (iii) such substitution does not result in any adverse tax consequences to any Lender (unless reimbursed hereunder), and (g) no Change of Control shall occur; provided, further, that if each of the foregoing is satisfied, Previous Holdings shall be automatically released of all its obligations under the Credit Documents and any reference to Holdings in the Credit Documents shall be meant to refer to New Holdings.

"IFRS" shall have the meaning given such term in the definition of GAAP.

"Impacted Loans" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.10(a).

"Increased Amount Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

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"Indebtedness" shall mean, with respect to any Person, (i) any indebtedness (including principal and premium) of such Person, whether or not contingent (a) in respect of borrowed money, (b) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures, or similar instruments or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances (or, without double counting, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof), (c) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (including Capitalized Lease Obligations), or (d) representing any Hedging Obligations, if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a net liability upon a balance sheet (excluding the footnotes thereto) of such Person prepared in accordance with GAAP; provided that Indebtedness of any direct or indirect parent company appearing upon the balance sheet of Holdings solely by reason of push down accounting under GAAP shall be excluded, (ii) to the extent not otherwise included, any obligation by such Person to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise, on the obligations of the type referred to in clause (i) of another Person (whether or not such items would appear upon the balance sheet of such obligor or guarantor), other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, and (iii) to the extent not otherwise included, the obligations of the type referred to in clause (i) of another Person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; provided that notwithstanding the foregoing, Indebtedness shall be deemed not to include (1) Contingent Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business, (2) obligations under or in respect of Receivables Facilities, (3) prepaid or deferred revenue arising in the ordinary course of business, (4) purchase price holdbacks arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of a portion of the purchase price of an asset to satisfy warrants or other unperformed obligations of the seller of such asset, (5) any balance that constitutes a trade payable or similar obligation to a trade creditor, accrued in the ordinary course of business, or (6) any earn-out obligation until such obligation, within 60 days of becoming due and payable, has not been paid and such obligation is reflected as a liability on the balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP. The amount of Indebtedness of any Person for purposes of clause (iii) above shall (unless such Indebtedness has been assumed by such Person) be deemed to be equal to the lesser of (x) the aggregate unpaid amount of such Indebtedness and (y) the Fair Market Value of the property encumbered thereby as determined by such Person in good faith.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries, shall exclude all intercompany Indebtedness having a term not exceeding 365 days (inclusive of any roll-over or extensions of terms) and made in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice.

"Indemnified Liabilities" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.5.

"Indemnified Person" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.5.

"Indemnified Taxes" shall mean all Taxes imposed on or with respect to any payment by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document, other than Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes.

"Initial Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Initial Investors" shall mean Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., KKR North America Fund XI L.P., KKR North America Fund XI ESC L.P.,KKR North America Fund XI SBS L.P., KKR Partners III, L.P. KKR CIS Global Investor L.P., CPS Managers Fund L.P., KKR Principal Opportunities Partnership (Domestic) L.P., KKR Principal Opportunities Partnership (Domestic) L.P., Berkshire Fund VI, Limited Partnership, Berkshire Investors LLC and Berkshire Investors III LLC, and each of their respective Affiliates.

"Initial Term Loan" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.1(a).

"**Initial Term Loan Commitment**" shall mean, in the case of each Lender that is a Lender on the Closing Date, the amount set forth opposite such Lender's name on <u>Schedule 1.1(b)</u> as such Lender's Initial Term Loan Commitment. The aggregate amount of the Initial Term Loan Commitments as of the Closing Date is \$125,000,000.

"Initial Term Loan Lender" shall mean a Lender with an Initial Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Initial Term Loan.

"Initial Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean March 13, 2022 or, if such date is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day.

"**Insolvent**" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Multiemployer Plan is insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Intellectual Property" shall mean U.S. and foreign intellectual property, including all (i) (a) patents, inventions, processes, developments, technology, and know-how; (b) copyrights and works of authorship in any media, including graphics, advertising materials, labels, package designs, and photographs; (c) trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, corporate names, domain names, logos, trade dress, and other source indicators, and the goodwill of any business symbolized thereby; and (d) trade secrets, confidential, proprietary, or non-public information and (ii) all registrations, issuances, applications, renewals, extensions, substitutions, continuations-in-part, divisions, re-issues, re-examinations, foreign counterparts, or similar legal protections related to the foregoing.

"**Intercreditor Agreement**" shall mean an Intercreditor Agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit H (with such changes to such form as may be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) among the First Lien Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, and the Administrative Agent, and the representatives for purposes thereof for any other Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties that are holders of Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations having a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* or junior to the Lien securing the Obligations.

"Interest Period" shall mean, with respect to any Loan, the interest period applicable thereto, as determined pursuant to Section 2.9.

"**Investment**" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the form of loans (including guarantees), advances, or capital contributions (excluding accounts receivable, trade credit, advances to customers, commission, travel, and similar advances to officers and employees, in each case made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests, or other securities issued by any other Person and investments that are required by GAAP to be classified on the balance sheet (excluding the footnotes) of Holdings 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; provided that Investments shall not include, in the case of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries, intercompany loans, advances, or Indebtedness having a term not exceeding 364 days (inclusive of any roll-over or extensions of terms) and made in the ordinary course of business.

### For purposes of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary and Section 10.5,

(i) Investments shall include the portion (proportionate to Holdings' equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of a Subsidiary of Holdings at the time that such Subsidiary is designated an Unrestricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that upon a redesignation of such Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, Holdings shall be deemed to continue to have a permanent Investment in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in an amount (if positive) equal to (a) Holdings' Investment in such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation *less* (b) the portion (proportionate to Holdings' equity interest in such Subsidiary) of the Fair Market Value of the net assets of such Subsidiary at the time of such redesignation; and

(ii) any property transferred to or from an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be valued at its Fair Market Value at the time of such transfer.

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 of capital, repayment, or other amount received by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in respect of such Investment (provided that, with respect to amounts received other than in the form of Cash Equivalents, such amount shall be equal to the Fair Market Value of such consideration).

"**Investment Grade Rating**" shall mean a rating equal to or higher than Baa3 (or the equivalent) by Moody's and BBB- (or the equivalent) by S&P, or an equivalent rating by any other Rating Agency.

# "Investment Grade Securities" shall mean:

(i) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (other than Cash Equivalents),

(ii) debt securities or debt instruments with an Investment Grade Rating, but excluding any debt securities or instruments constituting loans or advances among Holdings and its Subsidiaries,

(iii) investments in any fund that invest at least 90% in investments of the type described in <u>clauses (i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> which fund may also hold immaterial amounts of cash pending investment or distribution, and

(iv) corresponding instruments in countries other than the United States customarily utilized for high-quality investments.

"Joinder Agreement" shall mean an agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A.

"Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners" shall mean Goldman Sachs Bank USA, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Mizuho Bank, Ltd., KKR Capital Markets LLC, Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc., Barclays Bank PLC and Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.

"Judgment Currency" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.19.

"Junior Debt" shall mean any Indebtedness in respect of Subordinated Indebtedness.

"KKR" shall mean each of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P. and KKR North America Fund XI L.P.

"Latest Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean, at any date of determination, the latest maturity or expiration date applicable to any Term Loan hereunder at such time, including the latest maturity or expiration date of any New Term Loan or any Extended Term Loan, in each case as extended in accordance with this Agreement from time to time.

"LCA Election" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 1.12(a)</u>.

"LCA Test Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 1.12(a).

"Lender" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"LIBOR" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of LIBOR Rate.

"LIBOR Loan"shall mean any Loan bearing interest at a rate determined by reference to the LIBOR Rate.

"LIBOR Rate" shall mean,

(i) for any Interest Period with respect to a LIBOR Loan, the rate per annum equal to the offered rate administered by ICE Benchmark Administration ("LIBOR") or a comparable or successor rate, which rate is approved by the Administrative Agent, on the applicable Reuters screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations of LIBOR as designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the LIBOR Rate applicable to the Initial Term Loans at any time be less than 1.00% per annum, and

(ii) for any interest calculation with respect to an ABR Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to LIBOR, at or about 11:00 a.m., London time determined two Business Days prior to such date for Dollar deposits with a term of one month commencing that day; <u>provided</u> that to the extent a comparable or successor rate is approved by the Administrative Agent in connection herewith, the approved rate shall be applied in a manner consistent with market practice; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that to the extent such market practice is not administratively feasible for the Administrative Agent, such approved rate shall be applied in a manner as otherwise reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent in consultation with the Borrower.

"Lien" shall mean with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority, or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall an operating lease or a license to Intellectual Property be deemed to constitute a Lien.

"Limited Condition Acquisition" shall mean any acquisition by one or more of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries of any assets, business or Person permitted to be acquired by this Agreement, in each case whose consummation is not conditioned on the availability of, or on obtaining, third party financing.

"Loan" shall mean any Term Loan pursuant to this Agreement.

"Managed Care Subsidiary" shall mean FirstSight and any other Subsidiary of the Borrower (i) whose financial condition or activities are regulated under laws of any state in connection with the provision of health or vision care products or services (or related administrative services) and (ii) a pledge of the Capital Stock of whom, or whose guaranty of the Obligations or granting of a lien on its assets to secure the Obligations would violate any applicable law or regulation or require a consent of a Governmental Authority which has not been obtained.

"Mandatory Borrowing" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.1(d)</u>.

"Master Agreement" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term "Hedge Agreement."

"Material Adverse Effect" shall mean a circumstance or condition affecting the business, assets, operations, properties, or financial condition of Holdings and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that would, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect (i) the ability of Holdings and the other Credit Parties, taken as a whole, to perform their payment obligations under this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents or (ii) the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under the Credit Documents.

"**Material Subsidiary**"shall mean, at any date of determination, each Restricted Subsidiary (i) whose total assets at the last day of the Test Period ending on the last day of the most recent fiscal period for which Section 9.1 Financials have been delivered were equal to or greater than 5.0% of the Consolidated Total Assets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries at such date or (ii) whose revenues during such Test Period were equal to or greater than 5.0% of the consolidated revenues of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that if, at any time and from time to time after the Closing Date, Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Material Subsidiaries (other than Subsidiaries that are Excluded Subsidiaries by virtue of any of clauses (ii) through (xii) of the definition of "Excluded Subsidiary") have, in the aggregate, (a) total assets at the last day of such Test Period equal to or greater than 7.5% of the Consolidated Total Assets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, in each case determined in accordance with GAAP, then Holdings shall, on the date on which financial statements for such quarter are delivered pursuant to this Agreement, designate in writing to the Administrative Agent one or more of such Restricted Subsidiaries for each fiscal period until this proviso is no longer applicable.

"Maturity Date" shall mean the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, the New Term Loan Maturity Date or the maturity date of an Extended Term Loan, as applicable.

"Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount" shall mean, at any date of determination, (i) the amount such that, after giving effect to the incurrence of such amount Holdings would be in compliance on a Pro Forma Basis (including any adjustments required by such definition as a result of a contemplated Permitted Acquisition and, only in the case of a simultaneous incurrence of the maximum amount permitted to be incurred under this clause (i) on the date of such incurrence together with an incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below on such date, without giving pro forma effect to such simultaneous incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below on such date, without giving pro forma effect to such simultaneous incurrence in reliance on clause (ii) below) with the Senior Secured Leverage Test (assuming that all Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 2.14(a) or Section 10.1(x) prior to or on such date of determination would be included in the definition of Consolidated Senior Secured Debt, whether or not such Indebtedness would otherwise be so included and assuming the Incremental Revolving Credit Commitments (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) established at such time are fully drawn), *plus* (ii) the sum of (a) \$100,000,000 (less the First Lien Base Incremental Amount) and (b) the aggregate amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans (including purchases of the Loans by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at or below par, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans below par), in each case, other than from proceeds of the incurrence of Indebtedness, *minus* (iii) the sum of (a) the aggregate principal amount of New Term Loan Commitments incurred pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(a)</u> prior to such date and (b) the aggregate principal amount of Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred (including any unused commitments obtained) pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(x)(i)(a)</u> prior to such date.

"Merger" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Merger Sub" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"**Minimum Borrowing Amount**" shall mean (i) with respect to a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans, \$1,000,000 (or, if less, the entire remaining applicable Commitments at the time of such Borrowing) and (ii) with respect to a Borrowing of ABR Loans, \$1,000,000 (or, if less, the entire remaining applicable Commitments at the time of such Borrowing).

"Minimum Equity Amount" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals to this Agreement.

# "Minimum Tender Condition" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(b).

"Moody's" shall mean Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or any successor by merger or consolidation to its business.

"**Mortgage**" shall mean a mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, trust deed, or other security document entered into by the owner of a Mortgaged Property and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in respect of that Mortgaged Property to secure the Obligations, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent and the Borrower, together with such terms and provisions as may be required by local laws.

"**Mortgaged Property**" shall mean, initially, each parcel of real estate and the improvements thereto owned in fee by a Credit Party and identified on <u>Schedule 1.1(a)</u>, and each other parcel of real property and improvements thereto with respect to which a Mortgage is granted pursuant to <u>Section 9.14</u>.

"**Multiemployer Plan**" shall mean a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA to which any Credit Party or ERISA Affiliate makes or is obligated to make contributions, or during the five preceding calendar years, has made or been obligated to make contributions.

"**Net Cash Proceeds**" shall mean, with respect to any Prepayment Event and any incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness, (i) the gross cash proceeds (including payments from time to time in respect of installment obligations, if applicable, but only as and when received) received by or on behalf of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of such Prepayment Event or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness, as the case may be, less (ii) the sum of:

(a) the amount, if any, of all taxes (including in connection with any repatriation of funds) paid or estimated to be payable by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with such Prepayment Event or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness,

(b) the amount of any reasonable reserve established in accordance with GAAP against any liabilities (other than any taxes deducted pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> above) (1) associated with the assets that are the subject of such Prepayment Event and (2) retained by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any subsequent reduction of such reserve (other than in connection with a payment in respect of any such liability) shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of such a Prepayment Event occurring on the date of such reduction,

(c) the amount of any Indebtedness (other than the Loans and Permitted Other Indebtedness) secured by a Lien on the assets that are the subject of such Prepayment Event to the extent that the instrument creating or evidencing such Indebtedness requires that such Indebtedness be repaid upon consummation of such Prepayment Event,

(d) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event or Casualty Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, the amount of any proceeds of such Prepayment Event that Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary has reinvested (or intends to reinvest within the Reinvestment Period or has entered into a binding commitment prior to the last day of the Reinvestment Period to reinvest) in the business of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that any portion of such proceeds that has not been so reinvested within such Reinvestment Period (with respect to such Prepayment Event, the "**Deferred Net Cash Proceeds**") shall, unless Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary has entered into a binding commitment prior to the last day of such Reinvestment Period to reinvest such proceeds no later than 180 days following the last day of such Reinvestment Period, (1) be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback occurring on the last day of such Reinvestment Period or, if later, 180 days after the date Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary has entered into such binding commitment, as applicable (such last day or 180th day, as applicable, the "**Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date**"), and (2) be applied to the repayment of Term Loans in accordance with <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> (i),

(e) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback by a non-Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary, the pro rata portion of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof (calculated without regard to this <u>clause (e)</u>) attributable to minority interests and not available for distribution to or for the account of Holdings or a Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary as a result thereof,

(f) in the case of any Asset Sale Prepayment Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, any funded escrow established pursuant to the documents evidencing any such sale or disposition to secure any indemnification obligations or adjustments to the purchase price associated with any such sale or disposition; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any subsequent reduction of such escrow (other than in connection with a payment in respect of any such liability) shall be deemed to be Net Cash Proceeds of such a Prepayment Event occurring on the date of such reduction solely to the extent that Holdings and/or any Restricted Subsidiaries receives cash in an amount equal to the amount of such reduction, and

(g) all fees and out of pocket expenses paid by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with any of the foregoing (for the avoidance of doubt, including, (1) in the case of the issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness, any fees, underwriting discounts, premiums, and other costs and expenses incurred in connection with such issuance and (2) attorney's fees, investment banking fees, survey costs, title insurance premiums, and related search and recording charges, transfer taxes, deed or mortgage recording taxes, underwriting discounts and commissions, other customary expenses, and brokerage, consultant, accountant, and other customary fees),

in each case only to the extent not already deducted in arriving at the amount referred to in <u>clause (i)</u> above.

"Net Income" shall mean, with respect to any Person, the net income (loss) of such Person, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of preferred stock dividends.

"New Contracts" shall mean binding contracts or purchase orders (i) entered with new Counterparties or (ii) for new business with existing Counterparties, in each case, under which Holdings and/or its Subsidiaries have begun to provide goods or services, which are expected to increase the Consolidated Net Income of Holdings.

"New Store Consolidated EBITDA Adjustment" means, for any applicable Test Period, the excess (not to be less than zero) of (i) aggregate amount derived from the product of (a) the aggregate number of New Stores and (b) Average New Store Consolidated EBITDA during the previous Test Period over (ii) the actual Consolidated EBITDA generated by New Stores during the Test Period.

"New Stores" shall mean, with respect to any Test Period, the number of Stores opened within the last 24 months, measured from and including the last month in such Test Period.

"New Term Loan"shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(c).

"New Term Loan Commitments" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(a)</u>.

"New Term Loan Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(c).

"New Term Loan Maturity Date" shall mean the date on which a New Term Loan matures.

"Non-Bank Tax Certificate" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.4(e)(ii)(3).

"Non-Consenting Lender" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.7(b).

"Non-U.S. Lender" shall mean any Lender that is not a "United States person" as defined by Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"Notice of Borrowing" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.3(a)</u>.

"Notice of Conversion or Continuation" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.6(a).

"NVI" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement..

"**Obligations**" shall mean all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants, and duties of, any Credit Party arising under any Credit Document or otherwise with respect to any Loan, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Obligations of the Credit Parties under the Credit Documents (and any of their Subsidiaries to the extent they have obligations under the Credit Documents) include the obligation (including guarantee obligations) to pay principal, interest, charges, expenses, fees, attorney costs, indemnities, and other amounts payable by any Credit Party under any Credit Document.

"Other Taxes" shall mean all present or future stamp, registration, court or documentary Taxes or any other excise, property, intangible, mortgage recording, filing or similar Taxes arising from any payment made hereunder or under any other Credit Document or from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Credit Document; provided that such term shall not include (i) any Taxes that result from an assignment, grant of a participation pursuant to Section 13.6(c) or transfer or assignment to or designation of a new lending office or other office for receiving payments under any Credit Document ("Assignment Taxes") to the extent such Assignment Taxes are imposed as a result of a connection between the assignor/participating Lender and/or the assignee/Participant and the taxing jurisdiction (other than a connection arising solely from any Credit Documents or any transactions contemplated thereunder), except to the extent that any such action described in this proviso is requested or required by the Borrower or Holdings or (ii) Excluded Taxes.

"**Overnight Rate**" shall mean, for any day, the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Effective Rate and (b) an overnight rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

"**Parent Entity**" shall mean any Person that is a direct or indirect parent company (which may be organized as, among other things, a partnership) of Holdings and/or the Company, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that for purposes of <u>clauses (i)</u>, (<u>ii)</u> and (<u>iv)</u> of the definition of Change of Control, references to Holdings shall be deemed to refer to any such Parent Entity.

"Participant" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(c)(i).

"Participant Register" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(c)(ii).

"**Participating Member State**" shall mean any member state of the European Union that adopts or has adopted the Euro as its lawful currency in accordance with legislation of the European Union relating to economic and monetary union.

"Patriot Act" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.18.

"PBGC" shall mean the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA and any successor entity performing similar functions.

"**Pension Plan**" shall mean any employee benefit pension plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, but excluding any Multiemployer Plan) in respect of which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such plan were terminated, would under Section 4062 or Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Permitted Acquisition" shall have the meaning provided in <u>clause (iii)</u> of the definition of Permitted Investment.

"**Permitted Asset Swap**" shall mean the concurrent purchase and sale or exchange of Related Business Assets or a combination of Related Business Assets and cash or Cash Equivalents between Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary and another Person; <u>provided</u> that any cash or Cash Equivalents received must be applied in accordance with <u>Section 10.4</u>.

"Permitted Debt Exchange" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"Permitted Debt Exchange Notes" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"Permitted Debt Exchange Offer" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.15(a).

"**Permitted First Lien Exchange Notes**" shall mean "Permitted Debt Exchange Notes" as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement that are not prohibited by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

"**Permitted Holders**" shall mean each of (i) the Initial Investors and their respective Affiliates (other than any portfolio company of an Initial Investor) and members of management of Holdings or the Borrower (or their respective direct or indirect parent) who are holders of Equity Interests of Holdings (or its direct or indirect parent company) on the Closing Date and any group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or Section 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successor provision) of which any of the foregoing are members; provided that, in the case of such group and without giving effect to the existence of such group or any other group, such Initial Investors, their respective Affiliates (other than any portfolio company of an Initial Investor) and members of management, collectively, have beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the total voting power of the Voting Stock of Holdings or any other direct or indirect parent company of Holdings formed not in connection with, or in contemplation of, a transaction (other than the Transactions) that, assuming such parent was not formed, after giving effect thereto would constitute a Change of Control.

#### "Permitted Investments" shall mean:

(i) any Investment in Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(ii) any Investment in cash, Cash Equivalents, or Investment Grade Securities at the time such Investment is made;

(iii) (a) any transactions or Investments otherwise made in connection with the Transactions and in accordance with the Acquisition Agreement and (b) any Investment by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in a Person that is engaged in a Similar Business if as a result of such Investment (a "**Permitted Acquisition**"), (1) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary or (2) such Person, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, is merged, consolidated, or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary, and, in each case, any Investment held by such Person; <u>provided</u> that such Investment was not acquired by such Person in contemplation of such acquisition, merger, consolidation, or transfer;

(iv) any Investment in securities or other assets not constituting cash, Cash Equivalents, or Investment Grade Securities and received in connection with an Asset Sale made pursuant to <u>Section 10.4</u> or any other disposition of assets not constituting an Asset Sale;

(v) (a) any Investment existing or contemplated on the Closing Date and, in each case, listed on <u>Schedule 10.5</u> and (b) Investments consisting of any modification, replacement, renewal, reinvestment, or extension of any such Investment; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any such Investment is not increased from the amount of such Investment on the Closing Date except pursuant to the terms of such Investment (including in respect of any unused commitment), *plus* any accrued but unpaid interest (including any portion thereof which is payable in kind in accordance with the terms of such modified, extended, renewed, or replaced Investment) and premium payable by the terms of such Indebtedness thereon and fees and expenses associated therewith as of the Closing Date;

(vi) any Investment acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (a) in exchange for any other Investment or accounts receivable held by Holdings or any such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with or as a result of a bankruptcy, workout, reorganization, or recapitalization of Holdings of such other Investment or accounts receivable or (b) as a result of a foreclosure by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary with respect to any secured Investment or other transfer of title with respect to any secured Investment in default;

(vii) Hedging Obligations permitted under <u>clause (j)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u> and Cash Management Services;

(viii) any Investment in a Similar Business having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause (viii)</u> that are at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of (a) \$48,000,000 and (b) 48.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Investment pursuant to this <u>clause (viii)</u> is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this <u>clause (viii)</u> for so long as such Person continues to be a Restricted Subsidiary;

(ix) Investments the payment for which consists of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings (exclusive of Disqualified Stock); <u>provided</u> that such Equity Interests will not increase the amount available for Restricted Payments under <u>clause (iii)</u> of <u>Section</u> <u>10.5(a)</u>;

(x) guarantees of Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 10.1;</u>

(xi) any transaction to the extent it constitutes an Investment that is permitted and made in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 9.9</u> (except transactions described in clause (b) of such paragraph);

(xii) Investments consisting of purchases and acquisitions of inventory, supplies, material, equipment, or other similar assets in the ordinary course of business;

(xiii) additional Investments having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause (xiii)</u> that are at that time outstanding (without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash or marketable securities), not to exceed the greater of (a) \$42,000,000 and (b) 42.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value); provided, however, that if any Investment pursuant to this <u>clause (xiii)</u> is made in any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary at the date of the making of such Investment and such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary after such date, such Investment shall thereafter be deemed to have been made pursuant to <u>clause (i)</u> above and shall cease to have been made pursuant to this <u>clause (xiii)</u> for so long as such Person continues to be a Restricted Subsidiary;

(xiv) Investments relating to any Receivables Subsidiary that, in the good faith determination of the board of directors of Holdings, are necessary or advisable to effect a Receivables Facility or any repurchases in connection therewith;

(xv) advances to, or guarantees of Indebtedness of, employees not in excess of the greater of (a) \$12,000,000 and (b) 6.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment;

(xvi) (a) loans and advances to officers, directors, managers, and employees for business-related travel expenses, moving expenses, and other similar expenses, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practices or to fund such Person's purchase of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company thereof and (b) promissory notes received from stockholders of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any Subsidiary in connection with the exercise of stock options in respect of the Equity Interests of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings and the Subsidiaries;

(xvii) Investments consisting of extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business;

(xviii) Investments in the ordinary course of business consisting of Uniform Commercial Code Article 3 endorsements for collection or deposit and Uniform Commercial Code Article 4 customary trade arrangements with customers consistent with past practices;

(xix) non-cash Investments in connection with tax planning and reorganization activities; <u>provided</u> that after giving effect to any such activities, the security interests of the Lenders in the Collateral, taken as a whole, would not be materially impaired;

(xx) Investments made in the ordinary course of business in connection with obtaining, maintaining or renewing client, franchisee and customer contracts and loans or advances made to, and guarantees with respect to obligations of, independent eye care professionals (or to professional corporations owned by such professionals), franchisees, distributors, suppliers, licensors and licensees in the ordinary course of business;

(xxi) the licensing and contribution of Intellectual Property pursuant to joint marketing arrangements with other Persons, in the ordinary course of business; and

(xxii) to the extent constituting Investments, transactions pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements.

"Permitted Liens" shall mean, with respect to any Person:

(i) pledges or deposits by such Person under workmen's compensation laws, unemployment insurance laws, or similar legislation, or good faith deposits in connection with bids, tenders, contracts (other than for the payment of Indebtedness), or leases to which such Person is a party, or deposits to secure public or statutory obligations of such Person or deposits of cash or U.S. government bonds to secure surety or appeal bonds to which such Person is a party, or deposits as security for the payment of rent or deposits made to secure obligations arising from contractual or warranty refunds, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(ii) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, repairmen's, and mechanics' Liens, in each case for sums not yet overdue for a period of more than 60 days or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings or other Liens arising out of judgments or awards against such Person with respect to which such Person shall then be proceeding with an appeal or other proceedings for review if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP;

(iii) Liens for taxes, assessments, or other governmental charges not yet overdue for a period of more than 60 days or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of such Person in accordance with GAAP or are not required to be paid pursuant to <u>Section 8.11</u>, or for property taxes on property Holdings or one of its Subsidiaries has determined to abandon if the sole recourse for such tax, assessment, charge, levy, or claim is to such property;

(iv) Liens in favor of issuers of performance, surety, bid, indemnity, warranty, release, appeal, or similar bonds or with respect to other regulatory requirements or letters of credit or bankers' acceptances issued, and completion guarantees provided for, in each case pursuant to the request of and for the account of such Person in the ordinary course of its business;

(v) minor survey exceptions, minor encumbrances, ground leases, easements, or reservations of, or rights of others for, licenses, rights-of-way, servitudes, sewers, electric lines, drains, telegraph and telephone and cable television lines, gas and oil pipelines, and other similar purposes, or zoning, building codes, or other restrictions (including, without limitation, minor defects or irregularities in title and similar encumbrances) as to the use of real properties or Liens incidental, to the conduct of the business of such Person or to the ownership of its properties which were not incurred in connection with Indebtedness and which do not in the aggregate materially adversely affect the value of said properties or materially impair their use in the operation of the business of such Person;

(vi) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted to be outstanding pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u>, (b), (d), (l)(ii), (r), (w), (x) or (y) of Section 10.1; provided that, (a) in the case of clause (d) of Section 10.1, such Lien may not extend to any property or equipment (or assets affixed or appurtenant thereto) other than the property or equipment being financed or refinanced under such clause (d) of Section 10.1, replacements of such property, equipment or assets, and additions and accessions and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender; (b) in the case of clause (r) of Section 10.1, such Lien may not extend to any assets other than the assets owned by the Restricted Subsidiaries incurring such Indebtedness; (c) in the case of Liens securing Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations that are secured on an equal priority basis with the Obligations pursuant to this <u>clause (vi)</u>, the applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties (or a representative thereof on behalf of such holders) shall enter into security documents with terms and conditions not materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, than the terms and conditions of the Security Documents and (1) in the case of the first such issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness that are secured on an equal priority basis with the Obligations, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have entered into the Intercreditor Agreement or an intercreditor agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and (2) in the case of subsequent issuances of Permitted Other Indebtedness secured on an equal priority basis with the Obligations, the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have become a party to the Intercreditor Agreement in accordance with the terms thereof; (d) in the case of Liens securing Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations that are secured on a junior priority basis to the Obligations pursuant to this clause (vi), the applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties (or a representative thereof on behalf of such holders) shall enter into security documents with terms and conditions not materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties, taken as a whole, than the terms and conditions of the Security Documents and shall (x) in the case of the first such issuance of Permitted Other Indebtedness that are secured on a junior priority basis to the Obligations, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the representative of the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations shall have entered into intercreditor arrangements substantially consistent with the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement (but with Liens securing Obligations being senior Liens thereunder) and otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower and (y) in the case of subsequent issuances of Permitted Other Indebtedness that are secured on a junior priority basis to the Obligations, the representative for the holders of such Permitted Other Indebtedness shall have become a party to such intercreditor arrangements in accordance with the terms thereof; without any further consent of the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Secured Parties the Intercreditor Agreement or any other such intercreditor agreement contemplated by this clause (vi); and (e) in the case of clause (b), (x) in the case of the first such issuance of Indebtedness that is secured on an equal priority basis with the First Lien Obligations, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the representative for the holders of such Indebtedness (or a representative thereof on behalf of such holders) shall have entered the Intercreditor Agreement and (y) in the case of subsequent issuances of Indebtedness secured on an equal priority basis with the First Lien Obligations, the representative for the holders of such Indebtedness shall have become a party to the Intercreditor Agreement;

(vii) subject to <u>Section 9.14</u>, other than with respect to Mortgaged Property, Liens existing on the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that any Lien securing Indebtedness or other obligations in excess of (a) \$5,000,000 individually or (b) \$10,000,000 in the aggregate (when taken together with all other Liens securing obligations outstanding in reliance on this <u>clause (b)</u> that are not listed on <u>Schedule 10.2</u>) shall only be permitted if set forth on <u>Schedule 10.2</u>, and, in each case, any modifications, replacements, renewals, or extensions thereof;

(viii) Liens on property or shares of stock of a Person at the time such Person becomes a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person becoming a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, <u>however</u>, that such Liens may not extend to any other property owned by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than, with respect to such Person, any replacements of such property or assets and additions and accessions thereto, after-acquired property subject to a Lien securing Indebtedness and other obligations incurred prior to such time and which Indebtedness and other obligations are permitted hereunder that require, pursuant to their terms at such time, a pledge of after-acquired property of such Person, and the proceeds and the products thereof and customary security deposits in respect thereof and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender, it being understood that such requirement shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition);

(ix) Liens on property at the time Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary acquired the property, including any acquisition by means of a merger or consolidation with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such Liens are not created or incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such acquisition, merger, consolidation, or designation; provided, further, however, that such Liens may not extend to any other property owned by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than, with respect to such property, any replacements of such property or assets and additions and accessions thereto, after-acquired property subject to a Lien securing Indebtedness and other obligations incurred prior to such time and which Indebtedness and other obligations are permitted hereunder that require, pursuant to their terms at such time, a pledge of after-acquired property, and the proceeds and the products thereof and customary security deposits in respect thereof and in the case of multiple financings of equipment provided by any lender, other equipment financed by such lender, it being understood that such requirement shall not be permitted to apply to any property to which such requirement would not have applied but for such acquisition);

(x) Liens securing Indebtedness or other obligations of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary permitted to be incurred in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u>;

(xi) Liens securing Hedging Obligations and Cash Management Services so long as the related Indebtedness is, and is permitted hereunder to be, secured by a Lien on the same property securing such Hedging Obligations and Cash Management Services;

(xii) Liens on specific items of inventory or other goods and proceeds of any Person securing such Person's obligations in respect of bankers' acceptances issued or created for the account of such Person to facilitate the purchase, shipment, or storage of such inventory or other goods;

(xiii) leases, subleases, licenses, or sublicenses (including of Intellectual Property) granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary and do not secure any Indebtedness;

(xiv) Liens arising from Uniform Commercial Code financing statement filings regarding operating leases or consignments entered into by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(xv) Liens in favor of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Guarantor;

(xvi) Liens on equipment of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary granted in the ordinary course of business to Holdings' or such Restricted Subsidiary's client at which such equipment is located;

(xvii) Liens on accounts receivable and related assets incurred in connection with a Receivables Facility;

(xviii) Liens to secure any refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal, or replacement (or successive refinancing, refunding, extensions, renewals, or replacements) as a whole, or in part, of any Indebtedness secured by any Lien referred to in <u>clauses (vi)</u>, (vii), (vii), (ix), (x), and (xv) of this definition of Permitted Liens; <u>provided</u> that (a) such new Lien shall be limited to all or part of the same property that secured the original Lien (plus improvements on such property), and (b) the Indebtedness secured by such Lien at such time is not increased to any amount greater than the sum of (1) the outstanding principal amount or, if greater, committed amount of the Indebtedness described under <u>clauses (vi)</u>, (vii), (vii), (ix), (x), and (xv) at the time the original Lien became a Permitted Lien under this Agreement, and (2) an amount necessary to pay any fees and expenses, including premiums and accrued and unpaid interest, related to such refinancing, refunding, extension, renewal, or replacement;

(xix) deposits made or other security provided to secure liabilities to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements in the ordinary course of business;

(xx) other Liens securing obligations which do not exceed the greater of (a) \$48,000,000 and (b) 48.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of the incurrence of such Lien;

(xxi) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 11.5 or Section 11.10;



(xxii) Liens in favor of customs and revenue authorities arising as a matter of law to secure payment of customs duties in connection with the importation of goods in the ordinary course of business;

(xxiii) Liens (a) of a collection bank arising under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code or any comparable or successor provision on items in the course of collection, (b) attaching to commodity trading accounts or other commodity brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business, and (c) in favor of banking or other financial institutions or other electronic payment service providers arising as a matter of law encumbering deposits (including the right of set-off) and which are within the general parameters customary in the banking or finance industry;

(xxiv) Liens deemed to exist in connection with Investments in repurchase agreements permitted under <u>Section 10.1</u>; <u>provided</u> that such Liens do not extend to any assets other than those that are the subject of such repurchase agreement;

(xxv) Liens encumbering reasonable customary initial deposits and margin deposits and similar Liens attaching to commodity trading accounts or other brokerage accounts incurred in the ordinary course of business and not for speculative purposes;

(xxvi) Liens that are contractual rights of set-off (a) relating to the establishment of depository relations with banks not given in connection with the issuance of Indebtedness, (b) relating to pooled deposit or sweep accounts of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to permit satisfaction of overdraft or similar obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, or (c) relating to purchase orders and other agreements entered into by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business;

(xxvii) Liens (a) solely on any cash earnest money deposits made by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with any letter of intent or purchase agreement permitted under this Agreement or (b) consisting of an agreement to dispose of any property pursuant to a disposition permitted hereunder;

(xxviii) rights reserved or vested in any Person by the terms of any lease, license, franchise, grant, or permit held by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries or by a statutory provision, to terminate any such lease, license, franchise, grant, or permit, or to require annual or periodic payments as a condition to the continuance thereof;

(xxix) restrictive covenants affecting the use to which real property may be put; provided that the covenants are complied with;

(xxx) security given to a public utility or any municipality or governmental authority when required by such utility or authority in connection with the operations of that Person in the ordinary course of business;

(xxxi) zoning by-laws and other land use restrictions, including, without limitation, site plan agreements, development agreements, and contract zoning agreements;

(xxxii) Liens arising out of conditional sale, title retention, consignment, or similar arrangements for sale of goods entered into by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business;

(xxxiii) Liens arising under the Security Documents;

(xxxiv) Liens on goods purchased in the ordinary course of business the purchase price of which is financed by a documentary letter of credit issued for the account of Holdings, the Borrower or any of their Subsidiaries;

(xxxv) (a) Liens on Equity Interests in joint ventures; <u>provided</u> that any such Lien is in favor of a creditor of such joint venture and such creditor is not an Affiliate of any partner to such joint venture and (b) purchase options, call, and similar rights of, and restrictions for the benefit of, a third party with respect to Equity Interests held by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in joint ventures;

(xxxvi) Liens on cash and Cash Equivalents that are earmarked to be used to satisfy or discharge Indebtedness; <u>provided</u> (a) such cash and/or Cash Equivalents are deposited into an account from which payment is to be made, directly or indirectly, to the Person or Persons holding the Indebtedness that is to be satisfied or discharged, (b) such Liens extend solely to the account in which such cash and/or Cash Equivalents are deposited and are solely in favor of the Person or Persons holding the Indebtedness (or any agent or trustee for such Person or Persons) that is to be satisfied or discharged, and (c) the satisfaction or discharge of such Indebtedness is expressly permitted hereunder;

(xxxvii) with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary, other Liens and privileges arising mandatorily by any Requirement of Law;

(xxxviii) Liens on the assets of a Managed Care Subsidiary pursuant to applicable rules, or regulations of, or undertakings made to, any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction and authority over such Managed Care Subsidiary; and

(xxix) Liens arising pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements.

For purposes of this definition, the term Indebtedness shall be deemed to include interest on such Indebtedness.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness" shall mean subordinated or senior Indebtedness (which Indebtedness may (i) be unsecured, (ii) have the same lien priority as the Obligations (without regard to control of remedies); provided such Permitted Other Indebtedness is in the form of secured notes, or (iii) be secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations), in each case issued or incurred by the Borrower or other Guarantor, (a) the terms of which do not provide for any scheduled repayment, mandatory repayment, or redemption or sinking fund obligations prior to, at the time of incurrence, the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date (other than, in each case, customary offers or obligations to repurchase upon a change of control, asset sale, or casualty or condemnation event, AHYDO payments and customary acceleration rights after an event of default), (b) the covenants, taken as a whole, are not more restrictive to the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries than those herein (taken as a whole) (except for covenants applicable only to periods after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date at the time of such refinancing) (it being understood that, (1) to the extent that any financial maintenance covenant is added for the benefit of any such Indebtedness, no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if such financial maintenance covenant is also added for the benefit of any corresponding Loans remaining outstanding after the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness or (2) no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if any covenants are only applicable after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date at the time of such refinancing); provided that a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Borrower delivered to the Administrative Agent at least five Business Days (or such shorter period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree) prior to the incurrence of such Indebtedness, together with a reasonably detailed description of the material terms and conditions of such Indebtedness or drafts of the documentation relating thereto, stating that the Borrower has determined in good faith that such terms and conditions satisfy the foregoing requirement shall be conclusive evidence that such terms and conditions satisfy the foregoing requirement unless the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower within two Business Days after receipt of such certificate that it disagrees with such determination (including a reasonable description of the basis upon which it disagrees), (c) of which no Subsidiary of Holdings (other than the Borrower or a Guarantor) is an obligor, and (d) that, if secured, is not secured by a lien on any assets other than the Collateral.

"**Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents**" shall mean any document or instrument (including any guarantee, security agreement, or mortgage and which may include any or all of the Credit Documents) issued or executed and delivered with respect to any Permitted Other Indebtedness by any Credit Party.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations" shall mean, if any Permitted Other Indebtedness is issued or incurred, all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants, and duties of, any Credit Party arising under any Permitted Other Indebtedness Document, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assumption), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising, and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof of any proceeding under any bankruptcy or insolvency law naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents (and any of their Restricted Subsidiaries to the extent they have obligations under the Permitted Other Indebtedness Documents) include the obligation (including guarantee obligations) to pay principal, interest, charges, expenses, fees, attorney costs, indemnities, and other amounts payable by any such Credit Party under any Permitted Other Indebtedness Document.

"Permitted Other Indebtedness Secured Parties" shall mean the holders from time to time of secured Permitted Other Indebtedness Obligations (and any representative on their behalf).

"Permitted Other Provision" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2.14(g)(i)</u>.

"**Permitted Sale Leaseback**" shall mean any Sale Leaseback consummated by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that any such Sale Leaseback not between Holdings and a Restricted Subsidiary is consummated for fair value as determined at the time of consummation in good faith by (i) Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) in the case of any Sale Leaseback (or series of related Sales Leasebacks) the aggregate proceeds of which exceed the greater of (a) \$48,000,000 and (b) 42.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of the incurrence of such Sale Leaseback, the board of directors (or analogous governing body) of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary (which such determination may take into account any retained interest or other Investment of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, and any other material economic terms of, such Sale Leaseback).

"**Person**" shall mean any individual, partnership, joint venture, firm, corporation, limited liability company, association, trust, or other enterprise or any Governmental Authority.

"**Plan**" shall mean, other than any Multiemployer Plan, any employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA), including any employee welfare benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA), any employee pension benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), and any plan which is both an employee welfare benefit plan and an employee pension benefit plan, and in respect of which any Credit Party or any ERISA Affiliate is (or, if such Plan were terminated, would under Section 4062 or Section 4069 of ERISA be reasonably likely to be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Platform" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.17(a).

"**Pledge Agreement**" shall mean the Pledge Agreement, entered into by the Credit Parties party thereto and the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, substantially in the form of Exhibit C.

"**Post-Acquisition Period**" shall mean, with respect to any Permitted Acquisition, the period beginning on the date such Permitted Acquisition is consummated and ending on the last day of the eighth full consecutive fiscal quarter immediately following the date on which such Permitted Acquisition is consummated.

"Prepayment Event" shall mean any Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or any Permitted Sale Leaseback.

"primary obligor" shall have the meaning provided such term in the definition of Contingent Obligations.

"Prime Rate" shall mean the "prime rate" referred to in the definition of ABR.

"**Pro Forma Adjustment**"shall mean, for any Test Period that includes all or any part of a fiscal quarter included in any Post-Acquisition Period, with respect to the Acquired EBITDA of the applicable Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary or the Consolidated EBITDA of Holdings, the pro forma increase or decrease in such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, projected by Holdings in good faith as a result of (i) actions taken during such Post-Acquisition Period for the purposes of realizing reasonably identifiable and factually supportable cost savings or (ii) any additional costs incurred during such Post-Acquisition Period, in each case in connection with the combination of the operations of such Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary with the operations of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries; provided that (a) at the election of Holdings, such Pro Forma Adjustment shall not be required to be determined for any Acquired Entity or Business or Converted Restricted Subsidiary to the extent the aggregate consideration paid in connection with such acquisition was less than \$10,000,000 and (b) so long as such actions are taken during such Post-Acquisition Period, as applicable, it may be assumed, for purposes of projecting such pro forma increase or decrease to such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, that the applicable amount of such cost savings will be realizable during the entirety of such Test Period, or the applicable amount of such additional costs, as applicable, will be incurred during the entirety of such Test Period; provided, further, that any such pro forma increase to such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, shall be without duplication for cost savings or additional costs already included in such Acquired EBITDA or such Consolidated EBITDA, as the case may be, for such Test Period.

**"Pro Forma Basis,""Pro Forma Compliance,**"and **"Pro Forma Effect**"shall mean, with respect to compliance with any test, financial ratio, or covenant hereunder, that (i) to the extent applicable, the Pro Forma Adjustment shall have been made and (ii) all Specified Transactions and the following transactions in connection therewith shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the applicable period of measurement in such test or covenant: (a) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to the property or Person subject to such Specified Transaction, (1) in the case of a sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all Capital Stock in any Subsidiary of Holdings or any division, product line, or facility used for operations of Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, shall be excluded, and (2) in the case of a Permitted Acquisition or Investment described in the definition of Specified Transaction, shall be included, (b) any retirement of Indebtedness, and (c) any incurrence or assumption of Indebtedness by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries in connection therewith (it being agreed that if such Indebtedness has a floating or formula rate, such Indebtedness shall have an implied rate of interest for the applicable period for purposes of this definition determined by utilizing the rate that is or would be in effect with respect to such Indebtedness as at the relevant date of determination); provided that, without limiting the application of the Pro Forma Adjustment pursuant to <u>clause (a)</u> above, the foregoing pro forma adjustments may be applied to any such test or covenant solely to the extent that such adjustments are consistent with the definition of Consolidated EBITDA and give effect to operating expense reductions that are (x)(1) directly attributable to such transaction, (2) expected to have a continuing impact on Holdings, the Borrower or any of the other Restricted Subsidiaries, and (3) factually supportable or (y) otherwise consistent with the de

"Pro Forma Entity" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Acquired EBITDA.

"Pro Forma Financial Statements" shall have the meaning provided in Section 6.12.

"Prohibited Transaction" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975(c) of the Code.

"**Public Company Costs**" shall mean costs relating to compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as applicable to companies with equity or debt securities held by the public, the rules of national securities exchange companies with listed equity or debt securities, directors' or managers' compensation, fees and expense reimbursement, costs relating to investor relations, shareholder meetings and reports to shareholders or debtholders, directors' and officers' insurance and other executive costs, legal and other professional fees, and listing fees.

"Qualified Proceeds" shall mean assets that are used or useful in, or Capital Stock of any Person engaged in, a Similar Business.

"Qualified Stock" of any Person shall mean Capital Stock of such Person other than Disqualified Stock of such Person.

"Qualifying IPO" shall mean the issuance by Holdings or any Parent Entity of its common Equity Interests in an underwritten primary public offering (other than a public offering pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-8) pursuant to an effective registration statement filed with the SEC in accordance with the Securities Act (whether alone or in connection with a secondary public offering) or in a firm commitment underwritten offering (or series of related offerings of securities to the public pursuant to a final prospectus) made pursuant to the Securities Act.

#### "Real Estate" shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.1(f).

"Receivables Facility" shall mean any of one or more receivables financing facilities (and any guarantee of such financing facility), as amended, supplemented, modified, extended, renewed, restated, or refunded from time to time, the obligations of which are non-recourse (except for customary representations, warranties, covenants, and indemnities made in connection with such facilities) to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than a Receivables Subsidiary) pursuant to which Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary sells, directly or indirectly, grants a security interest in or otherwise transfers its accounts receivable to either (i) a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) a Receivables Subsidiary that in turn funds such purchase by purporting to sell its accounts receivable to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or by borrowing from such a Person or from another Receivables Subsidiary that in turn funds itself by borrowing from such a Person.

"Receivables Fee" shall mean distributions or payments made directly or by means of discounts with respect to any accounts receivable or participation interest issued or sold in connection with, and other fees paid to a Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with, any Receivables Facility.

"**Receivables Subsidiary**" shall mean any Subsidiary formed for the purpose of facilitating or entering into one or more Receivables Facilities, and in each case engages only in activities reasonably related or incidental thereto or another Person formed for the purposes of engaging in a Receivables Facility in which Holdings or any Subsidiary makes an Investment and to which Holdings or any Subsidiary transfers accounts receivables and related assets.

"**Refinanced Term Loans**" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.1</u>.

"Refinancing Indebtedness" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 10.1(m)</u>.

"Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 10.1(x)</u>.

"Refunding Capital Stock" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(b)(2).

"Register" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(b)(iv).

"**Regulation T**"shall mean Regulation T of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"**Regulation U**" shall mean Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"**Regulation X**"shall mean Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor to all or a portion thereof establishing margin requirements.

"**Reinvestment Period**" shall mean 450 days following the date of receipt of Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event, or Permitted Sale Leaseback.

"Rejection Notice" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(f).

"**Related Business Assets**" shall mean assets (other than cash or Cash Equivalents) used or useful in a Similar Business; <u>provided</u> that any assets received by Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries in exchange for assets transferred by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary shall not be deemed to be Related Business Assets if they consist of securities of a Person, unless upon receipt of the securities of such Person, such Person would become a Restricted Subsidiary.

"**Related Fund**" shall mean, with respect to any Lender that is a Fund, any other Fund that is advised or managed by (a) such Lender, (b) an Affiliate of such Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of such entity that administers, advises or manages such Lender.

"**Related Parties**" shall mean, with respect to any specified Person, such Person's Affiliates and the directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, and advisors of such Person and any Person that possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise.

"**Release**" shall mean any release, spill, emission, discharge, disposal, escaping, leaking, pumping, pouring, dumping, emptying, injection, or leaching into the environment.

"**Reorganization**" shall mean, with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such plan is in reorganization within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

"Replacement Term Loan Commitment" means the commitments of the Lenders to make Replacement Term Loans.

"**Replacement Term Loans**" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.1</u>.

"**Reportable Event**" shall mean any "reportable event", as defined in Section 4043(c) of ERISA or the regulations issued thereunder, with respect to a Pension Plan (other than a Pension Plan maintained by an ERISA Affiliate that is considered an ERISA Affiliate only pursuant to subsection (m) or (o) of Section 414 of the Code), other than those events as to which notice is waived pursuant to DOL Reg. § 4043.

"**Required Lenders**" shall mean, at any date, Lenders having or holding a majority of the sum of (i) the Total Term Loan Commitment at such date and (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Term Loans at such date.

"**Requirement of Law**" shall mean, as to any Person, the certificate of incorporation and by-laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule, or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or assets or to which such Person or any of its property or assets is subject.

"Resignation Effective Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 12.9(a).

"Restricted Investment" shall mean an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"Restricted Payment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(a).

"Restricted Subsidiary" shall mean any Subsidiary of Holdings other than an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

"Retained Declined Proceeds" shall have the meaning provided in Section 5.2(f).

"Retired Capital Stock" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.5(b)(2).

"S&P" shall mean Standard & Poor's Ratings Services or any successor by merger or consolidation to its business.

"Sale Leaseback" shall mean any arrangement with any Person providing for the leasing by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of any real or tangible personal property, which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary to such Person in contemplation of such leasing.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto.

"Secondary Merger" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.

"Section 2.14 Additional Amendment" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(g)(iv).

"Section 9.1Financials" shall mean the financial statements delivered, or required to be delivered, pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u> or <u>(b)</u> together with the accompanying officer's certificate delivered, or required to be delivered, pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(d)</u>.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, and each Lender, in each case with respect to the Credit Facility, and each sub-agent pursuant to <u>Section 12</u> appointed by the Administrative Agent with respect to matters relating to the Credit Facility or the Collateral Agent with respect to matters relating to any Security Document.

"Security Documents" shall mean, collectively, the Pledge Agreement, the Security Agreement, the Mortgages, if executed, the Intercreditor Agreement, and each other security agreement or other instrument or document executed and delivered pursuant to <u>Sections 9.11</u>, <u>9.12</u>, or <u>9.14</u> or pursuant to any other such Security Documents to secure the Obligations or to govern the lien priorities of the holders of Liens on the Collateral.

"Senior Secured Leverage Test" shall mean, as of any date of determination, with respect to the last day of the most recently ended Test Period, the Consolidated Senior Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio shall be no greater than 6.25 to 1.00.

"Series" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14(a).

"Significant Subsidiary" shall mean, at any date of determination, (a) any Restricted Subsidiary whose gross revenues (when combined with the gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) for the Test Period most recently ended on or prior to such date were equal to or greater than 15% of the consolidated gross revenues of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, determined in accordance with GAAP or (b) each other Restricted Subsidiary that, when such Restricted Subsidiary's total gross revenues (when combined with the total gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) are aggregated with each other Restricted Subsidiary (when combined with the total gross revenues of such Restricted Subsidiary's Subsidiaries after eliminating intercompany obligations) that is the subject of an Event of Default described in Section 11.5 would constitute a "Significant Subsidiary" under clause (a) above.

"Similar Business" shall mean any business conducted or proposed to be conducted by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on the Closing Date or any business that is similar, reasonably related, synergistic, incidental, or ancillary thereto.

"Sold Entity or Business" shall have the meaning provided in the definition of the term Consolidated EBITDA.

"**Solvent**" shall mean, after giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions, (i) the sum of the liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, does not exceed the present fair saleable value of the present assets of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis; (ii) the fair value of the property of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, is greater than the total amount of liabilities (including contingent liabilities) of the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, is not unreasonably small in relation to their business as contemplated on the date hereof; and (iv) the Borrower and its Restricted Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, have not incurred and do not intend to incur, or believe that they will incur, debts including current obligations beyond their ability to pay such debts as they become due (whether at maturity or otherwise).

"Specified Representations" shall mean the representations and warranties with respect to the Borrower set forth in <u>Sections 8.1(a)</u>, 8.2 (as related to the borrowing under, guaranteeing under, granting of security interests in the Collateral to, and performance of, the Credit Documents), 8.3(c) (as related to the borrowing under, guaranteeing under, granting of security interests in the Collateral to, and performance of, the Credit Documents), 8.5, 8.7, 8.17, 8.18, and in Section 3.2(a) and (b) of the Security Agreement and Section 4(d) of the Pledge Agreement, except with respect to items referred to on <u>Schedule 9.14</u>, of this Agreement.

"**Specified Transaction**" shall mean, with respect to any period, any Investment (including a Permitted Acquisition), any asset sale, incurrence or repayment of Indebtedness, Restricted Payment, Subsidiary designation, New Term Loan or other event or action that by the terms of this Agreement requires Pro Forma Compliance with a test or covenant hereunder or requires such test or covenant to be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis.

"Sponsor" shall mean any of KKR and its Affiliates but excluding portfolio companies of any of the foregoing.

"Sponsor Management Agreement" shall mean the management agreement between certain of the management companies associated with the Initial Investors and Holdings dated as of March 13, 2014.

"Sponsor Model" shall mean the Sponsor's financial model dated February 25, 2014 used in connection with the syndication of the Facilities.

"**Spot Rate**" for any currency shall mean the rate determined by the Administrative Agent to be the rate quoted by the Administrative Agent as the spot rate for the purchase by the Administrative Agent of such currency with another currency through its principal foreign exchange trading office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on the date two Business Days prior to the date as of which the foreign exchange computation is made; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may obtain such spot rate from another financial institution designated by the Administrative Agent if it does not have as of the date of determination a spot buying rate for any such currency.

"SPV" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 13.6(g)</u>.

"Stock Equivalents" shall mean all securities convertible into or exchangeable for Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to purchase or subscribe for any Capital Stock, whether or not presently convertible, exchangeable, or exercisable.

"Stores" shall mean any retail store (which may include any real property, fixtures, equipment, inventory and other property related thereto) operated, or to be operated, by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary.

"Subordinated Indebtedness" shall mean Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Guarantor that is by its terms subordinated in right of payment to the obligations of Holdings, the Borrower, or such Guarantor, as applicable, under this Agreement or the Guarantee, as applicable.

"Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean and include (i) any corporation more than 50% of whose Capital Stock of any class or classes having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the directors of such corporation (irrespective of whether or not at the time Capital Stock of any class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time owned by such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries, or (ii) any limited liability company, partnership, association, joint venture, or other entity of which such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries has more than a 50% equity interest at the time. Unless otherwise expressly provided, all references herein to a Subsidiary shall mean a Subsidiary of Holdings.

"Successor Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in Section 10.3(a).

"Surviving Borrower" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Agreement.

"**Taxes**" shall mean any and all present or future taxes, duties, levies, imposts, assessments, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), fees, or other similar charges imposed by any Governmental Authority and any interest, fines, penalties, or additions to tax with respect to the foregoing.

"**Term Loan Commitment**" shall mean, with respect to each Lender, such Lender's Initial Term Loan Commitment, and, if applicable, New Term Loan Commitment with respect to any Series and Replacement Term Loan Commitment with respect to any Series.

"Term Loan Extension Request" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.14 (g)(i).

"Term Loan Lender"shall mean, at any time, any Lender that has a Term Loan Commitment or an outstanding Term Loan.

"Term Loans" shall mean the Initial Term Loans, any New Term Loans, any Replacement Term Loans, and any Extended Term Loans, collectively.

"Terminated Contracts" shall mean binding contracts with Counterparties that have terminated (whether on or before their stated expiration).

"**Test Period**" shall mean, for any determination under this Agreement, the four consecutive fiscal quarters of Holdings then last ended and for which Section 9.1 Financials shall have been delivered (or required to be delivered) to the Administrative Agent (or, before the first delivery of Section 9.1 Financials, the most recent period of four fiscal quarters at the end of which financial statements are available).

#### "Title Policy" shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.14(d)(ii).

"Total Credit Exposure" shall mean, at any date, the sum, without duplication, of (i) the Total Term Loan Commitment at such date and (ii) without duplication of <u>clause (ii)</u>, the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all Term Loans at such date.

"Total Initial Term Loan Commitment" shall mean the sum of the Initial Term Loan Commitments of all Lenders.

"Total Term Loan Commitment" shall mean the sum of the Initial Term Loan Commitments, and the New Term Loan Commitments, if applicable, of all the Lenders.

"**Transaction Expenses**" shall mean any fees, costs, or expenses incurred or paid by Holdings, the Borrower, or any of their respective Affiliates in connection with the Transactions, this Agreement, and the other Credit Documents, the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby.

"**Transactions**" shall mean, collectively, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the First Lien Credit Agreement, the Acquisition, the contribution of the Equity Rollover Interests, the Equity Rollover Contribution, the Secondary Merger and the Equity Investments, any repayment, repurchase, prepayment, or defeasance of Indebtedness of Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith, the consummation of any other transactions in connection with the foregoing (including in connection with the Acquisition Agreement and the payment of the fees and expenses incurred in connection with any of the foregoing (including the Transaction Expenses)).

"Transferee" shall have the meaning provided in Section 13.6(e).

"Type" shall mean as to any Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan or a LIBOR Loan.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" shall mean (i) any Subsidiary of Holdings which at the time of determination is an Unrestricted Subsidiary (as designated by the board of directors of Holdings, as provided below) and (ii) any Subsidiary of an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

The board of directors of Holdings may designate any Subsidiary of Holdings (including any existing Subsidiary and any newly acquired or newly formed Subsidiary) other than the Company or a Subsidiary of Holdings that is a direct or indirect parent of the Company to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary unless such Subsidiary or any of its Subsidiaries owns any Equity Interests or Indebtedness of, or owns or holds any Lien on, any property of, Holdings or any Subsidiary of Holdings (other than any Subsidiary of the Subsidiary to be so designated or an Unrestricted Subsidiary); provided that:

(a) such designation complies with Section 10.5; and

(b) each of (1) the Subsidiary to be so designated and (2) its Subsidiaries has not at the time of designation, and does not thereafter, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee, or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable with respect to any Indebtedness pursuant to which the lender has recourse to any of the assets of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary.

The board of directors of Holdings may designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that, immediately after giving effect to such designation no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and either: (i) Holdings could incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of <u>Section 10.1</u> or (ii) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be greater than such ratio for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries immediately prior to such designation, in each case on a Pro Forma Basis taking into account such designation.

Any such designation by the board of directors of Holdings shall be notified by Holdings to the Administrative Agent by promptly delivering to the Administrative Agent a copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings certifying that such designation complied with the foregoing provisions.

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

"U.S.Lender" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 5.4(e)(ii)(A)</u>.

"Voting Stock" shall mean, with respect to any Person as of any date, the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Wal-Mart Agreements" shall mean (i) the Management & Services Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Wal-Mart</u>"), its U.S. operating subsidiaries, including Sam's West, Inc., and the Borrower, (ii) the Lease of Premises and License of Equipment, dated May 2, 2009, by and among Wal-Mart, its affiliates and subsidiaries and FirstSight, as amended by the First Amendment to FirstSight Lease, dated as of March 31, 2012, (iii) the Management and Services Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2012, by and between Wal-Mart, but excluding its United States operating subsidiaries Sam's West, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Sam's East Inc., a Delaware corporation (together with Sam's West, Inc., "Sam's") and Arlington Contact Lens Services, Inc., an Ohio corporation ("<u>AC Lens</u>"), (iv) the Management and Services Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among Wal-Mart, its affiliates and subsidiaries and the Borrower and (vi) the Supplier Agreement, dated as of May 1, 2012, by and among the Borrower and Wal-Mart, in each case, as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented, otherwise modified or replaced from time to time.

"Wholly-Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person, 100% of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Wholly-Owned Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean a Subsidiary of such Person, 100% of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Withdrawal Liability" shall mean liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Title IV of ERISA.

"Withholding Agent" shall mean any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent and, in the case of any U.S. federal withholding Tax, any other applicable withholding agent.

1.2 <u>Other Interpretive Provisions</u>. With reference to this Agreement and each other Credit Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Credit Document:

(a) The meanings of defined terms are equally applicable to the singular and plural forms of the defined terms.

(b) The words "herein", "hereto", "hereof", and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in any Credit Document shall refer to such Credit Document as a whole and not to any particular provision thereof.

(c) Section, Exhibit, and Schedule references are to the Credit Document in which such reference appears.

(d) The term "including" is by way of example and not limitation.

(e) The term "documents" includes any and all instruments, documents, agreements, certificates, notices, reports, financial statements and other writings, however evidenced, whether in physical or electronic form.

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

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

(h) The words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(i) All references to "knowledge" or "awareness" of any Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary thereof means the actual knowledge of an Authorized Officer of such Credit Party or such Restricted Subsidiary.

#### 1.3 Accounting Terms.

(a) Except as expressly provided herein, all accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP, applied in a consistent manner.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, for purposes of determining compliance with any test or covenant contained in this Agreement with respect to any period during which any Specified Transaction occurs, the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, Consolidated Senior Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio and the Senior Secured Leverage Test shall each be calculated with respect to such period and such Specified Transaction on a Pro Forma Basis.

(c) Where reference is made to "Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis" or similar language, such consolidation shall not include any Subsidiaries of Holdings other than Restricted Subsidiaries.

1.4 <u>Rounding</u>. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by Holdings pursuant to this Agreement (or required to be satisfied in order for a specific action to be permitted under this Agreement) shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number.

1.5 <u>References to Agreements Laws, Etc.</u> Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) references to organizational documents, agreements (including the Credit Documents), and other Contractual Requirements shall be deemed to include all subsequent amendments, restatements, amendment, and restatements, extensions, supplements, modifications, replacements, refinancings, renewals, or increases, but only to the extent that such amendments, restatements, amendment, and restatements, extensions, supplements, modifications, replacements, refinancings, renewals, or increases are permitted by any Credit Document; and (b) references to any Requirement of Law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing, or interpreting such Requirement of Law.

1.6 Exchange Rates. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of any determination under Section 9, Section 10 or Section 11 or any determination under any other provision of this Agreement expressly requiring the use of a current exchange rate, all amounts incurred, outstanding, or proposed to be incurred or outstanding in currencies other than Dollars shall be translated into Dollars at the Spot Rate; provided, however, that for purposes of determining compliance with Section 10 with respect to the amount of any Indebtedness, Restricted Investment, Lien, Asset Sale, or Restricted Payment in a currency other than Dollars, no Default or Event of Default shall be deemed to have occurred solely as a result of changes in rates of exchange occurring after the time such Indebtedness, Lien or Restricted Investment is incurred or Asset Sale or Restricted Payment made; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing provisions of this Section 1.6 shall otherwise apply to such Sections, including with respect to determining whether any Indebtedness, Lien, or Investment may be incurred or Asset Sale or Restricted Payment made at any time under such Sections. For purposes of any determination of Consolidated Total Debt, amounts in currencies other than Dollars shall be translated into Dollars at the currency exchange rates used in preparing the most recently delivered Section 9.1 Financials.

1.7 Rates. The Administrative Agent does not warrant, nor accept responsibility, nor shall the Administrative Agent have any liability with respect to the administration, submission, or any other matter related to the rates in the definition of LIBOR Rate or with respect to any comparable or successor rate thereto.

1.8 <u>Times of Day</u>. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.9 <u>Timing of Payment or Performance</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, when the payment of any obligation or the performance of any covenant, duty, or obligation is stated to be due or performance required on (or before) a day which is not a Business Day, the date of such payment (other than as described in the definition of Interest Period) or performance shall extend to the immediately succeeding Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

1.10 <u>Certifications</u>. All certifications to be made hereunder by an officer or representative of a Credit Party shall be made by such a Person in his or her capacity solely as an officer or a representative of such Credit Party, on such Credit Party's behalf and not in such Person's individual capacity.

1.11 <u>Compliance with Certain Sections</u>. In the event that any Lien, Investment, Indebtedness (whether at the time of incurrence or upon application of all or a portion of the proceeds thereof), disposition, Restricted Payment, Affiliate transaction, Contractual Requirement, or prepayment of Indebtedness meets the criteria of one or more than one of the categories of transactions then permitted pursuant to any clause or subsection of <u>Section 9.9</u> or any clause or subsection of <u>Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5 or 10.6</u> then, such transaction (or portion thereof) at any time shall be allocated to one or more of such clauses or subsections within the relevant sections as determined by the Borrower in its sole discretion at such time.

## 1.12 Pro Forma and Other Calculations.

(a) For purposes of calculating the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations, and disposed operations (as determined in accordance with GAAP) that have been made by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary during the Test Period or subsequent to such Test Period and on or prior to or simultaneously with the date of determination shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis assuming that all such Investments, acquisitions, dispositions, mergers, consolidations, and disposed operations (and the change in any associated fixed charge obligations and the change in Consolidated EBITDA resulting therefrom) had occurred on the first day of the Test Period. If since the beginning of such period any Person (that subsequently became a Restricted Subsidiary or was merged with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary since the beginning of such period) shall have made any Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation, or disposed operation that would have required adjustment pursuant to this definition, then the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be calculated giving Pro Forma Effect thereto for such Test Period as if such Investment, acquisition, disposition, merger, consolidation, or disposed operation had occurred at the beginning of the Test Period.

Whenever Pro Forma Effect is to be given to a transaction, the pro forma calculations shall be made in good faith by a responsible financial or accounting officer of the Borrower (and may include, for the avoidance of doubt and without duplication, cost savings, and operating expense reductions resulting from such Investment, acquisition, merger, or consolidation which is being given Pro Forma Effect that have been or are expected to be realized; provided that such costs savings and operating expense reductions are made in compliance with the definition of Pro Forma Adjustment). If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and is being given Pro Forma Effect, the interest on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the date of determination had been the applicable rate for the entire period (taking into account for such entire period, any Hedging Obligation applicable to such Indebtedness with a remaining term of 12 months or longer, and in the case of any Hedging Obligation applicable to such Indebtedness with a remaining term of less than 12 months, taking into account such Hedging Obligation applicable Lease Obligation shall be deemed to accrue at an interest rate reasonably determined by a responsible financial or accounting officer of Holdings to be the rate of interest implicit in such Capitalized Lease Obligation in accordance with GAAP. For purposes of making the computation referred to above, interest on any Indebtedness under a revolving credit facilities as of the date of determination and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of loans outstanding under such a revolving credit facilities as of the date of determined at an interest rate based upon a factor of a prime or similar rate, a eurocurrency interbank offered rate, or other rate, shall be deemed to have been based upon the rate actually chosen, or, if none, then based upon such optional rate chosen as the Borrower may designate.

In connection with any action being taken solely in connection with a Limited Condition Acquisition, for purposes of:

(i) determining compliance with any provision of this Agreement which requires the calculation of the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio, Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio or the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio; or

(ii) testing availability under baskets set forth in this agreement (including baskets measured as a percentage of Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets);

in each case, at the option of the Borrower (the Borrower's election to exercise such option in connection with any Limited Condition Acquisition, an "LCA Election"), the date of determination of whether any such action is permitted hereunder, shall be deemed to be the date the definitive agreements for such Limited Condition Acquisition are entered into (the "LCA Test Date"), and if, after giving Pro Forma Effect to the Limited Condition Acquisition and the other transactions to be entered into in connection therewith (including any incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) as if they had occurred at the beginning of the most recent Test Period ending prior to the LCA Test Date, the Borrower could have taken such action on the relevant LCA Test Date in compliance with such ratio or basket, such ratio or basket shall be deemed to have been complied with. For the avoidance of doubt, if the Borrower has made an LCA Election and any of the ratios or baskets for which compliance was determined or tested as of the LCA Test Date are exceeded as a result of fluctuations in any such ratio or basket, including due to fluctuations in Consolidated EBITDA or Consolidated Total Assets of the Borrower or the Person subject to such Limited Condition Acquisition, at or prior to the consummation of the relevant transaction or action, such baskets or ratios will not be deemed to have been exceeded as a result of such fluctuations. If the Borrower has made an LCA Election for any Limited Condition Acquisition, then in connection with any subsequent calculation of any ratio or basket availability with respect to the incurrence of Indebtedness or Liens, or the making of Restricted Payments, mergers, the conveyance, lease or other transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower, the prepayment, redemption, purchase, defeasance or other satisfaction of Indebtedness, or the designation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary on or following the relevant LCA Test Date and prior to the earlier of the date on which such Limited Condition Acquisition is consummated or the date that the definitive agreement for such Limited Condition Acquisition is terminated or expires without consummation of such Limited Condition Acquisition, any such ratio or basket shall be calculated on a Pro Forma Basis assuming such Limited Condition Acquisition and other transactions in connection therewith (including any incurrence of Indebtedness and the use of proceeds thereof) have been consummated.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 1.12 or in any classification under GAAP of any Person, business, assets or operations in respect of which a definitive agreement for the disposition thereof has been entered into as discontinued operations, no Pro Forma Effect shall be given to any discontinued operations (and the EBITDA attributable to any such Person, business, assets or operations shall not be excluded for any purposes hereunder) until such disposition shall have been consummated.

(c) Any determination of Consolidated Total Assets shall be made by reference to the last day of the Test Period most recently ended on or prior to the relevant date of determination.

#### Section 2. <u>Amount and Terms of Credit</u>

#### 2.1 <u>Commitments</u>.

Subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, each Lender having an Initial Term Loan Commitment severally agrees to make a loan or loans (each, an "**Initial Term Loan**") to Merger Sub on the Closing Date, which Initial Term Loans shall not exceed for any such Lender the Initial Term Loan Commitment of such Lender and in the aggregate shall not exceed \$125,000,000. Such Term Loans (i) may at the option of the Borrower be incurred and maintained as, and/or converted into, ABR Loans or LIBOR Loans; <u>provided</u> that all Term Loans made by each of the Lenders pursuant to the same Borrowing shall, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, consist entirely of Term Loans of the same Type, (ii) may be repaid or prepaid (without premium or penalty other than as set forth in Section 5.1(b)) in accordance with the provisions hereof, but once repaid or prepaid, may not be reborrowed, (iii) shall not exceed for any such Lender the Initial Term Loan Commitment of such Lender, and (iv) shall not exceed in the aggregate the Total Initial Term Loan Commitments. On the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, all then unpaid Initial Term Loans shall be repaid in full in Dollars.

#### 2.2 <u>Minimum Amount of Each Borrowing; Maximum Number of Borrowings</u>.

The aggregate principal amount of each Borrowing of Loans shall be in a minimum amount of at least the Minimum Borrowing Amount for such Type of Loans and in a multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. More than one Borrowing may be incurred on any date; <u>provided</u> that at no time shall there be outstanding more than five Borrowings of LIBOR Loans under this Agreement.

## 2.3 <u>Notice of Borrowing</u>.

(a) The Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office prior to 12:00 p.m. (New York City time) at least one Business Day's prior written notice in the case of a Borrowing of Initial Term Loans to be made on the Closing Date if such Initial Term Loans are to be LIBOR Loans or ABR Loans. Such notice (a "**Notice of Borrowing**") shall specify (A) the aggregate principal amount of the Term Loans to be made, (B) the date of the Borrowing (which shall be the Closing Date) and (C) whether the Term Loans shall consist of ABR Loans and/or LIBOR Loans and, if the Term Loans are to include LIBOR Loans, the Interest Period to be initially applicable thereto. If no election as to the Type of Borrowing is specified in any such notice, then the requested Borrowing shall be an ABR Borrowing. If no Interest Period with respect to any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans is specified in any such notice, then the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall promptly advise the applicable Lenders of any notice given pursuant to this Section 2.3 (and the contents thereof), and of each Lender's pro rata share of the requested Borrowing.

(b) Without in any way limiting the obligation of the Borrower to confirm in writing any notice it shall give hereunder by telephone (which such obligation is absolute), the Administrative Agent may act prior to receipt of written confirmation without liability upon the basis of such telephonic notice believed by the Administrative Agent in good faith to be from an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower.

## 2.4 <u>Disbursement of Funds</u>.

(a) No later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the date specified in each Notice of Borrowing, each Lender shall make available its pro rataportion, if any, of each Borrowing requested to be made on such date in the manner provided below; <u>provided</u> that on the Closing Date, such funds may be made available at such earlier time as may be agreed among the Lenders, Holdings, and the Administrative Agent for the purpose of consummating the Transactions.

(b) Each Lender shall make available all amounts it is to fund to the Borrower under any Borrowing for its applicable Commitments, and in immediately available funds, to the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office and the Administrative Agent will make available to the Borrower, by depositing to an account designated by Holdings or the Borrower to the Administrative Agent the aggregate of the amounts so made available in Dollars. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified by any Lender prior to the date of any such Borrowing that such Lender does not intend to make available to the Administrative Agent its portion of the Borrowing or Borrowings to be made on such date, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender has made such amount available to the Administrative Agent on such date of Borrowing, and the Administrative Agent, in reliance upon such assumption, may (in its sole discretion and without any obligation to do so) make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. If such corresponding amount is not in fact made available to the Administrative Agent by such Lender and the Administrative Agent has made available such amount to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to recover such corresponding amount from such Lender. If such Lender does not pay such corresponding amount forthwith upon the Administrative Agent's demand therefor the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Borrower shall immediately pay such corresponding amount to the Administrative Agent in Dollars. The Administrative Agent shall also be entitled to recover from such Lender or the Borrower to the date such corresponding amount is recovered by the Administrative Agent, at a rate per annumequal to (i) if paid by such Lender, the Overnight Rate or (ii) if paid by the Borrower, the then-applicable rate of interest or fees, calculated in accordance with <u>Section 2.8</u>, for the respective Loans.

(c) Nothing in this <u>Section 2.4</u> shall be deemed to relieve any Lender from its obligation to, fulfill its commitments hereunder or to prejudice any rights that the Borrower may have against any Lender as a result of any default by such Lender hereunder (it being understood, however, that no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to fulfill its commitments hereunder).

## 2.5 <u>Repayment of Loans; Evidence of Debt</u>

(a) The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent, in Dollars, for the benefit of the Initial Term Loan Lenders, on the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date (or, if not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) the outstanding principal amount of Initial Term Loans made to the Borrower.

(b) The Borrower shall repay to the Administrative Agent, in Dollars, for the benefit of the applicable Lenders, on the Maturity Date outstanding principal amount of Initial Term Loans made to the Borrower.

(c) In the event that any New Term Loans are made, such New Term Loans shall, subject to <u>Section 2.14(d)</u>, be repaid by the Borrower in the amounts set forth in the applicable Joinder Agreement. In the event that any Extended Term Loans are established, such Extended Term Loans shall, subject to <u>Section 2.14(g)</u>, be repaid by the Borrower in the amounts and on the dates set forth in the applicable Extension Amendment.

(d) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the Indebtedness of the Borrower to the appropriate lending office of such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such lending office of such Lender from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such lending office of such Lender from time to time under this Agreement.

(e) The Administrative Agent shall maintain the Register pursuant to <u>Section 13.6(b)</u>, and a subaccount for each Lender, in which Register and subaccounts (taken together) shall be recorded (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, whether such Loan is an Initial Term Loan or, New Term Loan, as applicable, the Type of each Loan made, the name of the Borrower and the Interest Period, if any, applicable thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder, and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Administrative Agent hereunder from the Borrower and each Lender's share thereof.

(f) The entries made in the Register and accounts and subaccounts maintained pursuant to <u>clauses (d)</u> and (<u>e)</u> of this <u>Section 2.5</u> shall, to the extent permitted by applicable law, be prima facie evidence of the existence and amounts of the obligations of the Borrower therein recorded; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the failure of any Lender or the Administrative Agent to maintain such account, such Register or subaccount, as applicable, or any error therein, shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay (with applicable interest) the Loans made to such Borrower by such Lender in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(g) The Borrower hereby agrees that, upon request of any Lender at any time and from time to time after a Borrower has made an initial borrowing hereunder, the Borrower shall provide to such Lender, at the Borrower's own expense, a promissory note, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit G</u> evidencing the Initial Term Loans and New Term Loans, respectively, owing to such Lender. Thereafter, unless otherwise agreed to by the applicable Lender, the Loans evidenced by such promissory note and interest thereon shall at all times (including after assignment pursuant to Section 13.6) be represented by one or more promissory notes in such form payable to the order of the payee named therein (or, if requested by such payee, to such payee and its registered assigns).

## 2.6 <u>Conversions and Continuations</u>

(a) Subject to the penultimate sentence of this clause (a). (x) the Borrower shall have the option on any Business Day to convert all or a portion equal to at least \$5,000,000 of the outstanding principal amount of Term Loans of one Type and (y) the Borrower shall have the option on any Business Day to continue the outstanding principal amount of any LIBOR Loans as LIBOR Loans for an additional Interest Period; provided that (i) no partial conversion of LIBOR Loans shall reduce the outstanding principal amount of LIBOR Loans made pursuant to a single Borrowing to less than the Minimum Borrowing Amount, (ii) ABR Loans may not be converted into LIBOR Loans if an Event of Default is in existence on the date of the conversion and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such conversion, (iii) LIBOR Loans may not be continued as LIBOR Loans for an additional Interest Period if an Event of Default is in existence on the date of the proposed continuation and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such continuation, and (iv) Borrowings resulting from conversions pursuant to this Section 2.6 shall be limited in number as provided in Section 2.2. Each such conversion or continuation shall be effected by the Borrower by giving the Administrative Agent prior written notice at the Administrative Agent's Office prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York City time) at least (i) three Business Days prior, in the case of a continuation of or conversion to LIBOR Loans (other than in the case of a notice delivered on the Closing Date, which shall be deemed to be effective on the Closing Date), or (ii) one Business Day prior in the case of a conversion into ABR Loans (each, a "Notice of Conversion or Continuation" substantially in the form of Exhibit K) specifying the Loans to be so converted or continued, the Type of Loans to be converted or continued into and, if such Loans are to be converted into or continued as LIBOR Loans, the Interest Period to be initially applicable thereto. If no Interest Period is specified in any such notice with respect to any conversion to or continuation as a LIBOR Loan, the Borrower shall be deemed to have selected an Interest Period of one month's duration. The Administrative Agent shall give each applicable Lender notice as promptly as practicable of any such proposed conversion or continuation affecting any of its Loans.

(b) If any Event of Default is in existence at the time of any proposed continuation of any LIBOR Loans denominated in Dollars and the Administrative Agent has or the Required Lenders have determined in its or their sole discretion not to permit such continuation, such LIBOR Loans shall be automatically converted on the last day of the current Interest Period into ABR Loans. If upon the expiration of any Interest Period in respect of LIBOR Loans, the Borrower has failed to elect a new Interest Period to be applicable thereto as provided in <u>clause (a)</u>, the Borrower shall be deemed to have elected to convert such Borrowing of LIBOR Loans into a Borrowing of ABR Loans, effective as of the expiration date of such current Interest Period.

2.7 <u>Pro Rata Borrowings</u>. Each Borrowing of Initial Term Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Lenders pro rataon the basis of their then-applicable Initial Term Loan Commitments. Each Borrowing of New Term Loans under this Agreement shall be made by the Lenders pro rataon the basis of their then-applicable New Term Loan Commitments. It is understood that (a) no Lender shall be responsible for any default by any other Lender in its obligation to make Loans hereunder and that each Lender severally but not jointly shall be obligated to make the Loans provided to be made by it hereunder, regardless of the failure of any other Lender to fulfill its commitments hereunder and (b) failure by a Lender to perform any of its obligations under any of the Credit Documents shall not release any Person from performance of its obligation, under any Credit Document.

## 2.8 Interest

(a) The unpaid principal amount of each ABR Loan shall bear interest from the date of the Borrowing thereof until maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annumthat shall at all times be the Applicable Margin for ABR Loans *plus* the ABR, in each case, in effect from time to time.

(b) The unpaid principal amount of each LIBOR Loan shall bear interest from the date of the Borrowing thereof until maturity thereof (whether by acceleration or otherwise) at a rate per annumthat shall at all times be the Applicable Margin for LIBOR Loans *plus* the relevant LIBOR Rate.

(c) If all or a portion of (i) the principal amount of any Loan or (ii) any interest payable thereon or any other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum (the "**Default Rate**") that is (x) in the case of overdue principal, the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto *plus* 2.00% or (y) in the case of any other overdue amount, including overdue interest, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the rate described in <u>Section 2.8(a)</u> for the applicable Class *plus* 2.00% from the date of such non-payment to the date on which such amount is paid in full (after as well as before judgment).

(d) Interest on each Loan shall accrue from and including the date of any Borrowing to but excluding the date of any repayment thereof; provided that any Loan that is repaid on the same date on which it is made shall bear interest for one day. Except as provided below, interest shall be payable (i) in respect of each ABR Loan, quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each fiscal quarter of the Borrower, (ii) in respect of each LIBOR Loan, on the last day of each Interest Period applicable thereto and, in the case of an Interest Period in excess of three months, on each date occurring at three-month intervals after the first day of such Interest Period, and (iii) in respect of each Loan, (A) on any prepayment in respect thereof, (B) at maturity (whether by acceleration or otherwise), and (C) after such maturity, on demand.

#### (e) All computations of interest hereunder shall be made in accordance with Section 5.5.

(f) The Administrative Agent, upon determining the interest rate for any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans, shall promptly notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders thereof. Each such determination shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding on all parties hereto.

2.9 Interest Periods. At the time the Borrower gives a Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion or Continuation in respect of the making of, or conversion into or continuation as, a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans in accordance with <u>Section 2.6(a)</u>, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent written notice of the Interest Period applicable to such Borrowing, which Interest Period shall, at the option of the Borrower be a one, two, three or six month period (or if available to all the Lenders making such LIBOR Loans as determined by such Lenders in good faith based on prevailing market conditions, a twelve month or shorter period).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained above:

(a) the initial Interest Period for any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans shall commence on the date of such Borrowing (including the date of any conversion from a Borrowing of ABR Loans) and each Interest Period occurring thereafter in respect of such Borrowing shall commence on the day on which the next preceding Interest Period expires;

(b) if any Interest Period relating to a Borrowing of LIBOR Loans begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month or begins on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month end of such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month end of such Interest Period shall end of such Inter

(c) if any Interest Period would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall expire on the next succeeding Business Day; <u>provided</u> that if any Interest Period in respect of a LIBOR Loan would otherwise expire on a day that is not a Business Day but is a day of the month after which no further Business Day occurs in such month, such Interest Period shall expire on the immediately preceding Business Day; and

(d) the Borrower shall not be entitled to elect any Interest Period in respect of any LIBOR Loan if such Interest Period would extend beyond the Maturity Date of such Loan.

## 2.10 Increased Costs, Illegality, Etc.

(a) In the event that (x) in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> below, the Administrative Agent and (y) in the case of <u>clauses (ii)</u> and <u>(iii)</u> below, the Required Lenders shall have reasonably determined (which determination shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto):

(i) on any date for determining the LIBOR Rate for any Interest Period that (x) deposits in the principal amounts and currencies of the Loans comprising such LIBOR Borrowing are not generally available in the relevant market or (y) by reason of any changes arising on or after the Closing Date affecting the interbank LIBOR market, adequate and fair means do not exist for ascertaining the applicable interest rate on the basis provided for in the definition of LIBOR Rate; or

(ii) at any time, that such Lenders shall incur increased costs or reductions in the amounts received or receivable hereunder with respect to any LIBOR Loans (including any increased costs or reductions attributable to Taxes, other than any increase or reduction attributable to Indemnified Taxes, Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes) because of any Change in Law; or

(iii) at any time, that the making or continuance of any LIBOR Loan has become unlawful by compliance by such Lenders in good faith with any law, governmental rule, regulation, guideline or order (or would conflict with any such governmental rule, regulation, guideline or order not having the force of law even though the failure to comply therewith would not be unlawful), or has become impracticable as a result of a contingency occurring after the Closing Date that materially and adversely affects the interbank LIBOR market;

(such Loans, "**Impacted Loans**"), then, and in any such event, such Required Lenders (or the Administrative Agent, in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above) shall within a reasonable time thereafter give notice (if by telephone, confirmed in writing) to Holdings, the Borrower, and to the Administrative Agent of such determination (which notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly transmit to each of the other Lenders). Thereafter (x) in the case of <u>clause (i)</u> above, LIBOR Loans shall no longer be available until such time as the Administrative Agent notifies Holdings, the Borrower and the Lenders that the circumstances giving rise to such notice by the Administrative Agent no longer exist (which notice the Administrative Agent agrees to give at such time when such circumstances no longer exist), and any Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion given by the Borrower with respect to LIBOR Loans that have not yet been incurred shall be deemed rescinded by the Borrower, (y) in the case of <u>clause (ii)</u> above, the Borrower shall pay to such Lenders, promptly after receipt of written demand therefor such additional amounts (in the form of an increased rate of, or a different method of calculating, interest or otherwise as such Required Lenders in their reasonable discretion shall determine) as shall be required to compensate such Lenders for such actual increased costs or reductions in amounts receivable hereunder (it being agreed that a written notice as to the additional amounts owed to such Lenders, showing in reasonable detail the basis for the calculation thereof, submitted to the Borrower by such Lenders shall, absent clearly demonstrable error, be final and conclusive and binding upon all parties hereto), and (z) in the case of <u>subclause (iii</u>) above, the Borrower (y), as applicable, of <u>Section 2.10(b)</u> promptly and, in any event, within the time period required by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrative Agent has made the determination described in Section 2.10(a)(i)(x), the Administrative Agent, in consultation with the Borrower and the affected Lenders, may establish an alternative interest rate for the Impacted Loans, in which case, such alternative rate of interest shall apply with respect to the Impacted Loans until (1) the Administrative Agent revokes the notice delivered with respect to the Impacted Loans under clause (x) of the first sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph, (2) the Administrative Agent or the affected Lenders notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that such alternative interest rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of funding the Impacted Loans, or (3) any Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for such Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Loans whose interest is determined by reference to such alternative rate of interest or to determine or charge interest rates based upon such rate or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Lender to do any of the foregoing and provides the Administrative Agent and the Borrower written notice thereof.

(b) At any time that any LIBOR Loan is affected by the circumstances described in <u>Section 2.10(a)(ii)</u> or (<u>iii</u>), the Borrower may (and in the case of a LIBOR Loan affected pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(a)(iii</u>) shall) either (x) if a Notice of Borrowing or Notice of Conversion or Continuation with respect to the affected LIBOR Loan has been submitted pursuant to <u>Section 2.3</u> but the affected LIBOR Loan has not been funded or continued, cancel such requested Borrowing by giving the Administrative Agent written notice thereof on the same date that the Borrower was notified by Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.10(a)(ii)</u> or (<u>iii</u>) or (y) if the affected LIBOR Loan is then outstanding, upon at least three Business Days' notice to the Administrative Agent, require the affected Lender to convert each such LIBOR Loan into an ABR Loan; <u>provided</u> that if more than one Lender is affected at any time, then all affected Lenders must be treated in the same manner pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(b</u>).

(c) If, after the Closing Date, any Change in Law relating to capital adequacy or liquidity of any Lender or compliance by any Lender or its parent with any Change in Law relating to capital adequacy or liquidity occurring after the Closing Date, has or would have the effect of reducing the actual rate of return on such Lender's or its parent's or its Affiliate's capital or assets as a consequence of such Lender's commitments or obligations hereunder to a level below that which such Lender or its parent or its Affiliate could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or its parent's policies with respect to capital adequacy or liquidity), then from time to time, promptly after demand by such Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such actual additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or its parent for such actual reduction, it being understood and agreed, however, that a Lender shall not be entitled to such compensation as a result of such Lender's compliance with, or pursuant to any request or directive to comply with, any law, rule or regulation as in effect on the Closing Date or to the extent such Lender is not imposing such charges on, or requesting such compensation from, borrowers (similarly situated to the Borrower hereunder) under comparable syndicated credit facilities similar to the Credit Facility. Each Lender, upon determining in good faith that any additional amounts will be payable pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(c)</u>, will give prompt written notice thereof to the Borrower's obligations to pay additional amounts, although the failure to give any such notice shall not, subject to <u>Section 2.13</u>, release or diminish the Borrower's obligations to pay additional amounts pursuant to this <u>Section 2.10(c)</u> promptly following receipt of such notice.

2.11 Compensation. If (a) any payment of principal of any LIBOR Loan is made by the Borrower to or for the account of a Lender other than on the last day of the Interest Period for such LIBOR Loan as a result of a payment or conversion pursuant to <u>Sections 2.5, 2.6, 2.10, 5.1, 5.2</u> or <u>13.7</u>, as a result of acceleration of the maturity of the Loans pursuant to <u>Section 11</u> or for any other reason, (b) any Borrowing of LIBOR Loan as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Borrowing or a failure to satisfy borrowing conditions, (c) any ABR Loan is not converted into a LIBOR Loan as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Conversion or Continuation, (d) any LIBOR Loan is not continued as a LIBOR Loan, as the case may be, as a result of a withdrawn Notice of Conversion or (e) any prepayment of principal of any LIBOR Loan is not made as a result of a withdrawn notice of prepayment pursuant to <u>Sections 5.1</u> or <u>5.2</u>, the Borrower shall, after receipt of a written request by such Lender (which request shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis for requesting such amount), promptly pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required to compensate such Lender for any additional losses, costs or expense (excluding loss of anticipated profits) actually incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by any Lender to fund or maintain such LIBOR Loan. A certificate of a Lender setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Lender as specified in this <u>Section 2.11</u> 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.

2.12 <u>Change of Lending Office</u>. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of <u>Sections 2.10(a)(ii)</u>, <u>2.10(a)(iii)</u>, <u>2.10(b)</u> or <u>5.4</u> with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrower use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event; <u>provided</u> that such designation is made on such terms that such Lender and its lending office suffer no unreimbursed cost or other material economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage, with the object of avoiding the consequence of the event giving rise to the operation of any such Section. Nothing in this <u>Section 2.12</u> shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of the Borrower or the right of any Lender provided in <u>Sections 2.10</u> or <u>5.4</u>.

2.13 <u>Notice of Certain Costs</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, to the extent any notice required by <u>Sections 2.10, 2.11</u> or <u>5.4</u> is given by any Lender more than 120 days after such Lender has knowledge (or should have had knowledge) of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the additional cost, reduction in amounts, loss, or other additional amounts described in such Sections, such Lender shall not be entitled to compensation under <u>Sections 2.10, 2.11</u> or <u>5.4</u>, as the case may be, for any such amounts incurred or accruing prior to the 121st day prior to the giving of such notice to the Borrower.

## 2.14 Incremental Facilities.

(a) The Borrower may by written notice to Administrative Agent elect to request the establishment of one or more additional tranches of term loans (the commitments thereto, the "New Term Loan Commitments"), by an aggregate amount not in excess of the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount in the aggregate and not less than \$10,000,000 individually (or such lesser amount as (x) may be approved by the Administrative Agent or (y) shall constitute the difference between the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount and all such New Term Loan Commitments obtained on or prior to such date). Each such notice shall specify the date (each, an "Increased Amount Date") on which the Borrower proposes that the New Term Loan Commitments shall be effective. In connection with the incurrence of any Indebtedness under this Section 2.14, at the request of the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent a certifying that the New Term Loan Commitments do not exceed the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount, which certificate shall be in reasonable detail and shall provide the calculations and basis therefor. The Borrower may approach any Lender or any Person (other than a natural Person) to provide all or a portion of the New Term Loan Commitments; provided that any Lender offered or approached to provide all or a portion of the New Term Loan Commitments may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide a New Term Loan Commitment. In each case, such New Term Loan Commitments shall become effective as of the applicable Increased Amount Date; provided that (i) no Event of Default (except in connection with an acquisition or investment, no Event of Default under Section 11.1 or Section 11.5) shall exist on such Increased Amount Date before or after giving effect to such New Term Loan Commitments, as applicable, (ii) the New Term Loan Commitments shall be effected pursuant to one or more Joinder Agreements executed and delivered by the Borrower and Administrative Agent, and each of which shall be recorded in the Register and shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Section 5.4(e), and (iii) the Borrower shall make any payments required pursuant to Section 2.11 in connection with the New Term Loan Commitments, as applicable. No Lender shall have any obligation to provide any Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.14(a). Any New Term Loans made on an Increased Amount Date shall, at the election of the Borrower and agreed to by Lenders providing such New Term Loan Commitments, be designated as (a) a separate series (a "Series") of New Term Loans for all purposes of this Agreement or (b) as part of a Series of existing Term Loans for all purposes of this Agreement.

#### (b) [reserved]

(c) On any Increased Amount Date on which any New Term Loan Commitments of any Series are effective, subject to the satisfaction of the foregoing terms and conditions, (i) each Lender with a New Term Loan Commitment (each, a "**NewTerm Loan Lender**") of any Series shall make a Loan to the Borrower (a "**NewTerm Loan**") in an amount equal to its New Term Loan Commitment of such Series, and (ii) each New Term Loan Lender of any Series shall become a Lender with respect to the New Term Loan Commitment of such Series and the New Term Loan Series made pursuant thereto.

(d) The terms and provisions of the New Term Loans and New Term Loan Commitments of any Series shall be on terms and documentation set forth in the Joinder Agreement as determined by the Borrower; provided that (i) the applicable New Term Loan Maturity Date of each Series shall be no earlier than the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date; (ii) the weighted average life to maturity of all New Term Loans shall be no shorter than the weighted average life to maturity of the then existing Initial Term Loans, (iii) the pricing, interest rate margins, discounts, premiums, rate floors, fees, and amortization schedule applicable to any New Term Loans shall be determined by the Borrower and the Lenders thereunder; provided that solely in the case of New Term Loans incurred prior to the 18 month anniversary of the Closing Date, if the Effective Yield for LIBOR Loans in respect of such New Term Loans exceeds the Effective Yield for LIBOR Loans in respect of the then existing Initial Term Loans by more than 0.50%, the Applicable Margin for LIBOR Loans in respect of the then existing Initial Term Loans incurred prior to the New Term Loans *minus* 0.50%; and (iv) to the extent such terms and documentation are not consistent with the then existing Initial Term Loans (except to the extent permitted by <u>clause (i), (ii)</u> or (<u>iii</u>) above), they shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent (it being understood that, (1) to the extent that any financial maintenance covenant is also added for the benefit of any corresponding Loans remaining outstanding after the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness or (2) no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if any covenants or other provisions are only applicable after the Latest Term Loan Maturity Date).

#### (e) [reserved]

(f) Each Joinder Agreement may, without the consent of any other Lenders, effect technical and corresponding amendments to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, to effect the provision of this <u>Section 2.14</u>.

(g) (4) The Borrower may at any time and from time to time request that all or a portion of the Term Loans of any Class (an "Existing Term Loan Class") be converted to extend the scheduled maturity date(s) of any payment of principal with respect to all or a portion of any principal amount of such Term Loans (any such Term Loans which have been so converted, "Extended Term Loans") and to provide for other terms consistent with this Section 2.14(g). In order to establish any Extended Term Loans, the Borrower shall provide a notice to the Administrative Agent (who shall provide a copy of such notice to each of the Lenders of the applicable Existing Term LoanClass which such request shall be offered equally to all such Lenders) (a "Term Loan Extension Request") setting forth the proposed terms of the Extended Term Loans to be established, which shall not be materially more restrictive to the Credit Parties (as determined in good faith by the Borrower), when taken as a whole, than the terms of the Term Loans of the Existing Term Loan Class unless (x) the Lenders of the Term Loans of such applicable Existing Term Loan Class receive the benefit of such more restrictive terms or (y) any such provisions apply after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date (a "Permitted Other Provision"); provided, however, that (x) the scheduled final maturity date shall be extended and all or any of the scheduled amortization payments of principal of the Extended Term Loans may be delayed to later dates than the scheduled amortization of principal of the Term Loans of such Existing Term Loan Class (with any such delay resulting in a corresponding adjustment to the scheduled amortization payments reflected in Section 2.5 or in the Joinder Agreement, as the case may be, with respect to the Existing Term Loan Class from which such Extended Term Loans were converted, in each case as more particularly set forth in paragraph (iv) of this Section 2.14(g) below), (y) (A) the interest margins with respect to the Extended Term Loans may be higher or lower than the interest margins for the Term Loans of such Existing Term Loan Class and/or (B) additional fees, premiums or AHYDO payments may be payable to the Lenders providing such Extended Term Loans in addition to or in lieu of any increased margins contemplated by the preceding clause (A), in each case, to the extent provided in the applicable Extension Amendment and to the extent that any Permitted Other Provision (including a financial maintenance covenant) is added for the benefit of any such Indebtedness, no consent shall be required by the Administrative Agent or any of the Lenders if such Permitted Other Provision is also added for the benefit of any corresponding Loans remaining outstanding after the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness or if such Permitted Other Provision applies only after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.14 or otherwise, no Extended Term Loans may be optionally prepaid prior to the date on which the Existing Term Loan Class from which they were converted is repaid in full, except in accordance with the last sentence of Section 5.1(a). No Lender shall have any obligation to agree to have any of its Term Loans of any Existing Term Loan Class converted into Extended Term Loans pursuant to any Extension Request. Any Extended Term Loans of any Extension Series shall constitute a separate Class of Term Loans from the Existing Term Loan Class from which they were converted.



#### (ii) [reserved]

(iii) Any Lender (an "**Extending Lender**") wishing to have all or a portion of its Loans converted into Extended Term Loans, shall notify the Administrative Agent (an "**Extension Election**") on or prior to the date specified in such Extension Request of the amount of its Loans of the Existing Class or Existing Classes subject to such Extension Request that it has elected to convert into Extended Term Loans. In the event that the aggregate amount of Loans of the Existing Classes or Existing Classes or Existing Classes subject to Extension Elections exceeds the amount of Extended Term Loans requested pursuant to the Extension Request, Loans of the Existing Classes or Existing Classes subject to Extension Elections shall be converted to Extended Term Loans on a pro rata basis based on the amount of Loans in each such Extension Election.

(iv) Extended Term Loans shall be established pursuant to an amendment (an "**Extension Amendment**") to this Agreement (which, except to the extent expressly contemplated by the penultimate sentence of this <u>Section 2.14(g)(iv)</u> and notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in <u>Section 13.1</u>, shall not require the consent of any Lender other than the Extending Lenders with respect to the Extended Term Loans established thereby) executed by the Credit Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Extending Lenders. No Extension Amendment shall provide for any tranche of Extended Term Loans in an aggregate principal amount that is less than \$10,000,000. In addition to any terms and changes required or permitted by <u>Section 2.14(g)(i)</u>, each Extension Amendment may, but shall not be required to, impose additional requirements (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement in effect at such time) with respect to the final maturity and weighted average life to maturity of New Term Loans incurred following the date of such Extension Amendment. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 2.14(g)</u> and without limiting the generality or applicability of <u>Section 13.1</u> to any Section 2.14 Additional Amendments, any Extension Amendment may provide for additional terms and/or additional amendments other than the other Credit Documents; <u>provided</u> that such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments are within the requirements of <u>Section 2.14(g)(i)</u> and do not become effective prior to the time that such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments have been consented to (including, without limitation, pursuant to (1) consents applicable to holders of any Extension Amendment) by such of the Lenders, Credit Parties and other parties (if any) as may be required in order for such Section 2.14 Additional Amendments to become effective in accordance with <u>Section 13.1</u>.

(v) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, on any date on which any Existing Class is converted to extend the related scheduled maturity date(s) in accordance with <u>clause (i)</u> above (an "**Extension Date**"), the aggregate principal amount of such existing Loans shall be deemed reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of Extended Term Loans so converted by such Lender on such date, and the Extended Term Loans shall be established as a separate Class of Loans (together with any other Extended Term Loans so established on such date).

(vi) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders hereby consent to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this <u>Section 2.14</u> (including, for the avoidance of doubt, payment of any interest, fees, or premium in respect of any Extended Term Loans on such terms as may be set forth in the relevant Extension Amendment) and hereby waive the requirements of any provision of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any pro rata payment or amendment section) or any other Credit Document that may otherwise prohibit or restrict any such extension or any other transaction contemplated by this <u>Section 2.14</u>.

## 2.15 <u>Permitted Debt Exchanges</u>.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, pursuant to one or more offers (each, a "Permitted Debt Exchange Offer") made from time to time by the Borrower, the Borrower may from time to time following the Closing Date consummate one or more exchanges of Term Loans for Permitted Other Indebtedness in the form of notes (such notes, "Permitted Debt Exchange Notes," and each such exchange a "Permitted Debt Exchange"), so long as the following conditions are satisfied: (i) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time the final offering document in respect of a Permitted Debt Exchange Offer is delivered to the relevant Lenders, (ii) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Term Loans exchanged shall equal no more than the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Permitted Debt Exchange Notes issued in exchange for such Term Loans; provided that the aggregate principal amount of the Permitted Debt Exchange Notes may include accrued interest and premium (if any) under the Term Loans exchanged and underwriting discounts, fees, commissions and expenses in connection with the issuance of such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes, (iii) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of all Term Loans exchanged under each applicable Class by the Borrower pursuant to any Permitted Debt Exchange shall automatically be cancelled and retired by the Borrower on the date of the settlement thereof (and, if requested by the Administrative Agent, any applicable exchanging Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance, or such other form as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, in respect thereof pursuant to which the respective Lender assigns its interest in the Term Loans being exchanged pursuant to the Permitted Debt Exchange to the Borrower for immediate cancellation), (iv) if the aggregate principal amount of all Term Loans of a given Class (calculated on the face amount thereof) tendered by Lenders in respect of the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange Offer (with no Lender being permitted to tender a principal amount of Term Loans which exceeds the principal amount thereof of the applicable Class actually held by it) shall exceed the maximum aggregate principal amount of Term Loans of such Class offered to be exchanged by the Borrower pursuant to such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer, then the Borrower shall exchange Term Loans subject to such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer tendered by such Lenders ratably up to such maximum amount based on the respective principal amounts so tendered, (v) all documentation in respect of such Permitted Debt Exchange shall be consistent with the foregoing, and all written communications generally directed to the Lenders in connection therewith shall be in form and substance consistent with the foregoing and made in consultation with the Borrower and the Auction Agent, and (vi) any applicable Minimum Tender Condition shall be satisfied.

(b) With respect to all Permitted Debt Exchanges effected by any of the Borrower pursuant to this <u>Section 2.15</u>, (i) such Permitted Debt Exchanges (and the cancellation of the exchanged Term Loans in connection therewith) shall not constitute voluntary or mandatory payments or prepayments for purposes of <u>Section 5.1</u> or <u>5.2</u>, and (ii) such Permitted Debt Exchange Offer shall be made for not less than \$10,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of Term Loans; <u>provided</u> that subject to the foregoing <u>clause (ii)</u> the Borrower may at its election specify as a condition (a "**Minimum Tender Condition**") to consummating any such Permitted Debt Exchange that a minimum amount (to be determined and specified in the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange Offer in the Borrower's discretion) of Term Loans of any or all applicable Classes be tendered.

(c) In connection with each Permitted Debt Exchange, the Borrower and the Auction Agent shall mutually agree to such procedures as may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this <u>Section 2.15</u> and without conflict with <u>Section 2.15(d)</u>; provided that the terms of any Permitted Debt Exchange Offer shall provide that the date by which the relevant Lenders are required to indicate their election to participate in such Permitted Debt Exchange shall be not less than a reasonable period (in the discretion of the Borrower and the Auction Agent) of time following the date on which the Permitted Debt Exchange Offer is made.

(d) The Borrower shall be responsible for compliance with, and hereby agrees to comply with, all applicable securities and other laws in connection with each Permitted Debt Exchange, it being understood and agreed that (x) none of the Auction Agent, the Administrative Agent nor any Lender assumes any responsibility in connection with the Borrower's compliance with such laws in connection with any Permitted Debt Exchange and (y) each Lender shall be solely responsible for its compliance with any applicable "insider trading" laws and regulations to which such Lender may be subject under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Section 4. Fees

4.1 <u>Fees</u>.

(a) Without duplication, the Borrower agrees to pay for its own account, administrative agent fees as have been previously agreed in writing or as may be agreed in writing from time to the Administrative Agent in Dollars.

- 4.2 [reserved]
- 4.3 <u>Mandatory Termination of Commitments</u>.

(a) The Initial Term Loan Commitments shall terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Closing Date.

(b) The New Term Loan Commitment for any Series shall, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Joinder Agreement, terminate at 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on the Increased Amount Date for such Series.

## Section 5. <u>Payments</u>

5.1 <u>Voluntary Prepayments</u>. (a) The Borrower shall have the right to prepay Loans, other than as set forth in <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, without premium or penalty, in whole or in part from time to time on the following terms and conditions: (1) the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent at the Administrative Agent's Office written notice of its intent to make such prepayment, the amount of such prepayment and (in the case of LIBOR Loans) the specific Borrowing(s) pursuant to which made, which notice shall be given by the Borrower no later than 12:00 Noon (New York City time) (i) in the case of LIBOR Loans, three Business Days prior to or (ii) in the case of ABR Loans, one Business Day prior to the date of such prepayment and shall promptly be transmitted by the Administrative Agent to each of the Lenders; (2) each partial prepayment of (i) any Borrowing of LIBOR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) any ABR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) any ABR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) any ABR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, and (ii) any ABR Loans shall be in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 and in multiples of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. The account of such an amount less than the applicable Minimum Borrowing Amount for such LIBOR Loans, and (3) in the case of any prepayment of LIBOR Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1</u> on any day other than the last day of an Interest Period applicable thereto, the Borrower shall, promptly after receipt of a written request by any applicable Lender (which request shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis for requesting such amount), pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such Lender any amounts required pursuant to <u>Section 2.11</u>. Each prepayment in respect of any Loans pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1</u> shall be applied

(b) If any Initial Term Loans are voluntarily prepaid pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(a)</u> or mandatorily prepaid pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u> pursuant to a Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event or as a result of the incurrence of Indebtedness under <u>Section 10.1(w)(i)</u> or <u>Section 10.1(x)(i)(b)</u> or as a result of an assignment by a Non-Consenting Lender in accordance with <u>Section 13.7(b)</u> prior to the second anniversary of the Closing Date, such prepayments shall be made at (x) 102% of the aggregate principal amount of Loans prepaid if such prepayment occurs prior to the first anniversary of the Closing Date and (y) 101% of the aggregate principal amount of Loans prepaid if such prepayment occurs on or after the first anniversary of the Closing Date but prior to the second anniversary of the Closing Date.

- 5.2 Mandatory Prepayments.
- (a) <u>Term Loan Prepayments</u>.



(i) On each occasion that a Prepayment Event occurs, the Borrower shall, within three Business Days after receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of a Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event (other than one covered by <u>clause (iii)</u> below) and within ten Business Days after the occurrence of any other Prepayment Event (or, in the case of Deferred Net Cash Proceeds, within ten Business Days after the Deferred Net Cash Proceeds Payment Date), prepay, in accordance with <u>clause (c)</u> below, Term Loans with an equivalent principal amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds from such Prepayment Event; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to the Net Cash Proceeds of an Asset Sale Prepayment Event, Casualty Event or Permitted Sale Leaseback, in each case solely to the extent with respect to any Collateral, the Borrower may use a portion of such Net Cash Proceeds to prepay or repurchase Permitted Other Indebtedness (and with such prepaid or repurchased Permitted Other Indebtedness permanently extinguished) with a Lien on the Collateral ranking *pari passu* with the Liens securing the Obligations to the extent any applicable Permitted Other Indebtedness of such Prepayment Event, in each case in an amount not to exceed the product of (x) the amount of such Net Cash Proceeds *multiplied* by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the outstanding principal amount of the Permitted Other Indebtedness exists and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Permitted Other Indebtedness exists and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Permitted Other Indebtedness exists and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Permitted Other Indebtedness exists and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Permitted Other Indebtedness and the outstanding principal amount of Such Permitted Other Indebtedness exists and the denominator of which is the sum of the outstanding principal amount of such Permitte

(ii) Not later than ten Business Days after the date on which financial statements are required to be delivered pursuant to Section 9.1(a) for any fiscal year (commencing with and including the fiscal year ending January 3, 2015), the Borrower shall prepay (or cause to be prepaid), in accordance with clause (c) below, Loans with a principal amount equal to (x) 50% of Excess Cash Flow for such fiscal year; provided that (A) the percentage in this Section 5.2(a)(ii) shall be reduced to 25% if the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio on the date of prepayment (prior to giving effect thereto but giving effect to any prepayment described in <u>clause (y)</u> below and as certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings) for the most recent Test Period ended prior to such prepayment date is less than or equal to 4.25 to 1.00 but greater than 4.00 to 1.00 and (B) no payment of any Loans shall be required under this Section 5.2(a)(ii) if the Consolidated First Lien Secured Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio on the date of prepayment (prior to giving effect thereto but giving effect to any prepayment described in <u>clause (y)</u> below and as certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings) for the most recent Test Period ended prior to such prepayment date is less than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00, minus (y) (i) the principal amount of First Lien Term Loans voluntarily prepaid pursuant to Section 5.1 or Section 13.6 of the First Lien Credit Agreement (or comparable provisions) and Loans voluntarily prepaid pursuant to Section 5.1 or 13.6 (in each case, including purchases of the Loans by Holdings and its Subsidiaries at or below par, in which case the amount of voluntary prepayments of Loans shall be deemed not to exceed the actual purchase price of such Loans below par) during such fiscal year or after such fiscal year and prior to the date of the required Excess Cash Flow payment, and (ii) to the extent accompanied by permanent optional reductions of Revolving Credit Commitments (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), Extended Revolving Credit Commitments (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) or Incremental Revolving Credit Commitment (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), as applicable, Revolving Credit Loans (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), Swing Line Loans (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), Extended Revolving Credit Loans (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), Incremental Revolving Credit Loans (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), in each case of clauses (i) and (ii), other than to the extent any such prepayment is funded with the proceeds of Funded Debt.

(iii) On each occasion that Permitted Other Indebtedness is issued or incurred pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(w)</u>, the Borrower shall within three Business Days of receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Permitted Other Indebtedness prepay, in accordance with <u>clause (c)</u> below, Term Loans with a principal amount equal to 100% of the Net Cash Proceeds from such issuance or incurrence of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

(iv) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 5.2, (A) to the extent that any or all of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Prepayment Event by a Foreign Subsidiary giving rise to a prepayment pursuant to clause (i) above (a "Foreign Prepayment Event") or Excess Cash Flow are prohibited or delayed by any Requirement of Law from being repatriated to the Credit Parties, an amount equal to the portion of such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected will not be required to be applied to repay Loans at the times provided in <u>clauses (i)</u> and (ii) above, as the case may be, but only so long, as the applicable Requirement of Law will not permit repatriation to the Credit Parties (the Credit Parties hereby agreeing to cause the applicable Foreign Subsidiary to promptly take all actions reasonably required by the applicable Requirement of Law to permit repatriation), and once a repatriation of any of such affected Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow is permitted under the applicable Requirement of Law, an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow will be promptly (and in any event not later than ten Business Days after such repatriation is permitted) applied (net of any taxes that would be payable or reserved against if such amounts were actually repatriated whether or not they are repatriated) to the repayment of the Loans pursuant to <u>clauses (i)</u> and (<u>ii)</u> above, as applicable, and (B) to the extent that the Borrower has determined in good faith that repatriation of any of or all the Net Cash Proceeds of any Foreign Prepayment Event or Excess Cash Flow would have a material adverse tax consequence with respect to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow, an amount equal to the Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow so affected may be retained by the applicable Foreign Subsidiary; provided that in the case of this clause (B), on or before the date on which any Net Cash Proceeds from any Foreign Prepayment Event so retained would otherwise have been required to be applied to reinvestments or prepayments pursuant to clause (i) above or, in the case of Excess Cash Flow, a date on or before the date that is eighteen months after the date an amount equal to such Excess Cash Flow would have so required to be applied to prepayments pursuant to clause (ii) above unless previously actually repatriated in which case such repatriated Excess Cash Flow shall have been promptly applied to the repayment of the Term Loans pursuant to clause (ii) above, (x) the Borrower shall apply an amount equal to such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow to such reinvestments or prepayments as if such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow had been received by the Credit Parties rather than such Foreign Subsidiary, less the amount of any taxes that would have been payable or reserved against if such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow had been repatriated (or, if less, the Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow that would be calculated if received by such Foreign Subsidiary) or (y) such Net Cash Proceeds or Excess Cash Flow shall be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness of a Foreign Subsidiary. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement, including Section 5 shall be construed to require any Foreign Subsidiary to repatriate cash.

#### (b) [reserved]

(c) <u>Application to Repayment Amounts</u>. Subject to <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, each prepayment of Term Loans required by <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u> or (<u>ii)</u> shall be allocated pro rata among the Initial Term Loans, the New Term Loans and the Extended Term Loans and shall be applied within each Class of Term Loans in respect of such Term Loans in direct order of maturity thereof or as otherwise directed by the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that if any Class of Extended Term Loans have been established hereunder, the Borrower may allocate such prepayment in its sole discretion to the Term Loans of the Existing Term Loan Class, if any, from which such Extended Term Loans were converted (except, as to Term Loans made pursuant to a Joinder Agreement, as otherwise set forth in such Joinder Agreement, or as to a Replacement Term Loan). Subject to <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, with respect to each such prepayment, the Borrower will, not later than the date specified in <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> for making such prepayment, give the Administrative Agent provide notice of such prepayment to each Initial Term Loan Lender, New Term Loan Lender, or Lender of Extended Term Loans, as applicable.

(d) <u>Application to Term Loans</u>. With respect to each prepayment of Term Loans required by <u>Section 5.2(a)</u>, the Borrower may, if applicable, designate the Types of Loans that are to be prepaid and the specific Borrowing(s) pursuant to which made; <u>provided</u>, that if any Lender has provided a Rejection Notice in compliance with <u>Section 5.2(f)</u>, such prepayment shall be applied with respect to the Term Loans to be prepaid on a pro rata basis across all outstanding Types of such Term Loans in proportion to the percentage of such outstanding Term Loans to be prepaid represented by each such Class. In the absence of a Rejection Notice or a designation by the Borrower as described in the preceding sentence, the Administrative Agent shall, subject to the above, make such designation in its reasonable discretion with a view, but no obligation, to minimize breakage costs owing under <u>Section 2.11</u>.

#### (e) [reserved]

(f) <u>Rejection Right</u>. Holdings or the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in writing of any mandatory prepayment of Term Loans required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> at least three Business Days prior to the date of such prepayment. Each such notice shall specify the date of such prepayment and provide a reasonably detailed calculation of the amount of such prepayment. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify each Lender holding Term Loans of the contents of such prepayment notice and of such Lender's pro rata share of the prepayment. Each Term Loan Lender may reject all (but not less than all) of its pro ratashare of any mandatory prepayment other than any such mandatory prepayment with respect to a Debt Incurrence Prepayment Event under <u>Section 5.2(a)(ii)</u> or Permitted Other Indebtedness under <u>Section 5.2(a)(iii)</u> (such declined amounts, the "**Declined Proceeds**") of Term Loans required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(a)</u> by providing written notice (each, a "**Rejection Notice**") to the Administrative Agent no later than 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) one Business Day after the date of such Lender's receipt of notice from the Administrative Agent regarding such prepayment. If a Lender fails to deliver a Rejection Notice to the Administrative Agent within the time frame specified above, any such failure will be deemed an acceptance of the total amount of such mandatory prepayment of Term Loans. Any Declined Proceeds remaining after offering such Declined Proceeds to the Lenders in accordance with the terms hereof shall be retained by the Borrower ("**Retained Declined Proceeds**").

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 5.2</u>, no prepayments of Loans shall be required pursuant to this <u>Section 5.2</u> until the Discharge of First Lien Obligations (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) has occurred (except amounts declined by the First Lien Term Loan Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 5.2(f)</u> of the First Lien Credit Agreement shall be required to be applied as a mandatory prepayment hereunder.

#### 5.3 <u>Method and Place of Payment</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all payments under this Agreement shall be made by the Borrower, without set-off, counterclaim or deduction of any kind, to the Administrative Agent for the ratable account of the Lenders entitled thereto, not later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time), in each case, on the date when due and shall be made in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office or at such other office as the Administrative Agent shall specify for such purpose by notice to the Borrower. All repayments or prepayments of any Loans (whether of principal, interest or otherwise) hereunder and all other payments under each Credit Document shall, unless otherwise specified in such Credit Document, be made in Dollars. The Administrative Agent will thereafter cause to be distributed on the same day (if payment was actually received by the Administrative Agent prior to 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) or, otherwise, on the next Business Day in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion) like funds relating to the payment of principal or interest or Fees ratably to the Lenders entitled thereto.

(b) Any payments under this Agreement that are made later than 2:00 p.m. (New York City time) may be deemed to have been made on the next succeeding Business Day in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion for purposes of calculating interest thereon. Except as otherwise provided herein, whenever any payment to be made hereunder shall be stated to be due on a day that is not a Business Day, the due date thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day and, with respect to payments of principal, interest shall be payable during such extension at the applicable rate in effect immediately prior to such extension.

#### 5.4 Net Payments.

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

(i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of any Credit Party hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall to the extent permitted by applicable laws be made free and clear of and without reduction or withholding for any Taxes.

(ii) If any Credit Party, the Administrative Agent or any other applicable Withholding Agent shall be required by applicable law to withhold or deduct any Taxes from any payment, then (A) such Withholding Agent shall withhold or make such deductions as are reasonably determined by such Withholding Agent to be required by applicable law, (B) such Withholding Agent shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, the sum payable by the applicable Credit Party shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or deductions have been made (including withholding or deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this <u>Section 5.4</u>) each Lender (or, in the case of a payment to the Administrative Agent) receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deductions been made.

(b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Borrower shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law or timely reimburse the Administrative Agent or any Lender for the payment of any Other Taxes.

(c) <u>Tax Indemnifications</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above, the Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and each Lender, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 15 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this <u>Section 5.4</u>) payable by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of any such payment or liability (along with a written statement setting forth in reasonable detail the basis and calculation of such amounts) delivered to the Borrower by a Lender, or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error. If the Borrower reasonably believes that any such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes so Iong as such efforts would not, in the sole determination of the Administrative Agent or affected Lender, result in any additional costs, expenses or risks or be otherwise disadvantageous to it.

(d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. After any payment of Taxes by any Credit Party or the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this <u>Section 5.4</u>, 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 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 and Tax Documentation.

(i) Each Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and to the Administrative Agent, at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable laws or by the taxing authorities of any jurisdiction and such other reasonably requested information as will permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine (A) whether or not any payments made hereunder or under any other Credit Document are subject to Taxes, (B) if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction, and (C) such Lender's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes in respect of any payments to be made to such Lender by any Credit Party pursuant to any Credit Document or otherwise to establish such Lender's status for withholding tax purposes in the applicable jurisdiction. Any documentation and information required to be delivered by a Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 5.4(e)</u> (including any specific documentation set forth in subsection (ii) below) shall be delivered by such Lender (i) on or prior to the Closing Date (or on or prior to the date it becomes a party to this Agreement), (ii) on or before any date on which such documentation expires or becomes obsolete or invalid, (iii) after the occurrence of any change in the Lender's circumstances requiring a change in the most recent documentation previously delivered by it to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and (iv) from time to time thereafter if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, and each such Lender shall promptly notify in writing the Borrower and the Administrative Agent if such Lender is no longer legally eligible to provide any documentation previously provided.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
  - (A) any Lender that is a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code (a "U.S. Lender") shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 or such other documentation or information prescribed by applicable laws or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements;

(B) each Non-U.S. Lender that is entitled under the Code or any applicable treaty to an exemption from or reduction of U.S. federal withholding tax with respect to any payments hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) whichever of the following is applicable:

(1) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or any successor form thereto) claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party;

(2) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI (or any successor form thereto);

(3) in the case of a Non-U.S. 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 J-1, J-2, J-3 or J-4, as applicable, (a "**Non-Bank Tax Certificate**"), to the effect that such Non-U.S. Lender is not (A) a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (B) a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or (C) a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and that no payments under any Credit Document are effectively connected with such Non-U.S. Lender's conduct of a United States trade or business and (y) executed originals of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or any successor thereto);

(4) where such Lender is a partnership (for U.S. federal income tax purposes) or otherwise not a beneficial owner (e.g., where such Lender has sold a participation), IRS Form W-8IMY (or any successor thereto) and all required supporting documentation (including, where one or more of the underlying beneficial owner(s) is claiming the benefits of the portfolio interest exemption, a Non-Bank Tax Certificate of such beneficial owner(s)) (provided that, if the Non-U.S. Lender is a partnership and not a participating Lender, the Non-Bank Tax Certificate(s) may be provided by the Non-U.S. Lender on behalf of the direct or indirect partner(s)); or

(5) executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable laws as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding tax together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable laws to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made;

(C) if a payment made to a Lender under any Credit 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, to determine whether such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount, if any, to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>clause (C)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement; and



(D) If the Administrative Agent is a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code), it shall provide the Borrower with two duly completed original copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9. If the Administrative Agent is not a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(3) of the Code), it shall provide applicable Form W-8 (together with required accompanying documentation) with respect to payments to be received by it on behalf of the Lenders.

(iii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 5.4</u>, no Lender or the Administrative Agent shall be required to deliver any documentation that it is not legally eligible to deliver.

(f) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If the Administrative Agent or any Lender determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by any Credit Party or with respect to which any Credit Party has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section 5.4, the Administrative Agent or such Lender (as applicable) shall promptly pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Credit Parties under this Section 5.4 with respect to the Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including any Taxes) incurred by the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund); provided that the Borrower, upon the request of the Administrative Agent or such Lender, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent or such Lender in the event the Administrative Agent or such Lender is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. In such event, the Administrative Agent or such Lender, as the case may be, shall, at the Borrower's request, provide the Borrower with a copy of any notice of assessment or other evidence of the requirement to repay such refund received from the relevant taxing authority (provided that the Administrative Agent or such Lender may delete any information therein that it deems confidential). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this paragraph (f), in no event will the Administrative Agent or any Lender be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this paragraph (f) the payment of which would place the Administrative Agent or any Lender in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the Administrative Agent or any Lender 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 the Administrative Agent or any Lender to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to any Credit Party or any other Person.

(g) For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of this <u>Section 5.4</u>, the term "applicable law" includes FATCA.

(h) Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 5.4</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Administrative Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under the Credit Documents.

#### 5.5 <u>Computations of Interest and Fees</u>.

(a) Except as provided in the next succeeding sentence, interest on LIBOR Loans shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed. Interest on ABR Loans shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed.

(b) Fees shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed.

### 5.6 Limit on Rate of Interest.

(a) <u>No Payment Shall Exceed Lawful Rate</u>. Notwithstanding any other term of this Agreement, the Borrower shall not be obliged to pay any interest or other amounts under or in connection with this Agreement or otherwise in respect of the Obligations in excess of the amount or rate permitted under or consistent with any applicable law, rule or regulation.

(b) <u>Payment at Highest Lawful Rate</u>. If the Borrower is not obliged to make a payment that it would otherwise be required to make, as a result of <u>Section</u> <u>5.6(a)</u>, the Borrower shall make such payment to the maximum extent permitted by or consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

(c) Adjustment if Any Payment Exceeds Lawful Rate. If any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents would obligate the Borrower to make any payment of interest or other amount payable to any Lender in an amount or calculated at a rate that would be prohibited by any applicable law, rule or regulation, then notwithstanding such provision, such amount or rate shall be deemed to have been adjusted with retroactive effect to the maximum amount or rate of interest, as the case may be, as would not be so prohibited by law, such adjustment to be effected, to the extent necessary, by reducing the amount or rate of interest required to be paid by the Borrower to the affected Lender under <u>Section 2.8</u>; provided that to the extent lawful, the interest or other amounts that would have been payable but were not payable as a result of the operation of this Section shall be cumulated and the interest payable to such Lender in respect of other 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.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and after giving effect to all adjustments contemplated thereby, if any Lender shall have received from the Borrower an amount in excess of the maximum permitted by any applicable law, rule or regulation, then the Borrower shall be entitled, by notice in writing to the Administrative Agent to obtain reimbursement from that Lender in an amount equal to such excess, and pending such reimbursement, such amount shall be deemed to be an amount payable by that Lender to the Borrower.

#### Section 6. <u>Conditions Precedent to Initial Borrowing</u>

The initial Borrowing under this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent, except as otherwise agreed between Holdings and the Administrative Agent.

#### 6.1 <u>Credit Documents</u>.

The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received:

(a) this Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of Holdings, Merger Sub, the Company and NVI;

(b) the Guarantee, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of the Guarantors;

(c) the Pledge Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of each of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI, the Company and each Guarantor;

(d) the Security Agreement, executed and delivered by a duly Authorized Officer of each Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI, Company and each Guarantor; and

(e) the Intercreditor Agreement, executed and delivered by each of the parties hereto.

6.2 <u>Collateral</u>. Except for any items referred to on <u>Schedule 9.14</u>:

(a) All outstanding equity interests in whatever form of the Borrower and each Restricted Subsidiary that is directly owned by or on behalf of any Credit Party and required to be pledged pursuant to the Security Documents shall have been pledged pursuant thereto;

(b) The Collateral Agent (or its bailee or representative) shall have received the certificates representing securities of the Borrower and of each Credit Party's Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries that are Domestic Subsidiaries to the extent required to be delivered under the Security Documents and pledged under the Security Documents to the extent certificated, accompanied by instruments of transfer and undated stock powers or allonges endorsed in blank; and

(c) All Uniform Commercial Code financing statements required to be filed, registered or recorded to create the Liens intended to be created by any Security Document and perfect such Liens to the extent required by such Security Document shall have been delivered to the Collateral Agent, and shall be in proper form, for filing, registration or recording.

6.3 Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received the executed legal opinion, in customary form, of (i) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, special New York counsel to the Credit Parties, (ii) Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, special Georgia counsel to the Credit Parties and (iii) Roetzel & Andress, L.P.A., special Ohio counsel to the Credit Parties. Holdings and the Company hereby instruct and agree to instruct the other Credit Parties to have such counsel deliver such legal opinions.

6.4 <u>Equity Investments</u>. Equity Investments, which, to the extent constituting Capital Stock other than common Capital Stock, shall be on terms and conditions and pursuant to documentation reasonably satisfactory to the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners to the extent material to the interests of the Lenders, in an amount not less than the Minimum Equity Amount shall have been made.

6.5 <u>Closing Certificates</u>. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received a certificate of (x) each of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company, dated the Closing Date, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E</u>, with appropriate insertions, executed by any Authorized Officer (or in the case of Holdings any Director or authorized agent of Holdings) and the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of Holdings or the Company (or in the case of Holdings any Director or authorized agent of Holdings), as applicable, and attaching the documents referred to in <u>Section 6.6</u> and (y) an Authorized Officer certifying compliance with <u>Section 6.8</u> (with respect to Company Representations, to their knowledge) and <u>6.10</u> and certifying, to their knowledge, that, except as set forth on the Company Disclosure Schedule (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement) or except as contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement, since December 29, 2012, there has not been any event, change, occurrence, or circumstance that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement).

6.6 <u>Authorization of Proceedings of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company; Corporate Documents</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a copy of the resolutions of the board of directors or other managers of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company (or a duly authorized committee thereof) authorizing (a) the execution, delivery, and performance of the Credit Documents (and any agreements relating thereto) to which it is a party and (b) in the case of the Merger Sub, NVI and Company, the extensions of credit contemplated hereunder, (ii) the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws, Certificate of Formation and Operating Agreement or other comparable organizational documents, as applicable, of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company, and (iii) signature and incumbency certificates (or other comparable documents evidencing the same) of the Authorized Officers of Holdings, Merger Sub, NVI and the Company executing the Credit Documents to which it is a party.

6.7 <u>Fees</u>. The Agents and Lenders shall have received, substantially simultaneously with the funding of the Initial Term Loans, fees and, to the extent invoiced at least three business days prior to the Closing Date (except as otherwise reasonably agreed by the Borrower) expenses in the amounts previously agreed in writing to be received on the Closing Date (which amounts may, at the Borrower's option, be offset against the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans).

6.8 <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. On the Closing Date, the Specified Representations shall be true and correct in all material respects (provided that any such Specified Representations which are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language shall be true and correct in all respects) and the Company Representations shall be true to the extent a breach thereof would give Holdings (or one of Holdings' Affiliates) the right (taking into account any applicable cure provisions) to terminate its obligations under the Acquisition Agreement or decline to consummate the Acquisition.

6.9 <u>Solvency Certificate</u>. On the Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received a certificate from the Chief Executive Officer, President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer, the Vice President-Finance, a Director, a Manager, or any other senior financial officer of Holdings or the Borrower to the effect that after giving effect to the consummation of the Transactions, Holdings on a consolidated basis with the Restricted Subsidiaries is Solvent.

6.10 <u>Acquisition</u>. Substantially concurrently with the initial Credit Event hereunder, the Acquisition shall have been consummated in all material respects in accordance with the terms of the Acquisition Agreement (or the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall be reasonably satisfied with the arrangements in place for the consummation of the Acquisition reasonably promptly after the initial Credit Event hereunder and shall have received confirmation from representatives of Holdings that such actions shall be taken promptly after the initial Credit Event hereunder).

6.11 <u>Patriot Act</u>. The Administrative Agent shall have received at least two days prior to the Closing Date, such documentation and information as is reasonably requested in writing at least seven Business Days prior to the Closing Date by the Administrative Agent about the Credit Parties to the extent the Administrative Agent and Holdings in good faith mutually agree is required by regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Patriot Act.

6.12 <u>Pro Forma Balance Sheet</u>. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall have received a pro forma combined balance sheet and related pro forma combined statements of operations (collectively, the "**Pro Forma Financial Statements**") of the Company as of and for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013, prepared after giving effect to the Transactions as if the Transactions had occurred as of such date (in the case of such balance sheet) or at the beginning of such period (in the case of such other statements of income), which need not be prepared in compliance with Regulation S-X of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or include adjustments for purchase accounting (including adjustments of the type contemplated by ASC 805).

6.13 <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners shall have received the Historical Financial Statements.

6.14 <u>No Company Material Adverse Effect</u>1. . Except as set forth on the Company Disclosure Schedule (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement) or except as contemplated by the Acquisition Agreement, since December 29, 2012, there has not been any event, change, occurrence, or circumstance that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Acquisition Agreement).

6.15 <u>Refinancing</u>. Substantially simultaneously with the funding of the Initial Term Loans, the Closing Date Refinancing shall be consummated.

6.16 <u>Notice of Term Loan Borrowing</u>. The Administrative Agent (or its counsel) shall have received a Notice of Borrowing with respect to the Initial Term Loan meeting the requirements of <u>Section 2.3</u>.

For purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in Section 6 on the Closing Date, each Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

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#### Section 8. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>

In order to induce the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Loans as provided for herein, Holdings and the Borrower make the following representations and warranties to the Lenders, all of which shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans (it being understood that the following representations and warranties shall be deemed made with respect to any Foreign Subsidiary only to the extent relevant under applicable law):

8.1 <u>Corporate Status</u>. Each Credit Party (a) is a duly organized and validly existing corporation, limited liability company or other entity in good standing (if applicable) under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and has the corporate, limited liability company or other organizational power and authority to own its property and assets and to transact the business in which it is engaged and (b) has duly qualified and is authorized to do business and is in good standing (if applicable) in all jurisdictions where it is required to be so qualified, except where the failure to be so qualified would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.2 <u>Corporate Power and Authority</u>. Each Credit Party has the corporate or other organizational power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Credit Documents to which it is a party and has taken all necessary corporate or other organizational action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Credit Documents to which it is a party. Each Credit Party has duly executed and delivered each Credit Document to which it is a party and each such Credit Document constitutes the legal, valid, and binding obligation of such Credit Party enforceable in accordance with its terms (provided that, with respect to the creation and perfection of security interests with respect to Indebtedness, Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of Foreign Subsidiaries, only to the extent enforceability of such obligation with respect to which Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of Foreign Subsidiaries is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code), except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

8.3 <u>No Violation</u>. Neither the execution, delivery or performance by any Credit Party of the Credit Documents to which it is a party nor compliance with the terms and provisions thereof nor the consummation of the Acquisition and the other transactions contemplated hereby or thereby will (a) contravene any applicable provision of any material law, statute, rule, regulation, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental instrumentality, (b) result in any breach of any of the terms, covenants, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation or imposition of (or the obligation to create or impose) any Lien upon any of the property or assets of such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than Liens created under the Credit Documents or Permitted Liens) pursuant to, the terms of any material indenture, loan agreement, lease agreement, mortgage, deed of trust, agreement or other material instrument to which such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its property or assets is bound (any such term, covenant, condition or provision, a "**Contractual Requirement**") other than any such breach, default or Lien that would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (c) violate any provision of the certificate of incorporation, by-laws, articles or other organizational documents of such Credit Party or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries.

8.4 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened in writing against Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.5 <u>Margin Regulations</u>. Neither the making of any Loan hereunder nor the use of the proceeds thereof will violate the provisions of Regulation T, U or X of the Board.

8.6 <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of each Credit Document does not require any consent or approval of, registration or filing with, or other action by, any Governmental Authority, except for (i) such as have been obtained or made and are in full force and effect, (ii) filings, consents, approvals, registrations and recordings in respect of the Liens created pursuant to the Security Documents (and to release existing Liens), and (iii) such licenses, approvals, authorizations, registrations, filings or consents the failure of which to obtain or make would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

8.7 <u>Investment Company Act</u>. None of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Restricted Subsidiary is an "investment company" within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

#### 8.8 <u>True and Complete Disclosure</u>.

(a) None of the written factual information and written data (taken as a whole) heretofore or contemporaneously furnished by or on behalf of Holdings, the Borrower, any of the other Restricted Subsidiaries or any of their respective authorized representatives to the Administrative Agent, any Joint Lead Arranger, and/or any Lender on or before the Closing Date (including all such written information and data contained in (i) the Confidential Information Memorandum (as updated prior to the Closing Date and including all information incorporated by reference therein) and (ii) the Credit Documents) for purposes of or in connection with this Agreement or any transaction contemplated herein contained any untrue statement of any material fact or omitted to state any material fact necessary to make such information and data (taken as a whole) not materially misleading at such time in light of the circumstances under which such information or data was furnished (after giving effect to all supplements and updates), it being understood and agreed that for purposes of this <u>Section 8.8(a)</u>, such factual information and data shall not include <u>proforma</u> financial information, projections, estimates (including financial estimates, forecasts, and other forward-looking information) or other forward looking information and information of a general economic or general industry nature.

(b) The projections (including financial estimates, forecasts, and other forward-looking information) contained in the information and data referred to in <u>paragraph (a)</u> above were based on good faith estimates and assumptions believed by such Persons to be reasonable at the time made, it being recognized by the Lenders that such projections as to future events are not to be viewed as facts and that actual results during the period or periods covered by any such projections may differ from the projected results and such differences may be material.

### 8.9 <u>Financial Condition; Financial Statements</u>.

(a) (i) The unaudited historical consolidated financial information of the Company as set forth in the Confidential Information Memorandum, and (ii) the Historical Financial Statements, in each case present fairly in all material respects the combined financial position of the Company at the respective dates of said information, statements and results of operations for the respective periods covered thereby. The Pro Forma Financial Statements, copies of which have heretofore been furnished to the Administrative Agent, have been prepared based on the Historical Financial Statements and have been prepared in good faith, based on assumptions believed by the Company to be reasonable as of the date of delivery thereof, and present fairly in all material respects on a Pro Forma Basis the estimated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at December 28, 2013 (as if the Transactions had been consummated on such date) and their estimated results of operations as if the Transactions had been consummated on December 30, 2012. The financial statements referred to in <u>clause (a)(ii)</u> of this <u>Section 8.9</u> have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied except to the extent provided in the notes to said financial statements.

(b) There has been no Material Adverse Effect since the Closing Date.

Each Lender and the Administrative Agent hereby acknowledges and agrees that Holdings and its Subsidiaries may be required to restate historical financial statements as the result of the implementation of changes in GAAP or IFRS, or the respective interpretation thereof, and that such restatements will not result in a Default or an Event of Default under the Credit Documents.

8.10 <u>Compliance with Laws; No Default</u>. Each Credit Party is in compliance with all Requirements of Law applicable to it or its property, except where the failure to be so in compliance would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. No Default has occurred and is continuing.

8.11 Tax Matters. Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (a) each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of the other Restricted Subsidiaries has filed all Tax returns required to be filed by it and has timely paid all Taxes payable by it (whether or not shown on a Tax return and including in its capacity as withholding agent) that have become due, other than those being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings if it has maintained adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiaries has paid, or has provided adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of the Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable) with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and (b) each of Holdings, the Borrower or such Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable) in accordance with GAAP for the payment of all Taxes not yet due and payable. There is no current or proposed Tax assessment, deficiency or other claim against Holdings, the Borrower or any Restricted Subsidiary that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

## 8.12 <u>Compliance with ERISA</u>.

(a) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur.

(b) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, no Foreign Plan Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur.

8.13 <u>Subsidiaries. Schedule 8.13</u> lists each Subsidiary of Holdings and the Company (and the direct and indirect ownership interest of Holdings and the Company therein), in each case existing on the Closing Date after giving effect to the Transactions.

8.14 Intellectual Property. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and the other Restricted Subsidiaries owns or has the right to use all Intellectual Property that is used in or otherwise necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as currently conducted, except where the failure of the foregoing would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The operation of their respective businesses by each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries does not infringe upon, misappropriate, violate or otherwise conflict with the Intellectual Property of any third party, except as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# 8.15 <u>Environmental Laws</u>.

(a) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 8.15</u>, or as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries and their respective operations and properties are in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws; (ii) none of Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Restricted Subsidiary has received written notice of any Environmental Claim; (iii) none of Holdings, the Borrower, or any Restricted Subsidiary is conducting any investigation, removal, remedial or other corrective action pursuant to any Environmental Law at any location; and (iv) to the knowledge of the Borrower, no underground or above ground storage tank or related piping, or any impoundment or other disposal area containing Hazardous Materials is located at, on or under any Real Estate currently owned or leased by Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries.

(b) Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 8.15</u>, none of Holdings, the Borrower or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries has treated, stored, transported, Released or arranged for disposal or transport for disposal or treatment of Hazardous Materials at, on, under or from any currently or, formerly owned or operated property nor, to the knowledge of the Borrower, has there been any other Release of Hazardous Materials at, on, under or from any such properties, in each case, in a manner that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### 8.16 <u>Properties</u>.

(a) Each of Holdings, the Borrower, and the other Restricted Subsidiaries has good and valid record title to, valid leasehold interests in, or rights to use, all properties that are necessary for the operation of their respective businesses as currently conducted and as proposed to be conducted, free and clear of all Liens (other than any Liens permitted by this Agreement) and except where the failure to have such good title or interest would not reasonably be expected, to have a Material Adverse Effect and (b) no Mortgage encumbers improved Real Estate that is located in an area that has been identified by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as an area having special flood hazards within the meaning of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, unless flood insurance available under such Act has been obtained in accordance with <u>Section 9.3(b)</u>.

(b) Set forth on <u>Schedule 1.1(a)</u> is a list of each real property owned by any Loan Party as of the Closing Date having a Fair Market Value in excess of \$10,000,000.

8.17 <u>Solvency</u>. On the Closing Date (after giving effect to the Transactions) immediately following the making of the Loans and after giving effect to the application of the proceeds of such Loans, Holdings on a consolidated basis with the Restricted Subsidiaries will be Solvent.

8.18 <u>Patriot Act</u>. On the Closing Date, the use of proceeds of the Loans will not violate the PATRIOT Act in any material respect.

#### Section 9. <u>Affirmative Covenants.</u>

Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date and thereafter, until the Commitments have terminated and the Loans, together with interest, Fees and all other Obligations incurred hereunder (other than contingent indemnity obligations), are paid in full:

9.1 Information Covenants. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent (which shall promptly make such information available to the Lenders in accordance with its customary practice):

(a) <u>Annual Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event within five days after the date on which such financial statements are required to be filed with the SEC (after giving effect to any permitted extensions) (or, if such financial statements are not required to be filed with the SEC, on or before the date that is 120 days after the end of each such fiscal year) (commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013), the consolidated balance sheets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of each fiscal year, and the related consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth comparative consolidated and/or combined figures for the preceding fiscal years, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, and, in each case, certified by independent certified public accountants of recognized national standing whose opinion shall not be qualified as to the scope of audit or as to the status of Holdings or any of the Material Subsidiaries (or group of Subsidiaries that together would constitute a Material Subsidiary) as a going concern (other than any exception, explanatory paragraph or qualification, that is expressly solely with respect to, or expressly resulting solely from, (i) an upcoming maturity date under any Indebtedness occurring within one year from the time such opinion is delivered or (ii) any potential inability to satisfy a financial maintenance covenant on a future date or in a future period).

(b) <u>Quarterly Financial Statements</u>. As soon as available and in any event within five days after the date on which such financial statements are required to be filed with the SEC (after giving effect to any permitted extensions) with respect to each of the first three quarterly accounting periods in each fiscal year of Holdings (or, if such financial statements are not required to be filed with the SEC, on or before the date that is 45 days after the end of each such quarterly accounting period (90 days for the fiscal quarter of Holdings ending March 29, 2014, and 60 days for the fiscal quarters of Holdings ending June 28, 2014 and September 27, 2014)), the consolidated balance sheets of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarterly period and the related consolidated statements of operations for such quarterly accounting period and for the elapsed portion of the fiscal year ended with the last day of such quarterly period, and the related consolidated statement of cash flows for the elapsed portion of the fiscal year ended with the last day of the related periods in the prior fiscal year or, in the case of such consolidated balance sheet, for the last day of the related period in the prior fiscal year, all of which shall be certified by an Authorized Officer of Holdings as fairly presenting in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of Holdings and its Restricted Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP (except as noted therein), subject to changes resulting from normal year-end adjustments and the absence of footnotes, and, with respect to fiscal 2014 reporting periods, subject to finalization of the purchase price allocation to the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Transactions, as required by GAAP.

(c) <u>Budgets</u>. Within 90 days (120 days in the case of the fiscal year beginning on December 29, 2013) after the commencement of each fiscal year of Holdings, a budget of Holdings in reasonable detail on a quarterly basis for such fiscal year as customarily prepared by management of Holdings for its internal use consistent in scope with the financial statements provided pursuant to <u>Section 9.1(a)</u>, setting forth the principal assumptions upon which such budget is based (collectively, the "**Projections**"), which Projections shall in each case be accompanied by a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower stating that such Projections have been prepared in good faith on the basis of the assumptions stated therein, which assumptions were believed to be reasonable at the time of preparation of such Projections, it being understood and agreed that such Projections may differ from the projected results and such differences may be material.

(d) <u>Officer's Certificates</u>. Not later than five days after the delivery of the financial statements provided for in <u>Sections 9.1(a)</u> and (b), a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower to the effect that no Default or Event of Default exists or, if any Default or Event of Default does exist, specifying the nature and extent thereof, as the case may be, which certificate shall set forth a specification of any change in the identity of the Restricted Subsidiaries and Unrestricted Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year or period, as the case may be, from the Restricted Subsidiaries and Unrestricted Subsidiaries, respectively, provided to the Lenders on the Closing Date or the most recent fiscal year or period, as the case may be. At the time of the delivery of the financial statements provided for in <u>Section 9.1(a)</u>, a certificate of an Authorized Officer of Holdings or the Borrower setting forth changes to the legal name, jurisdiction of formation, type of entity and organizational number (or equivalent) to the Person organized in a jurisdiction where an organizational identification number is required to be included in a Uniform Commercial Code financing statement, in each case for each Credit Party or confirming that there has been no change in such information since the Closing Date or the date of the most recent certificate delivered pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u>, as the case may be.

(e) <u>Notice of Default or Litigation</u>. Promptly after an Authorized Officer of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries obtains knowledge thereof, notice of (i) the occurrence of any event that constitutes a Default or Event of Default, which notice shall specify the nature thereof, the period of existence thereof and what action Holdings proposes to take with respect thereto and (ii) any litigation or governmental proceeding pending against Holdings or any of the Subsidiaries that would reasonably be expected to be determined adversely and, if so determined, to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) <u>Environmental Matters</u>. Promptly after an Authorized Officer of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries obtains knowledge of any one or more of the following environmental matters, unless such environmental matters would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, notice of:

(i) any pending or threatened Environmental Claim against any Credit Party or any Real Estate; and

(ii) the conduct of any investigation, or any removal, remedial or other corrective action in response to the actual or alleged presence, Release or threatened Release of any Hazardous Material on, at, under or from any Real Estate.

All such notices shall describe in reasonable detail the nature of the claim, investigation or removal, remedial or other corrective action in response thereto. The term **"Real Estate"** shall mean land, buildings, facilities and improvements owned or leased by any Credit Party.

(g) Other Information. Promptly upon filing thereof, copies of any filings (including on Form 10-K, 10-Q or 8-K) or registration statements with, and reports to, the SEC or any analogous Governmental Authority in any relevant jurisdiction by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries (other than amendments to any registration statement (to the extent such registration statement, in the form it becomes effective, is delivered to the Administrative Agent), exhibits to any registration statement and, if applicable, any registration statements on Form S-8) and copies of all financial statements, proxy statements, notices, and reports that Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall send to the holders of any publicly issued debt of Holdings and/or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries, in their capacity as such holders, lenders or agents (in each case to the extent not theretofore delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Agreement) and, with reasonable promptness, such other information (financial or otherwise) as the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of any Lender (acting through the Administrative Agent) may reasonably request in writing from time to time; provided, that none of Holdings, the Borrower nor any other Restricted Subsidiary will be required to disclose or permit the inspection or discussion of, any document, information or other matter (i) that constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective contractors) is prohibited by law, or any binding agreement or (iii) that is subject to attorney client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the obligations in <u>clauses (a)</u> and (b) of this <u>Section 9.1</u> may be satisfied with respect to financial information of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries by furnishing (A) the applicable financial statements of the Borrower orany direct or indirect parent of Holdings or (B) Holdings' (or any direct or indirect parent thereof), as applicable, Form 10-K or 10-Q, as applicable, filed with the SEC; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to each of <u>subclauses (A)</u> and (<u>B)</u> of this paragraph, to the extent such information relates to a parent of Holdings, such information is accompanied by consolidating or other information that explains in reasonable detail the differences between the information relating to such parent, on the one hand, and the information relating to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a standalone basis, on the other hand.

Documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>clauses (a)</u>, (b), and (g) of this <u>Section 9.1</u> (to the extent any such documents are included in materials otherwise filed with the SEC) may be delivered electronically and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the earliest date on which (i) Holdings posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on Holdings' website on the Internet; (ii) such documents are posted on Holdings' behalf on IntraLinks/IntraAgency or another website, if any, to which each Lender and the Administrative Agent have access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent), or (iii) such financial statements and/or other documents are posted on the SEC's website on the internet at www.sec.gov; <u>provided</u>, that, (A) the Borrower shall, at the request of the Administrative Agent, continue to deliver copies (which delivery may be by electronic transmission) of such documents to the Administrative Agent and (B) the Borrower shall notify (which notification may be by facsimile or electronic transmission) the Administrative Agent of the posting of any such documents on any website described in this paragraph. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for timely accessing posted documents and maintaining its copies of such documents.

Each Loan Party hereby acknowledges and agrees that, unless the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent in advance, all financial statements and certificates furnished pursuant to <u>Sections 9.1(a)</u>, (b) and (d) above are hereby deemed to be suitable for distribution, and to be made available, to all Lenders and may be treated by the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as not containing any material nonpublic information.

9.2 Books, Records, and Inspections. Holdings will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, permit officers and designated representatives of the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders to visit and inspect any of the properties or assets of Holdings and any such Subsidiary in whomsoever's possession to the extent that it is within such party's control to permit such inspection (and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause such inspection to be permitted to the extent that it is not within such party's control to permit such inspection), and to examine the books and records of Holdings and any such Subsidiary and discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of Holdings and of any such Subsidiary with, and be advised as to the same by, its and their officers and independent accountants, all at such reasonable times and intervals and to such reasonable extent as the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders may desire (and subject, in the case of any such meetings or advice from such independent accountants, to such accountants' customary policies and procedures); provided that, excluding any such visits and inspections during the continuation of an Event of Default, (a) only the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Required Lenders may exercise rights of the Administrative Agent and the Lenders under this Section 9.2, (b) the Administrative Agent shall not exercise such rights more than one time in any calendar year, which such visit will be at Holdings' expense, and (c) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 9.2, none of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries will be required to disclose, permit the inspection, examination or making copies or abstracts of, or discussion of, any document, information or other matter that (i) constitutes non-financial trade secrets or non-financial proprietary information, (ii) in respect of which disclosure to the Administrative Agent or any Lender (or their respective representatives or contractors) is prohibited by law or any agreement binding on a third-party or (iii) is subject to attorney-client or similar privilege or constitutes attorney work product; provided, further, that when an Event of Default exists, the Administrative Agent (or any of its respective representatives or independent contractors) or any representative of the Required Lenders may do any of the foregoing at the expense of Holdings at any time during normal business hours and upon reasonable advance notice. The Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders shall give Holdings the opportunity to participate in any discussions with Holdings' independent public accountants.

9.3 <u>Maintenance of Insurance</u>. (a) Holdings will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, at all times maintain in full force and effect, pursuant to self-insurance arrangements or with insurance companies that Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of the management of Holdings) are financially sound and responsible at the time the relevant coverage is placed or renewed, insurance in at least such amounts (after giving effect to any self-insurance which Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) is reasonable and prudent in light of the size and nature of its business and the availability of insurance on a cost-effective basis) and against at least such risks (and with such risk retentions) as Holdings believes (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) is reasonable and prudent in light of the size and nature of its business and the availability of insurance on a cost-effective basis; and will furnish to the Administrative Agent, promptly following written request from the Administrative Agent, information presented in reasonable detail as to the insurance so carried and (b) with respect to each Mortgaged Property, Holdings will obtain flood insurance in such total amount as may reasonably be required by the Collateral Agent, if at any time the area in which any improvements located on any Mortgaged Property is designated a "special flood hazard area" in any Flood Insurance Rate Map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or any successor agency), and otherwise comply with the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended from time to time. Each such policy of insurance shall (i) name the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties as an additional insured thereunder as its interests may appear and (ii) in the case of each casualty insurance policy, contain a loss payable clause or endorsement that names the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties as the loss payee the

9.4 <u>Payment of Taxes</u>. Holdings will pay and discharge, and will cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to pay and discharge, all material Taxes imposed upon it (including in its capacity as a withholding agent) or upon its income or profits, or upon any properties belonging to it, prior to the date on which material penalties attach thereto, and all lawful material claims in respect of any Taxes imposed, assessed or levied that, if unpaid, would reasonably be expected to become a material Lien upon any properties of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that neither Holdings nor any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall be required to pay any such Tax that is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings if it has maintained adequate reserves (in the good faith judgment of management of Holdings) with respect thereto in accordance with GAAP and the failure to pay would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

9.5 <u>Preservation of Existence; Consolidated Corporate Franchises</u>. Holdings and the Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, take all actions necessary (a) to preserve and keep in full force and effect its existence, organizational rights and authority and (b) to maintain its rights, privileges (including its good standing (if applicable)), permits, licenses and franchises necessary in the normal conduct of its business, in each case, except to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; provided, however, that Holdings and its Subsidiaries may consummate any transaction permitted under Permitted Investments and Sections 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, or 10.5.

9.6 Compliance with Statutes, Regulations, Etc. Holdings will, and will cause each Restricted Subsidiary to, (a) comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, and orders applicable to it or its property, including, without limitation, applicable laws administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and all governmental approvals or authorizations required to conduct its business, and to maintain all such governmental approvals or authorizations in full force and effect, (b) comply with, and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure compliance by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all Environmental Laws, and obtain and comply with and maintain, and use commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by Environmental Laws, and (c) conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal, and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws, other than such orders and directives which are being timely contested in good faith by proper proceedings, except in each case of (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 9.6, where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

9.7 ERISA. (a) Holdings will furnish to the Administrative Agent promptly following receipt thereof, copies of any documents described in Sections 101(k) or 101(l) of ERISA that any Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries may request with respect to any Multiemployer Plan to which a Credit Party or any of its Subsidiaries is obligated to contribute; provided that if the Credit Parties or any of their Subsidiaries have not requested such documents or notices from the administrator or sponsor of the applicable Multiemployer Plan, then, upon reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, the Credit Parties shall promptly make a request for such documents or notices from such administrator or sponsor and the Borrower shall provide copies of such documents and notices to the Administrative Agent promptly after receipt thereof; and further provided, that the rights granted to the Administrative Agent in this Section shall be exercised not more than once during a 12-month period, and (b) Holdings will notify the Administrative Agent promptly following the occurrence of any ERISA Event or Foreign Plan Event that, alone or together with any other ERISA Events or Foreign Plan Events that have occurred, would reasonably be expected to result in liability of any Credit Party that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

9.8 <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Holdings will, and will cause each of the Restricted 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, and condemnation excepted, except to the extent that the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

9.9 Transactions with Affiliates. Holdings will conduct, and cause each of the Restricted Subsidiaries to conduct, all transactions with any of its Affiliates (other than Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries) involving aggregate payments or consideration in excess of \$2,500,000 for any individual transaction or series of related transactions on terms that are at least substantially as favorable to Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary as it would obtain in a comparable arm's-length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate, as determined by the board of directors of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in good faith; provided that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to (a) the payment of fees to the Sponsor for management, consulting, and financial services rendered to Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries pursuant to the Sponsor Management Agreement and customary investment banking fees paid to the Sponsor for services rendered to Holdings and the Subsidiaries in connection with divestitures, acquisitions, financings and other transactions which payments are approved by a majority of the board of directors of Holdings in good faith, (b) transactions permitted by Section 10.5, (c) consummation of the Transactions and the payment of the Transaction Expenses, (d) the issuance of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) or any of its Subsidiaries not otherwise prohibited by the Credit Documents, (e) loans, advances and other transactions between or among Holdings, any Restricted Subsidiary or any joint venture (regardless of the form of legal entity) in which Holdings or any Subsidiary has invested (and which Subsidiary or joint venture would not be an Affiliate of Holdings but for Holdings' or a Subsidiary's ownership of Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents in such joint venture or Subsidiary) to the extent permitted under Section 10, (f) employment and severance arrangements between Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and their respective officers, employees or consultants (including management and employee benefit plans or agreements, stock option plans and other compensatory arrangements) in the ordinary course of business (including loans and advances in connection therewith), (g) payments by Holdings (and any direct or indirect parent thereof) and the Subsidiaries pursuant to the tax sharing agreements among Holdings (and any such parent) and the Subsidiaries that are permitted under Section 10.5(b)(15); provided that in each case the amount of such payments in any fiscal year does not exceed the amount that Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent of the amount received from Unrestricted Subsidiaries) would have been required to pay in respect of such foreign, federal, state and/or local taxes for such fiscal year had Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) paid such taxes separately from any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, (h) the payment of customary fees and reasonable out of pocket costs to, and indemnities provided on behalf of, directors, managers, consultants, officers, employees of Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent thereof) and the Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business to the extent attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Subsidiaries, (i) transactions undertaken pursuant to membership in a purchasing consortium, (j) transactions pursuant to any agreement or arrangement as in effect as of the Closing Date, or any amendment, modification, supplement or replacement thereto (so long as any such amendment, modification, supplement or replacement is not disadvantageous in any material respect to the Lenders when taken as a whole as compared to the applicable agreement as in effect on the Closing Date as determined by the Borrower in good faith), (k) customary payments by Holdings (or any direct or indirect parent) and any Restricted Subsidiaries to the Sponsor made for any financial advisory, consulting, financing, underwriting or placement services or in respect of other investment banking activities (including in connection with acquisitions or divestitures), (l) the existence and performance of agreements and transactions with any Unrestricted Subsidiary that were entered into prior to the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as such Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent that the transaction was permitted at the time that it was entered into with such Restricted Subsidiary and transactions entered into by an Unrestricted Subsidiary with an Affiliate prior to the redesignation of any such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such transaction was not entered into in contemplation of such designation or redesignation, as applicable, (m) Affiliate repurchases of the Loans or Commitments to the extent permitted hereunder and the holding of such Loans or Commitments and the payments and other transactions contemplated herein in respect thereof, and (n) any customary transactions with a Receivables Subsidiary effected as part of a Receivables Facility.

9.10 End of Fiscal Years. Holdings will, for financial reporting purposes, cause each of its, and each of the Restricted Subsidiaries', fiscal years to end on dates consistent with past practice; provided, however, that Holdings may, upon written notice to the Administrative Agent change the financial reporting convention specified above to (x) align the dates of such fiscal year and for any Restricted Subsidiary whose fiscal years end on dates different from those of Holdings or (y) any other financial reporting convention (including a change of fiscal year) reasonably acceptable (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) to the Administrative Agent, in which case Holdings and the Administrative Agent will, and are hereby authorized by the Lenders to, make any adjustments to this Agreement that are necessary in order to reflect such change in financial reporting.

9.11 Additional Guarantors and Grantors. Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents and the terms, provisions and conditions of the Intercreditor Agreement, Holdings will cause each direct or indirect Subsidiary (other than any Excluded Subsidiary) formed or otherwise purchased or acquired after the Closing Date (including pursuant to a Permitted Acquisition), and each other Subsidiary that ceases to constitute an Excluded Subsidiary, within 60 days from the date of such formation, acquisition or cessation, as applicable (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may agree in its reasonable discretion), and Holdings may at its option cause any Subsidiary, to execute a supplement to each of the Guarantee, the Pledge Agreement and the Security Agreement in order to become a Guarantor under the Guarantee and a grantor under such Security Documents or, to the extent reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, enter into a new Security Document substantially consistent with the analogous existing Security Documents and otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent and take all other action reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent to grant a perfected security interest in its assets to substantially the same extent as created and perfected by the Credit Parties on the Closing Date and pursuant to <u>Section 9.14(d)</u> in the case of such Credit Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, no Credit Party or any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Domestic Subsidiary shall be required to take any action outside the United States to perfect any security interest in the Collateral (including the execution of any agreement, document or other instrument governed by the law of any jurisdiction other than the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia).

9.12 Pledge of Additional Stock and Evidence of Indebtedness. Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents and the terms, provisions and conditions of the Intercreditor Agreement and other than (x) when in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of doing so would be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom or (y) to the extent doing so would result in material adverse tax consequences as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, Holdings will cause (i) all certificates representing Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Restricted Subsidiary (other than any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents) held directly by Holdings or any other Credit Party, (ii) all evidences of Indebtedness in excess of \$10,000,000 received by Holdings or any of the Guarantors in connection with any disposition of assets pursuant to Section 10.4(b), and (iii) any promissory notes executed after the Closing Date evidencing Indebtedness in excess of \$10,000,000 of Holdings or any Subsidiary that is owing to Holdings or any other Credit Party, in each case, to be delivered to the Collateral Agent as security for the Obligations accompanied by undated instruments of transfer executed in blank pursuant to the terms of the Security Documents. Notwithstanding the foregoing any promissory note has been delivered to the Collateral Agent, (ii) such promissory note is not delivered to any other party other than Holdings or any other Credit Party, in each case, owed money thereunder, and (iii) such promissory note indicates on its face that it is subject to the security interest of the Collateral Agent.

#### 9.13 <u>Use of Proceeds</u>.

(a) The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Initial Term Loans hereunder, together with the proceeds of the First Lien Loans under the First Lien Credit Agreement, to effect the Transactions.

## 9.14 <u>Further Assurances</u>.

(a) Subject to the terms of <u>Sections 9.11</u> and <u>9.12</u>, this <u>Section 9.14</u> and the Security Documents, Holdings will, and will cause each other Credit Party to, 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, fixture filings, mortgages, deeds of trust, and other documents) that may be required under any applicable law, or that the Collateral Agent or the Required Lenders may reasonably request, in order to grant, preserve, protect, and perfect the validity and priority of the security interests created or intended to be created by the applicable Security Documents, all at the expense of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries.

(b) Subject to any applicable limitations set forth in the Security Documents and other than (x) when in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (as agreed to in writing), the cost or other consequences of doing so would be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom (it being understood that prior to the First Lien Termination Date, the determination of the First Lien Administrative Agent in respect of the matters described in this clause (x) shall be deemed to be the determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Administrative Agent, if any assets (other than Excluded Property) (including any real estate or improvements thereto or any interest therein but excluding Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents of any Subsidiary and excluding any real estate which the Borrower or applicable Credit Party intends to dispose of pursuant to a Permitted Sale Leaseback so long as actually disposed of within 270 days of acquisition (or such longer period as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree)) with a book value in excess of \$10,000,000 (at the time of acquisition) are acquired by Holdings or any other Credit Party after the Closing Date (other than assets constituting Collateral Agent, a Soon as country Document that become subject to the Lien of the applicable Security Document upon acquisition thereof) that are of a nature secured by a Security Document or that constitute a fee interest in real property in the United States, Holdings will notify the Collateral Agent, and, if requested by the Collateral Agent, as soon as commercially reasonable but in no event later than 90 days, unless extended by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, to grant and perfect such Liens consistent with the applicable requirements of the Security Documents, including actions described in <u>clause (a)</u> of this <u>Section 9.14</u>.

(c) Any Mortgage delivered to the Administrative Agent in accordance with the preceding <u>clause (b)</u> shall, if requested by the Collateral Agent, be received as soon as commercially reasonable but in no event later than 90 days (except as set forth in the preceding clause (b)), unless extended by the Administrative Agent acting reasonably and accompanied by (x) a policy or policies (or an unconditional binding commitment therefor to be replaced by a final title policy) of title insurance issued by a nationally recognized title insurance company, in such amounts as reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent not to exceed the Fair Market Value of the applicable Mortgaged Property, insuring the Lien of each Mortgage as a valid Second Lien on the Mortgaged Property described therein, free of any other Liens except as expressly permitted by Section 10.2 or as otherwise permitted by the Administrative Agent and otherwise in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, together with such endorsements, coinsurance and reinsurance as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request but only to the extent such endorsements are (i) available in the relevant jurisdiction (provided in no event shall the Administrative Agent request a creditors' rights endorsement) and (ii) available at commercially reasonable rates, (y) an opinion of local counsel to the applicable Credit Party in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, (z) a completed "Life-of-Loan" Federal Emergency Management Agency Standard Flood Hazard Determination, and if any improvements on such Mortgaged Property are located in a special flood hazard area, (i) a notice about special flood hazard area status and flood disaster assistance duly executed by the applicable Credit Parties and (ii) certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance required by Section 9.3 in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, and (aa) an ALTA survey in a form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Collateral Agent or such existing survey together with a no-change affidavit sufficient for the title company to remove all standard survey exceptions from the Title Policy related to such Mortgaged Property and issue the endorsements required in (x) above. It is understood and agreed that prior to the First Lien Termination Date, to the extent that the First Lien Administrative Agent is satisfied with or agrees to any deliveries or documents required under this Section 9.14(c), the Collateral Agent and/or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be satisfied with such deliveries.

(d) <u>Post-Closing Covenant</u>. Holdings agrees that it will, or will cause its relevant Subsidiaries to, complete each of the actions described on <u>Schedule 9.14</u> as soon as commercially reasonable and by no later than the date set forth in <u>Schedule 9.14</u> with respect to such action or such later date as the Administrative Agent may reasonably agree.

9.15 <u>Maintenance of Ratings</u>. Holdings will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain and maintain (but not maintain any specific rating) a corporate family and/or corporate credit rating, as applicable, and ratings in respect of the credit facilities provided pursuant to this Agreement, in each case, from each of S&P and Moody's.

9.16 <u>Lines of Business</u>. Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will not fundamentally and substantively alter the character of their business, taken as a whole, from the business conducted by Holdings and the Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, on the Closing Date and other business activities which are extensions thereof or otherwise incidental, synergistic, reasonably related, or ancillary to any of the foregoing (and non-core incidental businesses acquired in connection with any Permitted Acquisition or permitted Investment).

### Section 10. Negative Covenants

Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby covenants and agrees that on the Closing Date (immediately after consummation of the Acquisition) and thereafter, until the Commitments have terminated and the Loans, together with interest, Fees and all other Obligations incurred hereunder (other than contingent indemnity obligations), are paid in full:

10.1 Limitation on Indebtedness. Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable, contingently or otherwise (collectively, "**incur**" and collectively, an "**incurrence**") with respect to any Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) and Holdings will not issue any shares of Disqualified Stock and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to issue any shares of Disqualified Stock or, in the case of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors, preferred stock; <u>provided</u> that Holdings may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness) or issue shares of Disqualified Stock, and any Restricted Subsidiary may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Indebtedness), or issue shares of preferred stock, if, after giving effect thereto, the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries would be at least 1.75 to 1.00; <u>providedfurther</u> that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock that may be incurred pursuant to the foregoing together with any amounts incurred under <u>Section 10.1(n)(x)</u> by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$36,000,000 and (y) 36.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at any one time outstanding.

The foregoing limitations will not apply to:

(a) Indebtedness arising under the Credit Documents;

(b) (x) Indebtedness represented by the First Lien Facilities, Permitted First Lien Exchange Notes, and any guarantee thereof in an aggregate principal amount (plus all accrued interest, fees and expenses) not to exceed 575,000,000 and (y) Indebtedness that may be incurred pursuant to Sections 2.14 and 10.1(x)(i) of the First Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date), in each case, pursuant to the definition of Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount in the First Lien Credit Agreement (as in effect on the Closing Date);

(c) (i) Indebtedness (including any unused commitment) outstanding on the Closing Date listed on <u>Schedule 10.1</u> and (ii) intercompany Indebtedness (including any unused commitment) outstanding on the Closing Date listed on <u>Schedule 10.1</u> (other than intercompany Indebtedness owed by a Credit Party to another Credit Party);

(d) Indebtedness (including Capitalized Lease Obligations), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, to finance the purchase, lease, construction, installation, maintenance, replacement or improvement of property (real or personal) or equipment that is used or useful in a Similar Business, whether through the direct purchase of assets or the Capital Stock of any Person owning such assets and Indebtedness arising from the conversion of the obligations of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary under or pursuant to any "synthetic lease" transactions to on-balance sheet Indebtedness of Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, in an aggregate principal amount which, when aggregated with the principal amount of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u> and all Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refinance any other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u>, does not exceed the greater of (x) \$42,000,000 and (y) 42.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of incurrence; <u>provided</u> that Capitalized Lease Obligations incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to this <u>clause (d)</u> in connection with a Permitted Sale Leaseback shall not be subject to the foregoing limitation so long as the proceeds of such Permitted Sale Leaseback are used by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary to permanently repay outstanding Term Loans or other Indebtedness secured by a Lien on the assets subject to such Permitted Sale Leaseback (excluding any Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations);

(e) Indebtedness incurred by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (including letter of credit obligations consistent with past practice constituting reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit issued in the ordinary course of business), in respect of workers' compensation claims, performance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance or other Indebtedness with respect to reimbursement or indemnification type obligations regarding workers' compensation claims, performance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability, performance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or surety bonds, health, disability or other employee benefits or property, casualty or liability insurance or self-insurance;

(f) Indebtedness arising from agreements of Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price, earnout or similar obligations, in each case, incurred or assumed in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any business, assets or a Subsidiary or other Person, other than guarantees of Indebtedness incurred by any Person acquiring all or any portion of such business, assets or a Subsidiary for the purpose of financing such acquisition; provided that such Indebtedness is not reflected on the balance sheet of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary (contingent obligations referred to in a footnote to financial statements and not otherwise reflected on the balance sheet will not be deemed to be reflected as Indebtedness on such balance sheet for purposes of this clause (f));

(g) Indebtedness of Holdings to a Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor is subordinated in right of payment to Holdings' Guarantee; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such Indebtedness (except to another Borrower or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed, in each case to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause;

(h) Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary owing to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that if the Borrower or a Guarantor incurs such Indebtedness owing to a Restricted Subsidiary that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor, such Indebtedness is subordinated in right of payment to the Guarantee of such Guarantor as the case may be; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that any subsequent transfer of any such Indebtedness (except to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed, in each case to be an incurrence of such Indebtedness not permitted by this clause;

(i) shares of preferred stock of a Restricted Subsidiary issued to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that any subsequent issuance or transfer of any Capital Stock or any other event which results in any such Restricted Subsidiary ceasing to be a Restricted Subsidiary or any other subsequent transfer of any such shares of preferred stock (except to Holdings or another Restricted Subsidiary) shall be deemed in each case to be an issuance of such shares of preferred stock not permitted by this clause;

(j) Hedging Obligations (excluding Hedging Obligations entered into for speculative purposes);

(k) obligations in respect of self-insurance, performance, bid, appeal, and surety bonds and completion guarantees and similar obligations provided by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or obligations in respect of letters of credit, bank guarantees or similar instruments related thereto, in each case, in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;

(l) (i) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference up to 100% of the net cash proceeds received by Holdings since immediately after the Closing Date from the issue or sale of Equity Interests of Holdings or cash contributed to the capital of Holdings (in each case, other than Excluded Contributions, the Equity Rollover Contribution, any Cure Amount or proceeds of Disqualified Stock or sales of Equity Interests to Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries) as determined in accordance with Sections 10.5(a)(ii)(B) and 10.5(a)(ii)(C) to the extent such net cash proceeds or cash have not been applied pursuant to such clauses to make Restricted Payments or to make other Investments, payments or exchanges pursuant to Section 10.5(b) or to make Permitted Investments (other than Permitted Investments specified in clauses (a) and (c) of the definition thereof) and (ii) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary not otherwise permitted hereunder in an aggregate principal amount or liquidation preference, which when aggregated with the principal amount and liquidation preference of all other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock and preferred stock then outstanding and incurred pursuant to this clause (1)(ii), does not at any one time outstanding exceed the greater of (x) \$48,000,000 and (y) 48.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of incurrence (it being understood that any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (1)(ii)</u> shall cease to be deemed incurred for the purposes of the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> from and after the first date on which Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary could have incurred such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock under the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> without reliance on this <u>clause (</u>

(m) the incurrence or issuance by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock which serves to refinance any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock incurred as permitted under the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> and <u>clause (b)</u> and (c) above, <u>clause (l)</u> (i) and, this <u>clause (m)</u> and <u>clause (n)</u> below or any Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock issued to so refinance, replace, refund, extend, renew, defease, restructure, amend, restate or otherwise modify (collectively, "**refinance**") such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (the "**Refinancing Indebtedness**") prior to its respective maturity; <u>provided</u>, that such Refinancing Indebtedness (1) has a weighted average life to maturity at the time such Refinancing Indebtedness is incurred which is not less than the remaining weighted average life to maturity of the Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock being refinanced, (2) to the extent such Refinancing Indebtedness refinances (i) Indebtedness that is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking pari passu or junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, such Refinancing Indebtedness is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking pari passu or junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, as applicable, (ii) Disqualified Stock or preferred stock, such Refinancing Indebtedness must be Disqualified Stock or preferred stock, respectively, and (iii) Indebtedness subordinated to the Obligations, such Refinancing Indebtedness is subordinated to the Obligations at least to the same extent as the Indebtedness being Refinanced and (3) shall not include Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of a Subsidiary of Holdings that is not the Borrower or a Guarantor that refinances Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of the Borrower or a Guarantor;

(n) Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of (x) Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary incurred or issued to finance an acquisition, merger, or consolidation; <u>provided</u> that the amount of Indebtedness (other than Acquired Indebtedness), Disqualified Stock and preferred stock that may be incurred pursuant to the foregoing, together with any amounts incurred under the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> by Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors shall not exceed the greater of (x) \$36,000,000 and (y) 36.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at any one time outstanding, or (y) Persons that are acquired by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or merged into or consolidated with Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary in accordance with the terms hereof (including designating an Unrestricted Subsidiary a Restricted Subsidiary); <u>provided</u> that after giving effect to any such acquisition, merger, consolidation or designation described in this <u>clause (n)</u>, either: (1) Holdings would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u> or (2) the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries is equal to or greater than that immediately prior to such acquisition, merger, consolidation or designation;

(o) Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business;

(p) (i) Indebtedness of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary supported by a letter of credit, in a principal amount not in excess of the stated amount of such letter of credit so long as such letter of credit is otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to this <u>Section 10.1</u> or (ii) obligations in respect of letters of support, guarantees or similar obligations issued, made or incurred for the benefit of any Subsidiary of Holdings to the extent required by law or in connection with any statutory filing or the delivery of audit opinions performed in jurisdictions other than within the United States;

(q) (1) any guarantee by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness or other obligations of any Restricted Subsidiary so long as in the case of a guarantee of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Guarantor, such Indebtedness could have been incurred directly by the Restricted Subsidiary providing such guarantee or (2) any guarantee by a Restricted Subsidiary of Indebtedness of Holdings;

(r) Indebtedness of Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors in an amount not to exceed, in the aggregate at any one time outstanding, the greater of (x) \$18,000,000 and (y) 12.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) (it being understood that any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (r)</u> shall cease to be deemed incurred or outstanding for purposes of this <u>clause (r)</u> but shall be deemed incurred for the purposes of the first paragraph of this covenant from and after the first date on which such Restricted Subsidiary could have incurred such Indebtedness under the first paragraph of this covenant without reliance on this <u>clause (r)</u>);

(s) Indebtedness of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries consisting of (i) the financing of insurance premiums or (ii) take or pay obligations contained in supply arrangements in each case, incurred in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice;

(t) Indebtedness of Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries undertaken in connection with cash management and related activities with respect to any Subsidiary or joint venture in the ordinary course of business, including with respect to financial accommodations of the type described in the definition of Cash Management Services;

(u) Indebtedness consisting of Indebtedness issued by Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to future, current or former officers, directors, managers and employees thereof, their respective estates, spouses or former spouses, in each case to finance the purchase or redemption of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent described in <u>clause (4)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>;

(v) to the extent constituting Indebtedness, obligations pursuant to the Wal-Mart Agreements;

(w) Indebtedness in respect of (i) Permitted Other Indebtedness to the extent that the Net Cash Proceeds therefrom are applied to the prepayment of Term Loans in the manner set forth in <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u>; and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in <u>subclause (i)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is not increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses, and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing) and (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness;

(x) Indebtedness in respect of (i) Permitted Other Indebtedness; provided that either (a) the aggregate principal amount of all such Permitted Other Indebtedness issued or incurred pursuant to this <u>clause (i)(a)</u> shall not, exceed the Maximum Incremental Facilities Amount or (b) the Net Cash Proceeds thereof shall be applied no later than ten Business Days after the receipt thereof to repurchase, repay, redeem or otherwise defease Loans (<u>provided</u>, in the case of this <u>clause (i)(b)</u>, such Permitted Other Indebtedness is unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations) and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in <u>subclause (i)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is onto increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing), (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness, and (z) in the case of a refinancing of Permitted Other Indebtedness incurred pursuant to <u>clause (i)(b)</u> above with other Permitted Other Indebtedness ("**Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness**"), such Refinancing Permitted Other Indebtedness, if secured, may only be secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Lien securing the Obligations; and

(y) (i) Indebtedness in respect of Permitted Debt Exchange Notes incurred pursuant to a Permitted Debt Exchange in accordance with <u>Section 2.15</u> (and which does not generate any additional proceeds) and (ii) any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension of any Indebtedness specified in <u>subclause (i)</u> above; <u>provided</u> that (x) the principal amount of any such Indebtedness is not increased above the principal amount thereof outstanding immediately prior to such refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension (except for any original issue discount thereon and the amount of fees, expenses, and premium and accrued and unpaid interest in connection with such refinancing) and (y) such Indebtedness otherwise complies with the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

For purposes of determining compliance with this <u>Section 10.1</u>: (i) in the event that an item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (or any portion thereof) meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of permitted Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock described in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (y) above or is entitled to be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this <u>Section 10.1</u>, Holdings, in its sole discretion, will classify and may reclassify such item of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock (or any portion thereof) and will only be required to include the amount and type of such Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock in one of the above clauses or paragraphs; and (ii) at the time of incurrence, Holdings will be entitled to divide and classify an item of Indebtedness in more than one of the types of Indebtedness described in this <u>Section 10.1</u>.

Accrual of interest or dividends, the accretion of accreted value, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount and the payment of interest or dividends in the form of additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock for purposes of this covenant. Any Refinancing Indebtedness and any Indebtedness incurred to refinance Indebtedness incurred pursuant to <u>clauses (a)</u> and (<u>1)</u> (<u>i</u>) above shall be deemed to include additional Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock or preferred stock incurred to pay premiums (including reasonable tender premiums), defeasance costs, fees, and expenses in connection with such refinancing.

For purposes of determining compliance with any Dollar-denominated restriction on the incurrence of Indebtedness, the principal amount of Indebtedness denominated in another currency shall be calculated based on the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date such Indebtedness was incurred, in the case of term debt, or first committed, in the case of revolving credit debt; <u>provided</u> that if such Indebtedness is incurred to refinance other Indebtedness denominated in another currency, and such refinancing would cause the applicable Dollar-denominated restriction to be exceeded if calculated at the relevant currency exchange rate in effect on the date of such refinancing, such Dollar-denominated restriction shall be deemed not to have been exceeded so long as the principal amount of such Indebtedness being refinanced plus (ii) the aggregate amount of fees, underwriting discounts, premiums, and other costs and expenses and accrued and unpaid interest incurred in connection with such refinancing.

The principal amount of any Indebtedness incurred to refinance other Indebtedness, if incurred in a different currency from the Indebtedness being refinanced, shall be calculated based on the currency exchange rate applicable to the currencies in which such respective Indebtedness is denominated that is in effect on the date of such refinancing.

This Agreement will not treat (1) unsecured Indebtedness as subordinated or junior to secured Indebtedness merely because it is unsecured or (2) senior Indebtedness as subordinated or junior to any other senior Indebtedness merely because it has a junior priority with respect to the same collateral.

#### 10.2 Limitation on Liens.

(a) Holdings will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any property or assets of any kind (real or personal, tangible) of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, whether now owned or hereafter acquired (each, a "**Subject Lien**") that secures obligations under any Indebtedness on any asset or property of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, except:

(i) in the case of Subject Liens on any Collateral, if such Subject Lien is a Permitted Lien; and

(ii) in the case of any other asset or property, any Subject Lien if (i) the Obligations are equally and ratably secured with (or on a senior basis to, in the case such Subject Lien secures any Junior Debt) the obligations secured by such Subject Lien or (ii) such Subject Lien is a Permitted Lien.

(b) Any Lien created for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the preceding paragraph shall provide by its terms that such Lien shall be automatically and unconditionally be released and discharged upon the release and discharge of the Subject Lien that gave rise to the obligation to so secure the Obligations.

10.3 Limitation on Fundamental Changes. Holdings will not, and will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any merger, consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), or convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, all or substantially all its business units, assets or other properties, except that:

(a) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any other Person may be merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into Holdings or the Borrower; provided that (A) Holdings or the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving corporation or (B) if the Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation is not Holdings or the Borrower (such other Person, the "Successor Borrower"), (1) the Successor Borrower shall be an entity organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, the District of Columbia or any territory thereof, (2) the Successor Borrower shall expressly assume all the obligations of Holdings or the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents pursuant to a supplement hereto or thereto or in a form otherwise reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (3) each Guarantor, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have by a supplement to the Guarantee confirmed that its guarantee thereunder shall apply to any Successor Borrower's obligations under this Agreement, (4) each Subsidiary grantor and each Subsidiary pledgor, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have by a supplement to any applicable Security Document affirmed that its obligations thereunder shall apply to its Guarantee as reaffirmed pursuant to <u>clause (3)</u>, (5) each mortgagor of a Mortgaged Property, unless it is the other party to such merger, amalgamation or consolidation, shall have affirmed that its obligations under the applicable Mortgage shall apply to its Guarantee as reaffirmed pursuant to clause (3), and (6) the Successor Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent (x) an officer's certificate stating that such merger, amalgamation, or consolidation and such supplements preserve the enforceability of the Guarantee and the perfection and priority of the Liens under the applicable Security Documents and (y) if requested by the Administrative Agent, an opinion of counsel to the effect that such merger, amalgamation, or consolidation does not violate this Agreement or any other Credit Document and that the provisions set forth in the preceding <u>clauses (3)</u> through (5) preserve the enforceability of the Guarantee and the perfection of the Liens created under the applicable Security Documents (it being understood that if the foregoing are satisfied, the Successor Borrower will succeed to, and be substituted for, the Borrower under this Agreement);

(b) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any other Person (in each case, other than the Company) may be merged, amalgamated or consolidated with or into any one or more Subsidiaries of Holdings; provided that (i) in the case of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation involving one or more Restricted Subsidiaries, (A) a Restricted Subsidiary shall be the continuing or surviving Person or (B) Holdings shall cause the Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation (if other than a Restricted Subsidiary) to become a Restricted Subsidiary, (ii) in the case of any merger, amalgamation or consolidation involving one or more Guarantors, a Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving Person or the Person formed by or surviving any such merger, amalgamation or consolidation and if the surviving Person is not already a Guarantor, such Person shall execute a supplement to the Guarantee and the relevant Security Documents in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent in order to become a Guarantor and pledgor, mortgagor and grantor, as applicable, thereunder for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and (iii) Holdings shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent an officer's certificate stating that such merger, amalgamation or consolidation and any such supplements to any Security Document preserve the enforceability of the Guarantees and the perfection and priority of the Liens under the applicable Security Documents;

(c) the Transactions may be consummated;

(d) (i) any Restricted Subsidiary that is not a Credit Party may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to Holdings or any other Restricted Subsidiary or (ii) any Credit Party (other than the Company) may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to any other Credit Party;

(e) any Subsidiary may convey, sell, lease, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or dissolution or otherwise) to a Credit Party; <u>provided</u> that the consideration for any such disposition by any Person other than a Guarantor shall not exceed the fair value of such assets;

(f) any Restricted Subsidiary (other than the Company) may liquidate or dissolve if Holdings determines in good faith that such liquidation or dissolution is in the best interests of Holdings and is not materially disadvantageous to the Lenders;

(g) Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries may consummate a merger, dissolution, liquidation, consolidation, investment or conveyance, sale, lease, assignment or disposition, the purpose of which is to effect an Asset Sale (which for purposes of this <u>Section 10.3(g)</u>, will include any disposition below the dollar threshold set forth in clause (d) of the definition of "Asset Sale") permitted by <u>Section 10.4</u> or an investment permitted pursuant to <u>Section 10.5</u> or an investment that constitutes a Permitted Investment; and

(h) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary may change its legal form.

10.4 Limitation on Sale of Assets. Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, consummate an Asset Sale, unless:

(a) Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the Fair Market Value (as determined at the time of contractually agreeing to such Asset Sale) of the assets sold or otherwise disposed of; and

(b) except in the case of a Permitted Asset Swap, if the property or assets sold or otherwise disposed of have a Fair Market Value in excess of \$12,000,000, at least 75% of the consideration therefor received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents; provided that the amount of:

(i) any liabilities (as reflected on Holdings' most recent consolidated balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto, or if incurred or accrued subsequent to the date of such balance sheet, such liabilities that would have been reflected on Holdings' consolidated balance sheet or in the footnotes thereto if such incurrence or accrual had taken place on or prior to the date of such balance sheet, as determined in good faith by Holdings) of Holdings, other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Loans, that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets (or are otherwise extinguished in connection with the transactions relating to such Asset Sale) and for which Holdings and all such Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released by all applicable creditors in writing;

(ii) any securities, notes or other obligations or assets received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents, or by their terms are required to be satisfied for cash or Cash Equivalents (to the extent of the cash or Cash Equivalents received), in each case, within 180 days following the closing of such Asset Sale;

(iii) Indebtedness, other than liabilities that are by their terms subordinated to the Loans, that are of any Restricted Subsidiary that is no longer a Restricted Subsidiary as a result of such Asset Sale, to the extent that Holdings and all Restricted Subsidiaries have been validly released from any Guarantee of payment of such Indebtedness in connection with such Asset Sale; and

(iv) any Designated Non-Cash Consideration received by Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary in such Asset Sale having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Designated Non-Cash Consideration received pursuant to this <u>clause (iv)</u> that is at that time outstanding, not to exceed the greater of \$96,000,000 or 7.2% of Consolidated Total Assets at the time of the receipt of such Designated Non-Cash Consideration being measured at the time received and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value,

shall be deemed to be cash for purposes of this clause (b) of this provision and for no other purpose.

Within the Reinvestment Period after Holdings' or any Restricted Subsidiary's receipt of the Net Cash Proceeds of any Asset Sale, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary shall apply the Net Cash Proceeds from such Asset Sale:

(i) to prepay Loans or Permitted Other Indebtedness in accordance with Section 5.2(a)(i); and/or

(ii) to make investments in the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries will be deemed to have complied with this <u>clause (ii)</u> if and to the extent that, within the Reinvestment Period after the Asset Sale that generated the Net Cash Proceeds, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary has entered into and not abandoned or rejected a binding agreement to consummate any such investment described in this <u>clause (ii)</u> with the good faith expectation that such Net Cash Proceeds will be applied to satisfy such commitment within 180 days of such commitment and, in the event any such commitment is later cancelled or terminated for any reason before the Net Cash Proceeds are applied in connection therewith, Holdings or such Restricted Subsidiary prepays the Loans in accordance with <u>Section 5.2(a)(i)</u>.

(c) Pending the final application of any Net Cash Proceeds pursuant to this covenant, Holdings or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary may apply such Net Cash Proceeds temporarily to reduce Indebtedness outstanding under or any revolving credit facility or otherwise invest such Net Cash Proceeds in any manner not prohibited by this Agreement.

### 10.5 Limitation on Restricted Payments.

(a) Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly:

(1) declare or pay any dividend or make any payment or distribution on account of Holdings' or any Restricted Subsidiary's Equity Interests, including any dividend or distribution payable in connection with any merger or consolidation, other than:

(A) dividends or distributions by Holdings payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings or in options, warrants or other rights to purchase such Equity Interests, or

(B) dividends or distributions by a Restricted Subsidiary so long as, in the case of any dividend or distribution payable on or in respect of any class or series of securities issued by a Subsidiary other than a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary receives at least its pro rata share of such dividend or distribution in accordance with its Equity Interests in such class or series of securities;

(2) purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, including in connection with any merger or consolidation;

(3) make any principal payment on, or redeem, repurchase, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value in each case, prior to any scheduled repayment, sinking fund payment or maturity, any Junior Debt of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, other than (A) Indebtedness permitted under <u>clauses (g)</u> and (<u>h</u>) of <u>Section 10.1</u> or (B) the purchase, repurchase or other acquisition of Junior Debt purchased in anticipation of satisfying a sinking fund obligation, principal installment or final maturity, in each case due within one year of the date of purchase, repurchase or acquisition; or

(4) make any Restricted Investment;

(all such payments and other actions set forth in <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>4</u>) above (other than any exception thereto) being collectively referred to as "**Restricted Payments**"), unless, at the time of such Restricted Payment:

(i) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof (or in the case of a Restricted Investment, no Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>11.5</u> shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof);

(ii) except in the case of a Restricted Investment, immediately after giving effect to such transaction on a pro forma basis, Holdings could incur \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness under the provisions of the first paragraph of <u>Section 10.1</u>; and

(iii) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date (including Restricted Payments permitted by <u>clauses (1), (2)</u> (with respect to the payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock pursuant to <u>clause (b)</u> thereof only), (<u>6)(C)</u> and (<u>9)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> below, but excluding all other Restricted Payments permitted by <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>), is less than the sum of (without duplication):

(A) the Consolidated EBITDA for the period (taken as one accounting period) from the first day of the fiscal quarter during which the Closing Date occurs to the end of Holdings' most recently ended fiscal quarter for which internal financial statements are available at the time of such Restricted Payment less the product of 1.5 times Holdings' Fixed Charges for such period, *plus* 

(B) 100% of the aggregate net cash proceeds and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received by Holdings since immediately after the Closing Date (other than the Equity Rollover Contribution and net cash proceeds from Cure Amounts or to the extent such net cash proceeds have been used to incur Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock pursuant to clause (I)(i) of Section 10.1) from the issue or sale of (x) Equity Interests of Holdings, including Retired Capital Stock, but excluding cash proceeds and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received from the sale of (A) Equity Interests to any employee, director, manager or consultant of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings and Holdings' Subsidiaries after the Closing Date to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with clause (4) of Section 10.5(b) below, and (B) Designated Preferred Stock, and, to the extent such net cash proceeds from the sale of Designated Preferred Stock of such companies or contributions to the extent such amounts have been applied to Restricted Payments have been applied to Restricted Payments made in accordance with clause (4) of Section 10.5(b) below) or (y) Indebtedness of Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary that has been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, provided that this clause (B) shall not include the proceeds from (a) Refunding Capital Stock, (b) Equity Interests or Indebtedness that has been converted or exchanged into Disqualified Stock or (d) Excluded Contributions, *plus* 

(C) 100% of the aggregate amount of cash and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property contributed to the capital of Holdings following the Closing Date (other than the Equity Rollover Contribution and net cash proceeds from Cure Amounts or to the extent such net cash proceeds (i) have been used to incur Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock pursuant to <u>clause (l)(i)</u> of <u>Section 10.1</u>), (ii) are contributed by a Restricted Subsidiary or (iii) constitute Excluded Contributions), *plus* 

(D) 100% of the aggregate amount received in cash and the Fair Market Value of marketable securities or other property received by means of (A) the sale or other disposition (other than to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary) of Restricted Investments made by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and repurchases and redemptions of such Restricted Investments from Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and repayments of loans or advances, and releases of guarantees, which constitute Restricted Investments made by Holdings or the Restricted Subsidiaries, in each case, after the Closing Date; or (B) the sale (other than to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary) of the stock of an Unrestricted Subsidiary or a distribution from an Unrestricted Subsidiary (other than in each case to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to <u>clause (7)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> below or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment) or a dividend from an Unrestricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, *plus* 

(E) in the case of the redesignation of an Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary after the Closing Date, the Fair Market Value of the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary at the time of the redesignation of such Unrestricted Subsidiary as a Restricted Subsidiary, other than to the extent the Investment in such Unrestricted Subsidiary was made by Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary pursuant to <u>clause (7)</u> of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u> below or to the extent such Investment constituted a Permitted Investment, *plus* 

(F) the aggregate amount of any Retained Declined Proceeds since the Closing Date, plus

(G) \$60,000,000.

(b) The foregoing provisions of <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> will not prohibit:

(1) the payment of any dividend or distribution or the consummation of any irrevocable redemption within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof or the giving of such irrevocable notice, as applicable, if at the date of declaration or the giving of such notice such payment would have complied with the provisions of this Agreement;

(2) (a) the redemption, repurchase, retirement or other acquisition of any Equity Interests ("**Retired Capital Stock**") or Junior Debt of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, in exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Restricted Subsidiary) of, Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent contributed to Holdings (in each case, other than any Disqualified Stock) ("**Refunding Capital Stock**") and (b) if immediately prior to the retirement of Retired Capital Stock, the declaration and payment of dividends thereon was permitted under <u>clause (6)</u> of this <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>, the declaration and payment of dividends on the Refunding Capital Stock (other than Refunding Capital Stock the proceeds of which were used to redeem, repurchase, retire or otherwise acquire any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) in an aggregate amount per year no greater than the aggregate amount of dividends per annum that was declarable and payable on such Retired Capital Stock immediately prior to such retirement;

(3) the prepayment, redemption, defeasance, repurchase or other acquisition or retirement for value of Junior Debt of Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary made by exchange for, or out of the proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale of, new Indebtedness of Holdings, or a Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, which is incurred in compliance with <u>Section 10.1</u> so long as: (A) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such new Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount of (or accreted value, if applicable), plus any accrued and unpaid interest on the Junior Debt being so redeemed, defeased, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired for value, plus the amount of any premium (including reasonable tender premiums), defeasance costs and any reasonable fees and expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of such new Indebtedness, (B) if such Junior Debt is subordinated to the Obligations, such new Indebtedness is subordinated to the same extent as such Junior Debt so purchased, redeemed, defeased, repurchased, acquired or retired for value, (C) such new Indebtedness has a final scheduled maturity date equal to or later than the final scheduled maturity date of the Junior Debt being so redeemed, defeased, repurchased, exchanged, acquired or retired, (D) if such Junior Debt so purchased, exchanged, redeemed, repurchased, acquired or retired for value is (i) unsecured then such new Indebtedness shall be unsecured or (ii) Permitted Other Indebtedness shall be unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, and (E) such new Indebtedness shall be unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Obligations, and (E) such new Indebtedness shall be unsecured or secured by a Lien ranking junior to the Liens securing the Junior Debt being so redeemed, exchanged, is a weighted average life to maturity equal to or greater than the remaining weighted average life to maturity of the Junior Debt being so redeemed, exchanged, acquired

(4) a Restricted Payment to pay for the repurchase, retirement or other acquisition or retirement for value of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings held by any future, present or former employee, director, manager or consultant of Holdings, any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, or their estates, descendants, family, spouse or former spouse pursuant to any management equity plan or stock option plan or any other management or employee benefit plan or agreement, or any stock subscription or shareholder agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any principal and interest payable on any notes issued by Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings in connection with such repurchase, retirement or other acquisition), including any Equity Interests rolled over by management of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings in connection with the Transactions; provided that, except with respect to non-discretionary purchases, the aggregate Restricted Payments made under this clause (4) subsequent to the Closing Date do not exceed in any calendar year \$24,000,000 (which subsequent to the consummation of a Qualifying IPO shall increase to \$48,000,000) (with unused amounts in any calendar year being carried over to succeeding calendar years subject to maximum aggregate Restricted Payments under this clause (without giving effect to the following proviso) of \$36,000,000 in any calendar year (which subsequent to the consummation of a Qualifying IPO shall increase to the greater of \$72,000,000); provided, further, that such amount in any calendar year may be increased by an amount not to exceed: (A) the cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Holdings and, to the extent contributed to Holdings, the cash proceeds from the sale of Equity Interests of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, in each case to any future, present or former employees, directors, managers or consultants of Holdings, any of its Subsidiaries or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings that occurs after the Closing Date, to the extent the cash proceeds from the sale of such Equity Interests have not otherwise been applied to the payment of Restricted Payments by virtue of clause (iii) of Section 10.5(a), plus (B) the cash proceeds of key man life insurance policies received by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries after the Closing Date, less (C) the amount of any Restricted Payments previously made pursuant to <u>clauses (A)</u> and <u>(B)</u> of this <u>clause (4)</u>; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that cancellation of Indebtedness owing to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary from any future, present or former employees, directors, managers or consultants of Holdings, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or their estates, descendants, family, spouse or former spouse pursuant in connection with a repurchase of Equity Interests of Holdings or any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings will not be deemed to constitute a Restricted Payment for purposes of this Section 10.5 or any other provision of this Agreement;

(5) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Disqualified Stock of Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary or any class or series of preferred stock of any Restricted Subsidiary, in each case, issued in accordance with <u>Section 10.1</u> to the extent such dividends are included in the definition of Fixed Charges;

(6) (A) the declaration and payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) issued by Holdings after the Closing Date; (B) the declaration and payment of dividends to any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, the proceeds of which will be used to fund the payment of dividends to holders of any class or series of Designated Preferred Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of such parent company issued after the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that the amount of dividends paid pursuant to this <u>clause (B)</u> shall not exceed the aggregate amount of cash actually contributed to Holdings from the sale of such Designated Preferred Stock; or (C) the declaration and payment of dividends on Refunding Capital Stock in excess of the dividends declarable and payable thereon pursuant to <u>clause (2)</u> of this <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>; <u>provided</u> that, in the case of each of (A), (B), and (C) of this <u>clause (6)</u>, for the most recently ended four full fiscal quarters for which internal financial statements are available immediately preceding the date of issuance of such Designated Preferred Stock or the declaration of such dividends on Refunding Capital Stock, after giving effect to such issuance or declaration on a pro forma basis, Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis would have had a Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio of at least 1.75 to 1.00;

(7) Investments in Unrestricted Subsidiaries having an aggregate Fair Market Value, taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this <u>clause (7)</u> that are at the time outstanding, without giving effect to the sale of an Unrestricted Subsidiary to the extent the proceeds of such sale do not consist of cash, Cash Equivalents or marketable securities, not to exceed the greater of (x) \$30,000,000 and (y) 30.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time of such Investment (with the Fair Market Value of each Investment being measured at the time made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value);

(8) (i) payments made or expected to be made by Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary in respect of withholding or similar taxes payable upon exercise of Equity Interests by any future, present or former employee, director, manager, or consultant and repurchases of Equity Interests deemed to occur upon exercise of stock options or warrants if such Equity Interests represent a portion of the exercise price of such options or warrants and (ii) payments or other adjustments to outstanding Equity Interests in accordance with any management equity plan, stock option plan or any other similar employee benefit plan, agreement or arrangement in connection with any Restricted Payment;

(9) the declaration and payment of dividends on Holdings' common stock (or the payment of dividends to any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to fund a payment of dividends on such company's common stock), following consummation of the first public offering of Holdings' common stock or the common stock of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings after the Closing Date, of up to 7.20% per annum of the net cash proceeds received by or contributed to Holdings in or from any such public offering, other than public offerings with respect to Holdings' common stock registered on Form S-8 and other than any public sale constituting an Excluded Contribution;

Date;

(10) Restricted Payments in an amount that does not exceed the amount of Excluded Contributions made since the Closing

(11) other Restricted Payments in an aggregate amount taken together with all other Restricted Payments made pursuant to this clause not to exceed the greater of (x) \$36,000,000 and (y) 36.0% of Consolidated EBITDA for the most recently ended Test Period (calculated on a Pro Forma Basis) at the time made;

(12) distributions or payments of Receivables Fees;

(13) any Restricted Payment made in connection with the Transactions and the fees and expenses related thereto or used to fund amounts owed to Affiliates (including dividends to any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to permit payment by such parent of such amount), to the extent permitted by <u>Section 9.9</u> (other than <u>clause (b)</u> thereof), and Restricted Payments in respect of working capital adjustments or purchase price adjustments pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement, any Permitted Acquisition or other Permitted Investment and to satisfy indemnity and other similar obligations under the Acquisition Agreement, any Permitted Acquisitions or other Permitted Investments;

(14) other Restricted Payments; <u>provided</u> that after giving Pro Forma Effect to such Restricted Payments the Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA Ratio is equal to or less than 5.75:1.00;

(15) the declaration and payment of dividends by Holdings to, or the making of loans to, any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings in amounts required for any direct or indirect parent company to pay: (A) franchise and excise taxes, and other fees and expenses, required to maintain its organizational existence, (B) consolidated, combined or similar foreign, federal, state and local income and similar taxes, to the extent that such income taxes are attributable to the income of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries and, to the extent of the amount actually received from its Unrestricted Subsidiaries, in amounts required to pay such taxes to the extent attributable to the income of such Unrestricted Subsidiaries, provided that in each case the amount of such payments with respect to any fiscal year does not exceed the amount that Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) would have been required to pay in respect of such foreign, federal, state and local income taxes for such fiscal year had Holdings, the Restricted Subsidiaries and the Unrestricted Subsidiaries (to the extent described above) been a stand-alone taxpayer or stand-alone group (separate from any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings) for all fiscal years ending after the Closing Date, (C) customary salary, bonus, and other benefits payable to officers, employees, directors, and managers of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent such salaries, bonuses, and other benefits are attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, including Holdings' proportionate share of such amount relating to such parent company being a public company, (D) general corporate or other operating (including, without limitation, expenses related to auditing or other accounting matters) and overhead costs and expenses of any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to the extent such costs and expenses are attributable to the ownership or operation of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries, including Holdings' proportionate share of such amount relating to such parent company being a public company, (E) amounts required for any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings to pay fees and expenses incurred by any direct or indirect parent company of Holdings related to (i) the maintenance by such parent entity of its corporate or other entity existence and (ii) transactions of such parent company of Holdings of the type described in clause (xi) of the definition of Consolidated Net Income, (F) cash payments in lieu of issuing fractional shares in connection with the exercise of warrants, options or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for Equity Interests of Holdings or any such direct or indirect parent company of Holdings, and (G) repurchases deemed to occur upon the cashless exercise of stock options;

(16) the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition for value of Equity Interests of Holdings deemed to occur in connection with paying cash in lieu of fractional shares of such Equity Interests in connection with a share dividend, distribution, share split, reverse share split, merger, consolidation, amalgamation or other business combination of Holdings, in each case, permitted under this Agreement; and

(17) the distribution, by dividend or otherwise, of shares of Capital Stock of, or Indebtedness owed to Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary by, Unrestricted Subsidiaries (other than Unrestricted Subsidiaries, the primary assets of which are cash and/or Cash Equivalents).

provided that at the time of, and after giving effect to, any Restricted Payment permitted under <u>clauses (10)</u> (but only if the Excluded Contribution was made more than six months prior to such time), (<u>11)</u> and (<u>14</u>) no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof (or in the case of a Restricted Investment, no Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>11.5</u> shall have occurred and be continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof).

Holdings will not permit any Unrestricted Subsidiary to become a Restricted Subsidiary except pursuant to the last sentence of the definition of Unrestricted Subsidiary. For purposes of designating any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, all outstanding Investments by Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (except to the extent repaid) in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be Restricted Payments in an amount determined as set forth in the last sentence of the definition of Investment. Such designation will be permitted only if a Restricted Payment in such amount would be permitted at such time, whether pursuant to <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> or under <u>clauses (7)</u>, (10), or (11) of <u>Section 10.5(b)</u>, or pursuant to the definition of Permitted Investments, and if such Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to any of the restrictive covenants set forth in this Agreement.

For purposes of determining compliance with this covenant, in the event that a proposed Restricted Payment or Investment (or a portion thereof) meets the criteria of <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>17</u>) above or is entitled to be made pursuant to <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and/or one or more of the exceptions contained in the definition of Permitted Investments, Holdings will be entitled to classify or later reclassify (based on circumstances existing on the date of such reclassification) such Restricted Payment (or portion thereof) among such <u>clauses (1)</u> through (<u>17</u>), <u>Section 10.5(a)</u> and/or one or more of the exceptions contained in the definition of "Permitted Investments", in a manner that otherwise complies with this covenant.

(c) Prior to the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, to the extent any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes are issued pursuant to <u>Section 10.1(y)</u> for the purpose of consummating a Permitted Debt Exchange, (i) Holdings will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, prepay, repurchase, redeem or otherwise defease or acquire any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes unless Holdings or a Restricted Subsidiary shall concurrently voluntarily prepay Term Loans pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(a)</u> on a pro rata basis among the Term Loans, in an amount not less than the product of (a) a fraction, the numerator of which is the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes that are proposed to be prepaid, repurchased, redeemed, defeased or acquired and the denominator of which is the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of all Permitted Debt Exchange Notes in respect of the relevant Permitted Debt Exchange then outstanding (prior to giving effect to such proposed prepayment, repurchase, redeemption, defeasance or acquisition) and (b) the aggregate principal amount (calculated on the face amount thereof) of Term Loans then outstanding and (ii) Holdings will not waive, amend or modify the terms of any Permitted Debt Exchange Notes or any indenture pursuant to which such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes have been issued in any manner inconsistent with the terms of <u>Section 2.15(a)</u>, <u>Section 10.1(y)</u>, or the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness or that would result in a Default hereunder if such Permitted Debt Exchange Notes (as so amended or modified) were then being issued or incurred.

10.6 <u>Limitation on Subsidiary Distributions</u>. Holdings will not permit any of the Restricted Subsidiaries that are not Guarantors to, directly or indirectly, create or otherwise cause or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or consensual restriction on the ability of any such Restricted Subsidiary to:

(a) (i) pay dividends or make any other distributions to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary on its Capital Stock or with respect to any other interest or participation in, or measured by, its profits or (ii) pay any Indebtedness owed to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;

(b) make loans or advances to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary; or

(c) sell, lease or transfer any of its properties or assets to Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary;

except (in each case) for such encumbrances or restrictions (x) which the Borrower has reasonably determined in good faith will not materially impair the Borrower's ability to make payments under this Agreement when due or (y) existing under or by reason of:

(i) contractual encumbrances or restrictions in effect on the Closing Date, including pursuant to this Agreement and the related documentation and related Hedging Obligations;

(ii) the First Lien Credit Documents and the First Lien Loans;

(iii) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business or consistent with past practice and Capitalized Lease Obligations that impose restrictions of the nature discussed in <u>clause (c)</u> above on the property so acquired;

(iv) Requirement of Law or any applicable rule, regulation or order;

(v) any agreement or other instrument of a Person acquired by or merged or consolidated with or into Holdings or any Restricted Subsidiary, or of an Unrestricted Subsidiary that is designated a Restricted Subsidiary, or that is assumed in connection with the acquisition of assets from such Person, in each case that is in existence at the time of such transaction (but not created in contemplation thereof), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person and its Subsidiaries, or the property or assets of the Person and its Subsidiaries, so acquired or designated;

(vi) contracts for the sale of assets, including customary restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary of Holdings pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into for the sale or disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Subsidiary and restrictions on transfer of assets subject to Permitted Liens;

(vii) (x) secured Indebtedness otherwise permitted to be incurred pursuant to <u>Sections 10.1</u> and <u>10.2</u> that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets securing such Indebtedness and (y) restrictions on transfers of assets subject to Permitted Liens (but, with respect to any such Permitted Lien, only to the extent that such transfer restrictions apply solely to the assets that are the subject of such Permitted Lien);

(viii) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(ix) other Indebtedness, Disqualified Stock or preferred stock of Restricted Subsidiaries permitted to be incurred subsequent to the Closing Date pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 10.1</u>;

(x) customary provisions in joint venture agreements or arrangements and other similar agreements or arrangements relating solely to such joint venture and the Equity Interests issued thereby;

(xi) customary provisions contained in leases, sub-leases, licenses, sub-licenses or similar agreements, in each case, entered into in the ordinary course of business;

(xii) restrictions created in connection with any Receivables Facility that, in the good faith determination of the board of directors of Holdings, are necessary or advisable to effect such Receivables Facility; and

(xiii) any encumbrances or restrictions of the type referred to in <u>clauses (a)</u>, (b), and (c) above imposed by any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings of the contracts, instruments or obligations referred to in <u>clauses</u> (i) through (xii) above; <u>provided</u> that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings (x) are, in the good faith judgment of Holdings' board of directors, no more restrictive in any material respect with respect to such encumbrance and other restrictions taken as a whole than those prior to such amendment, modification, restatement, renewal, increase, supplement, refunding, replacement or refinancing or (y) do not materially impair the Borrower's ability to pay their respective obligations under the Credit Documents as and when due (as determined in good faith by the Borrower).

# Section 11. <u>Events of Default</u>

Upon the occurrence of any of the following specified events (each an "Event of Default"):

11.1 <u>Payments</u>. The Borrower shall (a) default in the payment when due of any principal of the Loans or (b) default, and such default shall continue for five or more Business Days, in the payment when due of any interest on the Loans or any Fees or of any other amounts owing hereunder or under any other Credit Document; or

11.2 <u>Representations, Etc.</u> Any representation, warranty or statement made or deemed made by any Credit Party herein or in any other Credit Document or any certificate delivered or required to be delivered pursuant hereto or thereto (except those in the Credit Documents made or deemed made on the Closing Date that are not the Company Representations and the Specified Representations) shall prove to be untrue in any material respect on the date as of which made or deemed made, and, to the extent capable of being cured, such incorrect representation or warranty shall remain incorrect for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof from the Administrative Agent to the Borrower; or

#### 11.3 <u>Covenants</u>. Any Credit Party shall:

(a) default in the due performance or observance by it of any term, covenant or agreement contained in <u>Section 9.1(e)(i)</u>, <u>Section 9.5</u> (solely with respect to Holdings or the Borrower), <u>Section 9.14(d)</u> or <u>Section 10</u>; or

(b) default in the due performance or observance by it of any term, covenant or agreement (other than those referred to in Section 11.1 or 11.2 or clause (a) of this Section 11.3) contained in this Agreement or any Security Document and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of at least 30 days after receipt of written notice by Holdings from the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders; or

Default Under Other Agreements. (a) Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries shall (i) default in any payment with respect to any 11.4 Indebtedness (other than the Obligations) in excess of \$36,000,000 in the aggregate, for Holdings and such Restricted Subsidiaries, beyond the period of grace and following all required notices, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created or (ii) default in the observance or performance of any agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist (after giving effect to all applicable grace period and delivery of all required notices) (other than, with respect to Indebtedness consisting of any Hedge Agreements, termination events or equivalent events pursuant to the terms of such Hedge Agreements (it being understood that clause (i) shall apply to any failure to make any payment in excess of \$36,000,000 that is required as a result of any such termination or similar event and that is not otherwise being contested in good faith)), the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders) to cause, any such 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 Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity; provided that this clause (a) shall not apply to secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the sale, transfer or other disposition (including as a result of a casualty or condemnation event) of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness (to the extent such sale, transfer or other disposition is not prohibited under this Agreement), or (b) without limiting the provisions of clause (a) above, any such Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable, or required to be prepaid other than by a regularly scheduled required prepayment or as a mandatory prepayment (and, with respect to Indebtedness consisting of any Hedge Agreements, other than due to a termination event or equivalent event pursuant to the terms of such Hedge Agreements (it being understood that clause (a)(i) above shall apply to any failure to make any payment in excess of \$36,000,000 that is required as a result of any such termination or equivalent event and that is not otherwise being contested in good faith)), prior to the stated maturity thereof; provided that this clause (b) shall not apply to (x) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness, if such sale or transfer is permitted hereunder and under the documents providing for such Indebtedness, (y) Indebtedness which is convertible into Qualified Stock and converts to Qualified Stock in accordance with its terms and such conversion is not prohibited hereunder, or (z) any breach or default that is (I) remedied by Holdings or the applicable Restricted Subsidiary or (II) waived (including in the form of amendment) by the required holders of the applicable item of Indebtedness, in either case, prior to the acceleration of Loans pursuant to this Section 11; provided, further, that with respect to the First Lien Facilities, any Permitted Other Indebtedness (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement) and any Refinancing Other Indebtedness (as defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement), in each case, that is secured by a Lien on the Collateral on a senior basis to the Obligations, such failure shall constitute an Event of Default hereunder only if (I) such failure results from the failure to pay at scheduled maturity any such Indebtedness in excess of \$36,000,000 and such Indebtedness has become due and payable in accordance with its terms or (II) the holders of such Indebtedness have caused the same to become due and payable prior to the scheduled maturity thereof; or



11.5 Bankruptcy, Etc. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 10.3, Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary shall commence a voluntary case, proceeding or action concerning itself under Title 11 of the United States Code entitled "Bankruptcy" as now or hereafter in effect, or any successor thereto (collectively, the "Bankruptcy Code"); or an involuntary case, proceeding or action is commenced against Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary and the petition is not controverted within 30 days after commencement of the case, proceeding or action; or an involuntary case, proceeding or action is commenced against Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary and the petition is not dismissed within 60 days after commencement of the case, proceeding or action; or a custodian (as defined in the Bankruptcy Code), judicial manager, compulsory manager, receiver, receiver manager, trustee, liquidator, administrator, administrative receiver or similar Person is appointed for, or takes charge of, all or substantially all of the property of Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary commences any other voluntary proceeding or action under any reorganization, arrangement, adjustment of debt, relief of debtors, dissolution, insolvency, winding-up, administration or liquidation or similar law of any jurisdiction whether now or hereafter in effect relating to Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary; or there is commenced against Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary any such proceeding or action that remains undismissed for a period of 60 days; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is adjudicated bankrupt; or any order of relief or other order approving any such case or proceeding or action is entered; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary suffers any appointment of any custodian receiver, receiver manager, trustee, administrator or the like for it or any substantial part of its property to continue undischarged or unstayed for a period of 60 days; or Holdings, the Company or any Significant Subsidiary makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or

11.6 <u>ERISA</u>. (a) An ERISA Event or a Foreign Plan Event shall have occurred, (b) a trustee shall be appointed by a United States district court to administer any Pension Plan(s), (c) the PBGC shall institute proceedings to terminate any Pension Plan(s), or (d) any Credit Party or any of their respective ERISA Affiliates shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred or will be assessed Withdrawal Liability to such Multiemployer Plan and such entity does not have reasonable grounds for contesting such Withdrawal Liability or is not contesting such Withdrawal Liability in a timely and appropriate manner;; and in each case in <u>clauses (a)</u> through (<u>d)</u> above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or

11.7 <u>Guarantee</u>. Any Guarantee provided by any Credit Party or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof and thereof) or any such Guarantor thereunder or any other Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any such Guarantor's obligations under the Guarantee; or

11.8 <u>Pledge Agreement</u>. The Pledge Agreement or any other Security Document pursuant to which the Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents of the Borrower or any Subsidiary is pledged or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof or thereof, as a result of acts or omissions of the Collateral Agent or any Lender or as a result of the Collateral Agent's failure to maintain possession of any Capital Stock or Stock Equivalents that have been previously delivered to it) or any pledgor thereunder or any Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any pledgor's obligations under any Security Document; or

11.9 <u>Security Agreement</u>. The Security Agreement or any other Security Document pursuant to which the assets of Holdings, the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary are pledged as Collateral or any material provision thereof shall cease to be in full force or effect (other than pursuant to the terms hereof or thereof, as a result of acts or omissions of the Collateral Agent in respect of certificates, promissory notes or instruments actually delivered to it (including as a result of the Collateral Agent's failure to file a Uniform Commercial Code continuation statement) or any grantor thereunder or any Credit Party shall deny or disaffirm in writing any grantor's obligations under the Security Agreement or any other Security Document; or

11.10 <u>Judgments</u>. One or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against Holdings or any of the Restricted Subsidiaries involving a liability in excess of \$36,000,000 in the aggregate for all such judgments and decrees for Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries (to the extent not covered by insurance or indemnities as to which the applicable insurance company or third party has not denied coverage) and any such judgments or decrees shall not have been satisfied, vacated, discharged or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 60 days after the entry thereof; or

11.11 <u>Change of Control</u>. A Change of Control shall occur.

11.12 <u>Remedies Upon Event of Default</u>. If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Administrative Agent shall, upon the written request of the Required Lenders, by written notice to Holdings, without prejudice to the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender to enforce its claims against Holdings and the Borrower, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Agreement, declare the principal of and any accrued interest and fees in respect of all Loans and all Obligations to be, whereupon the same shall become, forthwith due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law; <u>provided</u> that, if an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 11.5</u> shall occur with respect to the Borrower or Holdings, the result that would occur upon the giving of written notice by the Administrative Agent shall occur automatically without the giving of any such notice..

11.13 <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, any amount received by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent from any Credit Party (or from proceeds of any Collateral) following any acceleration of the Obligations under this Agreement or any Event of Default with respect to the Borrower under <u>Section 11.5</u> shall be applied:

(i) *first*, to the payment of all reasonable and documented costs and expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent in connection with any collection or sale of the Collateral or otherwise in connection with any Credit Document, including all court costs and the reasonable fees and expenses of its agents and legal counsel, the repayment of all advances made by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereunder or under any other Credit Document on behalf of any Credit Party and any other reasonable and documented costs or expenses incurred in connection with the exercise of any right or remedy hereunder or under any other Credit Document to the extent reimbursable hereunder or thereunder;

(ii) second, to the Secured Parties, an amount equal to all Obligations owing to them on the date of any distribution; and

(iii) *third*, any surplus then remaining shall be paid to the applicable Credit Parties or their successors or assigns or to whomsoever may be lawfully entitled to receive the same or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

#### Section 12. The Agents

#### 12.1 Appointment.

(a) Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Section 12 (other than Section 12.1(c) with respect to the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners and Sections 12.1, 12.9, 12.11 and 12.12 with respect to Holdings) are solely for the benefit of the Agents and the Lenders, none of Holdings, the Borrower or any other Credit Party shall have rights as third party beneficiary of any such provision. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Credit Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent. In performing its functions and duties hereunder, each Agent shall act solely as an agent of Lenders and does not assume and shall not be deemed to have assumed any obligation towards or relationship of agency or trust with or for Holdings, the Borrower or any of their respective Subsidiaries.

(b) The Administrative Agent and each Lender hereby irrevocably designate and appoint the Collateral Agent as the agent with respect to the Collateral, and each of the Administrative Agent and each Lender irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Credit Document or otherwise exist against the Collateral Agent.

(c) Each of the Joint Lead Arrangers and Bookrunners each in its capacity as such, shall not have any obligations, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement but shall be entitled to all benefits of this <u>Section 12</u>.

12.2 <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may each execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents by or through agents, sub-agents, employees or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents, subagents or attorneysin-fact selected by it in the absence of its gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

12.3 Exculpatory Provisions. No Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be (a) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Credit Document (except for its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, in connection with its duties expressly set forth herein) or (b) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders or any participant for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Credit Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Credit Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by such Agent under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Credit Document or priority of any Lien or security interest created or purported to be created under the Security Documents, or for any failure of any Credit Party to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. No Agent shall be under any obligation to any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Credit Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Credit Party or any Affiliate thereof. The Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to the Administrative Agent or any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Credit Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Credit Party.

12.4 <u>Reliance by Agents</u>. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy, telex or teletype message, statement, order or other document or instruction believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to Holdings and the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the Lender specified in the Register with respect to any amount owing hereunder as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Credit Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents in accordance with a request of the Required Lenders, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans; provided that the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or in the opinion of its counsel, may expose it to liability or that is contrary to any Credit Document or applicable law.

12.5 Notice of Default. Neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent has received written notice from a Lender or Holdings or the Borrower 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 the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, it shall give notice thereof to the Lenders and the Collateral Agent. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Required Lenders; provided that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders except to the extent that this Agreement requires that such action be taken only with the approval of the Required Lenders or each of the Lenders, as applicable.

Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent, and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the 12.6 Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates has made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of any Credit Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent to any Lender. Each Lender represents to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Borrower and each other Credit Party and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents, and to make such investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of any of the Credit Parties. Except for notices, reports, and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, neither the Administrative Agent nor the Collateral Agent shall have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, assets, operations, properties, financial condition, prospects or creditworthiness of any Credit Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates.

12.7 Indemnification. The Lenders agree to severally indemnify each Agent in its capacity as such (to the extent not reimbursed by the Credit Parties and without limiting the obligation of the Credit Parties to do so), ratably according to their respective portions of the Total Credit Exposure in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought (or, if indemnification is sought after the date upon which the Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with their respective portions of the Total Credit Exposure in effect immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses, or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (including at any time following the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against an Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Credit Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided that no Lender shall be liable to an Agent for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction; provided, further, that no action taken by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the directions of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be required by the Credit Documents) shall be deemed to constitute gross negligence or willful misconduct for purposes of this Section 12.7. In the case of any investigation, litigation or proceeding giving rise to any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time occur (including at any time following the payment of the Loans), this Section 12.7 applies whether any such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by any Lender or any other Person. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender shall reimburse each Agent upon demand for its ratable share of any costs or out-of-pocket expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by such Agent in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice rendered in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement, any other Credit Document, or any document contemplated by or referred to herein, to the extent that such Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by or on behalf of Holdings or the Borrower; provided that such reimbursement by the Lenders shall not affect Holdings' or the Borrower's continuing reimbursement obligations with respect thereto. If any indemnity furnished to any Agent for any purpose shall, in the opinion of such Agent, be insufficient or become impaired, such Agent may call for additional indemnity and cease, or not commence, to do the acts indemnified against until such additional indemnity is furnished; provided, in no event shall this sentence require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement in excess of such Lender's pro rata portion thereof; and provided, further, this sentence shall not be deemed to require any Lender to indemnify any Agent against any liability, obligation, loss, damage, penalty, action, judgment, suit, cost, expense or disbursement resulting from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The agreements in this Section 12.7 shall survive the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder. The indemnity provided to each Agent under this Section 12.7 shall also apply to such Agent's respective Affiliates, directors, officers, members, controlling persons, employees, trustees, investment advisors and agents and successors.

12.8 <u>Agents in Their Individual Capacities</u>. The agency hereby created shall in no way impair or affect any of the rights and powers of, or impose any duties or obligations upon, any Agent in its individual capacity as a Lender hereunder. Each Agent and its Affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with any Credit Party as though such Agent were not an Agent hereunder and under the other Credit Documents. With respect to the Loans made by it, each Agent shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Credit Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the terms Lender and Lenders shall include each Agent in its individual capacity.

12.9 <u>Successor Agents</u>. (a) Each of the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders and Holdings. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, subject to the consent of the Borrower (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) so long as no Event of Default under <u>Sections 11.1</u> or <u>11.5</u> is continuing, to appoint a successor, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation **Effective Date**"), then the retiring Agent may on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above (including receipt of the Borrower's consent); provided that if the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice.

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(c) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date, (1) the retiring or removed agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Credit Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Lenders under any of the Credit Documents, the retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security as nominee until such time as a successor Collateral Agent is appointed) and (2) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the retiring or removed Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this paragraph. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, hereunder, and upon the execution and filing or recording of such financing statements, or amendments thereto, and such amendments or supplements to the Mortgages, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or desirable, or as the Required Lenders may request, in order to continue the perfection of the Liens granted or purported to be granted by the Security Documents, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) or removed Agent, and the retiring or removed Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Credit Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section 12.9). Except as provided above, any resignation or removal of Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. as the Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section 12.9 shall also constitute the resignation or removal of Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. as the Collateral Agent. The fees payable by Holdings or the Borrower (following the effectiveness of such appointment) to such Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between Holdings or Borrower and such successor. After the retiring or removed Agent's resignation or removal hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, the provisions of this Section 12 (including Section 12.7) and Section 13.5 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring or removed Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring or removed Agent was acting as an Agent.

12.10 Withholding Tax. To the extent required by any applicable law, the Administrative Agent may withhold from any payment to any Lender under any Credit Document an amount equivalent to any applicable withholding Tax. If the Internal Revenue Service or any authority of the United States or other jurisdiction asserts a claim that the Administrative Agent did not properly withhold Tax from amounts paid to or for the account of any Lender for any reason (including because the appropriate form was not delivered, was not properly executed, or because such Lender failed to notify the Administrative Agent of a change in circumstances that rendered the exemption from, or reduction of, withholding Tax ineffective) or if the Administrative Agent reasonably determines that a payment was made to a Lender pursuant to this Agreement without deduction of applicable withholding Tax from such payment, such Lender shall indemnify the Administrative Agent (to the extent that the Administrative Agent has not already been reimbursed by any applicable Credit Party and without limiting the obligation of any applicable Credit Party to do so) fully for all amounts paid, directly or indirectly, by the Administrative Agent as Tax or otherwise, including penalties, additions to Tax and interest, together with all expenses incurred, including legal expenses, allocated staff costs and any out of pocket expenses. 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 hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under this Agreement or any other Credit Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this <u>Section 12.10</u>. The agreements in <u>Section 12.10</u> shall survive the resignation and/or replacement of the Administrative Agent, any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repaymen

12.11 Agents Under Security Documents and Guarantee. Each Secured Party hereby further authorizes the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, to be the agent for and representative of the Secured Parties with respect to the Collateral and the Security Documents. Subject to Section 13.1, without further written consent or authorization from any Secured Party, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, as applicable, may execute any documents or instruments necessary to (a) release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent (or any sub-agent thereof) under any Credit Document (i) upon the Final Maturity Date and the payment in full of all Obligations (except for contingent indemnification obligations in respect of which a claim has not yet been made), (ii) that is sold or to be sold or transferred as part of or in connection with any sale or other transfer permitted hereunder or under any other Credit Document to a Person that is not a Credit Party or in connection with the designation of any Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, (iii) if the property subject to such Lien is owned by a Credit Party, upon the release of such Credit Party from its Guarantee otherwise in accordance with the Credit Documents, (iv) as to the extent provided in the Security Documents, (v) that constitutes Excluded Property or Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or (vi) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing in accordance with Section 13.1; (b) release any Guarantor from its obligations under the Guarantee if such Person ceases to be a Restricted Subsidiary (or becomes an Excluded Subsidiary) as a result of a transaction or designation permitted hereunder; (c) subordinate any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent under any Credit Document to the holder of any Lien permitted under clause (vi) (solely with respect to Section 10.1(d)), and (ix) of the definition of Permitted Lien; or (d) enter into subordination or intercreditor agreements with respect to Indebtedness to the extent the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent is otherwise contemplated herein as being a party to such intercreditor or subordination agreement, including the Intercreditor Agreement.

The Collateral Agent shall have its own independent right to demand payment of the amounts payable by the Borrower under this <u>Section 12.11</u>, irrespective of any discharge of the Borrower's obligations to pay those amounts to the other Lenders resulting from failure by them to take appropriate steps in insolvency proceedings affecting the Borrower to preserve their entitlement to be paid those amounts.

Any amount due and payable by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent under this <u>Section 12.11</u> shall be decreased to the extent that the other Lenders have received (and are able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the other provisions of the Credit Documents and any amount due and payable by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent under those provisions shall be decreased to the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under this <u>Section 12.11</u>.

12.12 <u>Right to Realize on Collateral and Enforce Guarantee</u>. Anything contained in any of the Credit Documents to the contrary notwithstanding, Holdings, the Agents, and each Secured Party hereby agree that (i) no Secured Party shall have any right individually to realize upon any of the Collateral or to enforce the Guarantee, it being understood and agreed that all powers, rights, and remedies hereunder may be exercised solely by the Administrative Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties in accordance with the terms hereof and all powers, rights, and remedies under the Security Documents may be exercised solely by the Collateral Agent, and (ii) in the event of a foreclosure by the Collateral Agent on any of the Collateral pursuant to a public or private sale or other disposition, the Collateral 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 the Collateral Agent, as agent for and representative of the Secured Parties (but not any Lender or Lenders in its or their respective individual capacities unless 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 the Collateral Agent at such sale or other disposition.

12.13 Intercreditor Agreement Governs. The Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, and each Lender (a) hereby agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of any intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the terms hereof, (b) hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into each intercreditor agreement entered into pursuant to the terms hereof and to subject the Liens securing the Secured Obligations to the provisions thereof, and (c) hereby authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent to enter into any intercreditor agreement to provide for, the terms described in the definition of Permitted Other Indebtedness.

#### Section 13. Miscellaneous

Amendments, Waivers, and Releases. Neither this Agreement nor any other Credit Document, nor any terms hereof or thereof, may be 13.1 amended, supplemented or modified except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 13.1. Except as provided to the contrary under Section 2.14 or 2.15 or the fifth and sixth paragraphs hereof in respect of Replacement Term Loans, and other than with respect to any amendment, modification or waiver contemplated in the proviso to clause (i) below, which shall only require the consent of the Lenders expressly set forth therein and not the Required Lenders, the Required Lenders may, or, with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent may, from time to time, (a) enter into with the relevant Credit Party or Credit Parties written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Credit Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lenders or of the Credit Parties hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive in writing, on such terms and conditions as the Required Lenders or the Administrative Agent and/or the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences; provided, however, that each such waiver and each such amendment, supplement or modification shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; and provided, further, that no such waiver and no such amendment, supplement or modification shall (x) (i) forgive or reduce any portion of any Loan or extend the final scheduled maturity date of any Loan or reduce the stated rate (it being understood that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest at the "default rate" or amend Section 2.8(c)), or forgive any portion thereof, or extend the date for the payment, of any interest or fee payable hereunder (other than as a result of waiving the applicability of any post-default increase in interest rates), or amend or modify any provisions of Sections 5.3(a) (with respect to the ratable allocation of any payments only) 13.8(a) or 13.20, or make any Loan, interest, Fee or other amount payable in any currency other than expressly provided herein, in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby; provided that a waiver of any condition precedent in Section 6 or 7 of this Agreement, the waiver of any Default, Event of Default, default interest, mandatory prepayment or reductions, any modification, waiver or amendment to the financial definitions or financial ratios or any component thereof or the waiver of any other covenant shall not constitute an increase of any Commitment of a Lender, a reduction or forgiveness in the interest rates or the fees or premiums or a postponement of any date scheduled for the payment of principal, premium or interest or an extension of the final maturity of any Loan or the scheduled termination date of any Commitment, in each case for purposes of this clause (i), or (ii) consent to the assignment or transfer by the Borrower of its rights and obligations under any Credit Document to which it is a party (except as permitted pursuant to Section 10.3), in each case without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby, or (iii) amend, modify or waive any provision of Section 12 without the written consent of the then-current Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent in a manner that directly and adversely affects such Person, or (iv) release all or substantially all of the Guarantors under the Guarantees (except as expressly permitted by the Guarantees, the Intercreditor Agreement or this Agreement) or release all or substantially all of the Collateral under the Security Documents (except as expressly permitted by the Security Documents, the Intercreditor Agreement or this Agreement) without the prior written consent of each Lender, or (v) reduce the percentages specified in the definitions of the terms Required Lenders or amend, modify or waive any provision of this Section 13.1 that has the effect of decreasing the number of Lenders that must approve any amendment, modification or waiver, without the written consent of each Lender, (y) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in clause (x), (i) extend the final expiration date of any Lender's Commitment or (ii) increase the aggregate amount of the Commitments of any Lender, in each case, without the written consent of such Lender, or (z) in connection with an amendment that addresses solely a repricing transaction in which any Class of Term Loans is refinanced with a replacement Class of Term Loans bearing (or is modified in such a manner such that the resulting Term Loans bear) a lower Effective Yield (a "Permitted Repricing Amendment"), only the consent of the Lenders holding Term Loans subject to such permitted repricing transaction that will continue as a Lender in respect of the repriced tranche of Term Loans or modified Term Loans.

Any such waiver and any such amendment, supplement or modification shall apply equally to each of the affected Lenders and shall be binding upon Holdings, the Borrower, such Lenders, the Administrative Agent and all future holders of the affected Loans. In the case of any waiver, Holdings, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Administrative Agent shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder and under the other Credit Documents, and any Default or Event of Default waived shall be deemed to be cured and not continuing, it being understood that no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. In connection with the foregoing provisions, the Administrative Agent may, but shall have no obligations to, with the concurrence of any Lender, execute amendments, modifications, waivers or consents on behalf of such Lender.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in addition to any credit extensions and related Joinder Agreement(s) effectuated without the consent of Lenders in accordance with <u>Section 2.14</u>, this Agreement may be amended (or amended and restated) with the written consent of the Required Lenders, the Administrative Agent, Holdings and the Borrower (a) to add one or more additional credit facilities to this Agreement and to permit the extensions of credit from time to time outstanding thereunder and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof to share ratably in the benefits of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents with the Term Loans and the accrued interest and fees in respect thereof and (b) to include appropriately the Lenders holding such credit facilities in any determination of the Required Lenders and other definitions related to such new Term Loans.

In addition, notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be amended with the written consent of the Administrative Agent, Holdings, the Borrower and the Lenders providing the relevant Replacement Term Loans to permit the refinancing of all outstanding Term Loans of any Class ("**Refinanced Term Loans**") with a replacement term loan tranche ("**Replacement Term Loans**") hereunder; <u>provided</u> that (a) the aggregate principal amount of such Replacement Term Loans shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of such Refinanced Term Loans (*plus* an amount equal to all accrued but unpaid interest, fees, premiums, and expenses incurred in connection therewith), (b) the Applicable Margin for such Replacement Term Loans shall not be higher than the Applicable Margin for such Refinanced Term Loans, unless any such Applicable Margin applies after the Initial Term Loan Maturity Date, (c) the weighted average life to maturity of such Replacement Term Loans shall not be shorter than the weighted average life to maturity of such Refinanced Term Loans at the time of such refinancing (except to the extent of nominal amortization for periods where amortization has been eliminated as a result of prepayment of the applicable Term Loans), and (d) the covenants, events of default and guarantees shall be not materially more restrictive (taken as a whole) (as determined in good faith by the Borrower) to the Lenders providing such Replacement Term Loans than the covenants, events of default and guarantees applicable to such Refinanced Term Loans, except to the extent necessary to provide for covenants, events of default and guarantees applicable to any period after the maturity date in respect of the Refinanced Term Loans in effect immediately prior to such refinancing.

The Lenders hereby irrevocably agree that the Liens granted to the Collateral Agent by the Credit Parties on any Collateral shall be automatically released (i) in full, upon the termination of this Agreement and the payment of all Obligations hereunder (except for contingent indemnification obligations in respect of which a claim has not yet been made), (ii) upon the sale or other disposition of such Collateral (including as part of or in connection with any other sale or other disposition permitted hereunder) to any Person other than another Credit Party, to the extent such sale or other disposition is made in compliance with the terms of this Agreement (and the Collateral Agent may rely conclusively on a certificate to that effect provided to it by any Credit Party upon its reasonable request without further inquiry), (iii) to the extent such Collateral is comprised of property leased to a Credit Party, upon termination or expiration of such lease, (iv) if the release of such Lien is approved, authorized or ratified in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other percentage of the Lenders whose consent may be required in accordance with this Section 13.1), (v) to the extent the property constituting such Collateral is owned by any Guarantor, upon the release of such Guarantor from its obligations under the applicable Guarantee (in accordance with the second following sentence), (vi) as required to effect any sale or other disposition of Collateral in connection with any exercise of remedies of the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Security Documents, and (vii) if such assets constitute Excluded Property or Excluded Stock or Stock Equivalents. Any such release shall not in any manner discharge, affect, or impair the Obligations or any Liens (other than those being released) upon (or obligations (other than those being released) of the Credit Parties in respect of) all interests retained by the Credit Parties, including the proceeds of any sale, all of which shall continue to constitute part of the Collateral except to the extent otherwise released in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Documents. Additionally, the Lenders hereby irrevocably agree that any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor shall be released from the Guarantees upon consummation of any transaction not prohibited hereunder resulting in such Subsidiary ceasing to constitute a Restricted Subsidiary. The Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, as applicable, to execute and deliver any instruments, documents, and agreements necessary or desirable to evidence and confirm the release of any Guarantor or Collateral pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, all without the further consent or joinder of any Lender.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Credit Documents may be amended to add syndication or documentation agents and make customary changes and references related thereto with the consent of only the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement (including, without limitation, this Section 13.1) or any other Credit Document to the contrary, (i) this Agreement and the other Credit Documents may be amended to effect an incremental facility or extension facility pursuant to Section 2.14 (and the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents without the consent of any other party as may be necessary or appropriate, in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to effect the terms of any such incremental facility or extension facility); (ii) no Lender consent is required to effect any amendment or supplement to the Intercreditor Agreement or other intercreditor agreement or arrangement permitted under this Agreement that is for the purpose of adding the holders of any Indebtedness as expressly contemplated by the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement or such other intercreditor agreement or arrangement permitted under this Agreement, as applicable (it being understood that any such amendment or supplement may make such other changes to the applicable intercreditor agreement as, in the good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, are required to effectuate the foregoing; provided that such other changes are not adverse, in any material respect, to the interests of the Lenders taken as a whole); provided, further, that no such agreement shall amend, modify or otherwise directly and adversely affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent hereunder or under any other Credit Document without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent; (iii) any provision of this Agreement or any other Credit Document may be amended by an agreement in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to (x) cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) and (y) effect administrative changes of a technical or immaterial nature and such amendment shall be deemed approved by the Lenders if the Lenders shall have received at least five Business Days' prior written notice of such change and the Administrative Agent shall not have received, within five Business Days of the date of such notice to the Lenders, a written notice from the Required Lenders stating that the Required Lenders object to such amendment; and (iv) guarantees, collateral documents and related documents executed by Credit Parties in connection with this Agreement may be in a form reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and may be, together with any other Credit Document, entered into, amended, supplemented or waived, without the consent of any other Person, by the applicable Credit Party or Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent in its or their respective sole discretion, to (A) effect the granting, perfection, protection, expansion or enhancement of any security interest in any Collateral or additional property to become Collateral for the benefit of the Secured Parties, (B) as required by local law or advice of counsel to give effect to, or protect any security interest for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in any property or so that the security interests therein comply with applicable requirements of law, or (C) to cure ambiguities, omissions, mistakes or defects (as reasonably determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower) or to cause such guarantee, collateral security document or other document to be consistent with this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any Security Document to the contrary, the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, grant extensions of time for the satisfaction of any of the requirements under <u>Sections 9.12</u>, <u>9.13</u> and <u>9.14</u> or any Security Documents in respect of any particular Collateral or any particular Subsidiary if it determines that the satisfaction thereof with respect to such Collateral or such Subsidiary cannot be accomplished without undue expense or unreasonable effort or due to factors beyond the control of Holdings and the Restricted Subsidiaries by the time or times at which it would otherwise be required to be satisfied under this Agreement or any Security Document.

13.2 <u>Notices</u>. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all notices and other communications provided for hereunder or under any other Credit Document shall be in writing (including by facsimile transmission). All such written notices shall be mailed, faxed or delivered to the applicable address, facsimile number or electronic mail address, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:

(a) if to Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to the other parties; and

(b) if to any other Lender, to the address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire or to such other address, facsimile number, electronic mail address or telephone number as shall be designated by such party in a notice to Holdings and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

All such notices and other communications shall be deemed to be given or made upon the earlier to occur of (i) actual receipt by the relevant party hereto and (ii) (A) if delivered by hand or by courier, when signed for by or on behalf of the relevant party hereto; (B) if delivered by mail, three Business Days after deposit in the mails, postage prepaid; (C) if delivered by facsimile, when sent and receipt has been confirmed by telephone; and (D) if delivered by electronic mail, when delivered; provided that notices and other communications to the Administrative Agent or the Lenders pursuant to Sections 2.3, 2.6, 2.9, 4.2 and 5.1 shall not be effective until received.

13.3 <u>No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Credit Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers, and privileges provided by law.

13.4 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. All representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Credit Documents and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans hereunder.

# 13.5 <u>Payment of Expenses; Indemnification</u>.

(a) Each of Holdings and the Borrower, jointly and severally, agree (i) to pay or reimburse each of the Agents for all their reasonable and documented outof-pocket costs and expenses (without duplication) incurred in connection with the development, preparation, execution and delivery of, and any amendment, supplement, modification to, waiver and/or enforcement this Agreement and the other Credit Documents and any other documents prepared in connection herewith or therewith, and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP (or such other counsel as may be agreed by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), one counsel in each relevant local jurisdiction with the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), (ii) to pay or reimburse each Agent for all their reasonable and documented out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any such other documents, including the reasonable fees, disbursements and other charges of one firm or counsel to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, and, to the extent required, one firm or local counsel in each relevant local jurisdiction with the Borrower's consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed (which may include a single special counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions), and (iii) to pay, indemnify and hold harmless each Lender, each Agent and their respective Related Parties (without duplication) (the "Indemnified Persons") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, demands, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses, disbursements or penalties of any kind or nature whatsoever (and the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, expenses, disbursements and other charges of one firm of counsel for all Indemnified Persons, taken as a whole (and, in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest where the Indemnified Person affected by such conflict notifies the Borrower of any existence of such conflict and in connection with the investigating or defending any of the foregoing (including the reasonable fees) has retained its own counsel, of another firm of counsel for such affected Indemnified Person), and to the extent required, one firm or local counsel in each relevant jurisdiction (which may include a single special counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions)) of any such Indemnified Person arising out of or relating to any action, claim, litigation, investigation or other proceeding (regardless of whether such Indemnified Person is a party thereto), arising out of, or with respect to the Transactions or to the execution, delivery, performance and administration of this Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any such other documents, including any of the foregoing relating to the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law or any actual or alleged presence, Release or threatened Release of Hazardous Materials attributable to Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries (all the foregoing in this clause (iii), regardless of whether brought by Holdings, any of its subsidiaries or any other Person collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"); provided that Holdings and the Borrower shall have no obligation hereunder to any Indemnified Person with respect to indemnified liabilities to the extent arising from (i) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, (ii) a material breach of the obligations of such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties under the terms of this Agreement by such Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined in a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, or (iii) any proceeding between and among Indemnified Persons that does not involve an act or omission by Holdings, the Borrower or its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided the the Agents, to the extent acting in their capacity as such, shall remain indemnified in respect of such proceeding, to the extent that neither of the exceptions set forth in clause (i) or (ii) of the immediately preceding proviso applies to such person at such time. The agreements in this Section 13.5 shall survive repayment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder. This Section 13.5 shall not apply with respect to Taxes, other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, liabilities, obligations, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements arising from any non-Tax claim.

(b) No Credit Party nor any Indemnified Person shall have any liability for any special, punitive, indirect or consequential damages resulting from this Agreement or any other Credit Document or arising out of its activities in connection herewith or therewith (whether before or after the Closing Date); *provided* that the foregoing shall not limit Holdings' and the Borrower's indemnification obligations to the Indemnified Persons pursuant to Section 13.5(a) in respect of damages incurred or paid by an Indemnified Person to a third party. No Indemnified Person shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed by it through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Credit Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, except to the extent that such damages have resulted from the willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence of any Indemnified Person or any of its Related Parties as determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

# 13.6 <u>Successors and Assigns; Participations and Assignments</u>.

(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, except that (i) except as expressly permitted by <u>Section 10.3</u>, the Borrower may not assign or otherwise transfer any of their rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Lender (and any attempted assignment or transfer by the Borrower without such consent shall be null and void) and (ii) no Lender may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations hereunder except in accordance with this <u>Section 13.6</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants (to the extent provided in <u>clause (c)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u>) and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders and each other Person entitled to indemnification under <u>Section 13.5</u>) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) (1) Subject to the conditions set forth in <u>clause (b)(ii)</u> below and <u>Section 13.7</u>, any Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and the Loans at the time owing to it) with the prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed; it being understood that, without limitation, the Borrower shall have the right to withhold its consent to any assignment if, in order for such assignment to comply with applicable law, the Borrower would be required to obtain the consent of, or make any filing or registration with, any Governmental Authority) of:

(A) the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that no consent of the Borrower shall be required for (1) an assignment of Term Loans to (X) a Lender, (Y) an Affiliate of a Lender, or (Z) an Approved Fund or (2) an assignment of Loans or Commitments to any assignee if an Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>Section 11.5</u> (with respect to Holdings or the Borrower) has occurred and is continuing; and

(B) the Administrative Agent (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u> that no consent of the Administrative Agent shall be required for an assignment of any Term Loan to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no such assignment shall be made to a natural Person or a Disqualified Lender. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall bear no responsibility or liability for monitoring and enforcing the list of Persons who are Disqualified Lenders at any time.

(ii) Assignments shall be subject to the following additional conditions:

(A) except in the case of an assignment to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Lender's Commitment or Loans of any Class, the amount of the Commitment or Loans of the assigning Lender subject to each such 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 \$1,000,000, unless each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent otherwise consents (which consents shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); provided that no such consent of the Borrower shall be required if an Event of Default under <u>Section 11.1</u> or <u>Section 11.5</u> has occurred and is continuing; provided, further, that contemporaneous assignments by a Lender and its Affiliates or Approved Funds shall be aggregated for purposes of meeting the minimum assignment amount requirements stated above (and simultaneous assignments to or by two or more Related Funds shall be treated as one assignment), if any;

(B) each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that this clause shall not be construed to prohibit the assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Lender's rights and obligations in respect of one Class of Commitments or Loans;

(C) the parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Acceptance via an electronic settlement system or other method reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; provided that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment; provided, further, that such recordation fee shall not be payable in the case of assignments by any Affiliate of the Joint Bookrunners;

(D) the assignee, if it shall not be a Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an administrative questionnaire in a form approved by the Administrative Agent (the "AdministrativeQuestionnaire") and applicable tax forms (as required under <u>Section 5.4(e)</u>); and

(E) any assignment to Holdings, the Borrower, any Subsidiary or an Affiliated Lender (other than an Affiliated Institutional Lender) shall also be subject to the requirements of <u>Section 13.6(h)</u>.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent bears no responsibility for tracking or monitoring assignments to or participations by any Affiliated Lender.

(iii) Subject to acceptance and recording thereof pursuant to <u>clause (b)(v)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u>, 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 <u>Sections 2.10, 2.11, 3.5, 5.4</u> and <u>13.5</u>). Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this <u>Section 13.6</u> shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with <u>clause (c)</u> of this <u>Section 13.6</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, in case of an assignment to a new Lender pursuant to this <u>Section 13.6</u>, (i) the Administrative Agent, the new Lender and other Lenders shall acquire the same rights and assume the same obligations between themselves as they would have acquired and assumed had the new Lender been an original Lender signatory to this Agreement with the rights and/or obligations acquired or assumed by it as a result of the assignment and to the extent of the assignment the assigning Lender shall each be released from further obligations under the Credit Documents and (ii) the benefit of each Security Document shall be maintained in favor of the new Lender.

(iv) The Administrative Agent, acting for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at the Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amount of the Loans (and stated interest amounts) owing to each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "**Register**"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and its Affiliates and, with respect to itself, any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(v) Upon its receipt of a duly completed Assignment and Acceptance executed by an assigning Lender and an assignee, the assignee's completed Administrative Questionnaire and applicable tax forms (unless the assignee shall already be a Lender hereunder), the processing and recordation fee referred to in clause (b) of this Section 13.6 and any written consent to such assignment required by clause (b) of this Section 13.6, the Administrative Agent shall promptly accept such Assignment and Acceptance and record the information contained therein in the Register. No assignment, whether or not evidenced by a promissory note, shall be effective for purposes of this Agreement unless it has been recorded in the Register as provided in this clause (b)(v).

(c) (i) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to one or more banks or other entities (other than (x) a natural person, (y) Holdings and its Subsidiaries and (z) any Disqualified Lender provided, however, that, notwithstanding clause (y) hereof, participations may be sold to Disqualified Lenders unless a list of Disqualified Lenders has been made available to all Lenders) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitments and the Loans owing to it); provided that (A) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (B) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, and (C) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the other Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent shall bear no responsibility or liability for monitoring and enforcing the list of Disgualified Lenders or the sales of participations thereto at any time. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Credit Document; provided 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 clauses (i) and (vii) of the second proviso to Section 13.1 that affects such Participant. Subject to clause (c)(ii) of this Section 13.6, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.10, 2.11 and 5.4 to the same extent as if it were a Lender (subject to the limitations and requirements of those Sections as though it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 13.6, including the requirements of clause (e) of Section 5.4) (it being agreed that any documentation required under Section 5.4(e) shall be provided to the participating Lender)). To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of Section 13.8(b) as though it were a Lender; provided such Participant shall be subject to Section 13.8(a) as though it were a Lender.

(ii) A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 2.10, 2.11</u> or <u>5.4</u> than the applicable Lender would have been entitled to receive absent the sale of such the participation sold to such Participant, unless the sale of the participation to such Participant is made with the Borrower's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld). Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest amounts) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under this Agreement (the "**Participant Register**"). The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. No Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register to any Person (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loan or its other obligations under any Credit Document) except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations.

(d) Any Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, 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 Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank, or other central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender and this <u>Section 13.6</u> shall not apply to any such pledge or assignment of a security interest; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledge or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.

(e) Subject to <u>Section 13.16</u>, the Borrower authorizes each Lender to disclose to any Participant, secured creditor of such Lender or assignee (each, a "**Transferee**") and any prospective Transferee any and all financial information in such Lender's possession concerning the Borrower and their Affiliates that has been delivered to such Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower and their Affiliates pursuant to this Agreement or that has been delivered to such Lender by or on behalf of the Borrower and their Affiliates in connection with such Lender's credit evaluation of the Borrower and their Affiliates prior to becoming a party to this Agreement.

(f) The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Acceptance shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

(g) <u>SPV Lender</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any Lender (a "Granting Lender") may grant to a special purpose funding vehicle (an "SPV"), identified as such in writing from time to time by the Granting Lender to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, the option to provide to the Borrower all or any part of any Loan that such Granting Lender would otherwise be obligated to make the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement; provided that (i) nothing herein shall constitute a commitment by any SPV to make any Loan and (ii) if an SPV elects not to exercise such option or otherwise fails to provide all or any part of such Loan, the Granting Lender shall be obligated to make such Loan pursuant to the terms hereof. The making of a Loan by an SPV hereunder shall utilize the Commitment of the Granting Lender to the same extent, and as if, such Loan were made by such Granting Lender. Each party hereto hereby agrees that no SPV shall be liable for any indemnity or similar payment obligation under this Agreement (all liability for which shall remain with the Granting Lender). In furtherance of the foregoing, each party hereto hereby agrees (which agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement) that, prior to the date that is one year and one day after the payment in full of all outstanding commercial paper or other senior indebtedness of any SPV, it shall not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, such SPV any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceedings under the laws of the United States or any State thereof. In addition, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Section 13.6, any SPV may (i) with notice to, but without the prior written consent of, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent and without paying any processing fee therefor, assign all or a portion of its interests in any Loans to the Granting Lender or to any financial institutions (consented to by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) other than a Disqualified Lender providing liquidity and/or credit support to or for the account of such SPV to support the funding or maintenance of Loans and (ii) subject to Section 13.16, disclose on a confidential basis any non-public information relating to its Loans to any rating agency, commercial paper dealer or provider of any surety, guarantee or credit or liquidity enhancement to such SPV. This Section 13.6(g) may not be amended without the written consent of the SPV. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement but subject to the following sentence, each SPV shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections 2.10, 2.11 and 5.4 to the same extent as if it were a Lender (subject to the limitations and requirements of those Sections as though it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to clause (b) of this Section 13.6, including the requirements of clause (e) of Section 5.4 (it being agreed that any documentation required under Section 5.4(e) shall be provided to the Granting Lender)). Notwithstanding the prior sentence, an SPV shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under Section 2.10, 2.11 or 5.4 than its Granting Lender would have been entitled to receive absent the grant to such SPV, unless such grant to such SPV is made with the Borrower's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld).

(h) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, (x) any Lender may, at any time, assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement in respect of its Term Loans to Holdings, the Borrower, any Subsidiary or an Affiliated Lender and (y) Holdings, the Borrower and any Subsidiary may, from time to time, purchase or prepay Term Loans, in each case, on a non-pro rata basis through (x) Dutch auction procedures open to all applicable Lenders on a pro rata basis in accordance with customary procedures to be agreed between Holdings or the Borrower and the Auction Agent or (y) open market purchases; provided that:

(i) any Loans or Commitments acquired by Holdings, the Borrower, or any other Subsidiary shall be retired and cancelled promptly upon the acquisition thereof;

(ii) by its acquisition of Loans or Commitments, an Affiliated Lender shall be deemed to have acknowledged and agreed that:

- (A) it shall not have any right to (i) attend or participate in (including, in each case, by telephone) any meeting (including "Lender only" meetings) or discussions (or portion thereof) among the Administrative Agent or any Lender to which representatives of the Borrower are not then present, (ii)receive any information or material prepared by the Administrative Agent or any Lender or any communication by or among the Administrative Agent and one or more Lenders or any other material which is "Lender only", except to the extent such information or materials have been made available to the Borrower or its representatives (and in any case, other than the right to receive notices of prepayments and other administrative notices in respect of its Loans required to be delivered to Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2</u>) or receive any advice of counsel to the Administrative Agent or (iii) make any challenge to the Administrative Agent's or any other Lender's attorney-client privilege on the basis of its status as a Lender; and
- (B) except with respect to any amendment, modification, waiver, consent or other action (I) in <u>Section 13.1</u> requiring the consent of all Lenders, all Lenders directly and adversely affected or specifically such Lender, (II) that alters an Affiliated Lender's pro rata share of any payments given to all Lenders, or (III) affects the Affiliated Lender (in its capacity as a Lender) in a manner that is disproportionate to the effect on any Lender in the same Class, the Loans held by an Affiliated Lender shall be disregarded in both the numerator and denominator in the calculation of any Lender vote (and, in the case of a plan of reorganization that does not affect the Affiliated Lender in a manner that is materially adverse to such Affiliated Lender relative to other Lenders, shall be deemed to have voted its interest in the Term Loans in the same proportion as the other Lenders) (and shall be deemed to have been voted in the same percentage as all other applicable Lenders voted if necessary to give legal effect to this paragraph); and

(iii) the aggregate principal amount of Term Loans held at any one time by Affiliated Lenders may not exceed 30% of the aggregate principal amount of all Term Loans outstanding at the time of such purchase; and

(iv) any such Loans acquired by an Affiliated Lender may, with the consent of the Borrower, be contributed to the Borrower and exchanged for debt or equity securities that are otherwise permitted to be issued at such time (and such Loans or Commitments shall be retired and cancelled promptly).

For avoidance of doubt, the foregoing limitations shall not be applicable to Affiliated Institutional Lenders. None of the Borrower, Holdings, any Subsidiary of Holdings or any Affiliated Lender shall be required to make any representation that it is not in possession of information which is not publicly available and/or material with respect to Holdings, the Borrower and their respective Subsidiaries or their respective securities for purposes of U.S. federal and state securities laws.

#### 13.7 <u>Replacements of Lenders Under Certain Circumstances</u>.

(a) The Borrower shall be permitted (x) to replace any Lender or (y) terminate the Commitment of such Lender and repay all Obligations of the Borrower due and owing to such Lender relating to the Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date that (a) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to <u>Sections 2.10</u> or <u>5.4</u>, (b) is affected in the manner described in <u>Section 2.10(a)(iii)</u> and as a result thereof any of the actions described in such Section is required to be taken, with a replacement bank or other financial institution; provided that (i) such replacement, (iii) the Borrower shall repay (or the replacement bank or institution shall purchase, at par) all Loans and other amounts pursuant to <u>Sections 2.10, 2.11</u>, or <u>5.4</u>, as the case may be, owing to such replaced Lender prior to the date of replacement, (iv) the replacement bank or institution, if not already a Lender, an Affiliated Lender or Approved Fund, and the terms and conditions of such replacement, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (v) the replacement in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.6</u> (provided that unless otherwise agreed the Borrower shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.6</u> (provided that unless otherwise agreed the Borrower shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 13.6</u> (provided that unless otherwise agreed the Borrower shall be obligated to make such replacement in any other referred to therein), and (vii) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender.

(b) If any Lender (such Lender, a "**Non-Consenting Lender**") has failed to consent to a proposed amendment, waiver, discharge or termination that pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 13.1</u> requires the consent of either (i) all of the Lenders directly and adversely affected or (ii) all of the Lenders, and, in each case, with respect to which the Required Lenders (or at least 50.1% of the directly and adversely affected Lenders) shall have granted their consent, then, the Borrower shall have the right (unless such Non-Consenting Lender grants such consent) to (x) replace such Non-Consenting Lender by requiring such Non-Consenting Lender to assign its Loans, and its Commitments hereunder to one or more assignees reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (to the extent such consent would be required under <u>Section 13.6</u>) and repay all Obligations of the Borrower due and owing to such Lender relating to the Loans and participations held by such Lender as of such termination date; <u>provided</u> that (a) all Obligations hereunder of the Borrower owing to such Non-Consenting Lender being replaced shall be paid in full to such Non-Consenting Lender concurrently with such assignment including any amounts that such Lender may be owed pursuant to <u>Section 2.11</u>, and (b) the replacement Lender shall purchase the foregoing by paying to such Non-Consenting Lender a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and (c) the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, such Non-Consenting Lender and the replacement Lender shall otherwise comply with <u>Section 13.6</u>.

#### 13.8 Adjustments; Set-off.

(a) Except as contemplated in <u>Section 13.6</u> or elsewhere herein, if any Lender (a "Benefited Lender") shall at any time receive any payment of all or part of its Loans, or interest thereon, or receive any collateral in respect thereof (whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by set-off, pursuant to events or proceedings of the nature referred to in <u>Section 11.5</u>, or otherwise), in a greater proportion than any such payment to or collateral received by any other Lender, if any, in respect of such other Lender's Loans, or interest thereon, such Benefited Lender shall purchase for cash from the other Lenders a participating interest in such portion of each such other Lender's Loan, or shall provide such other Lenders with the benefits of any such collateral, or the proceeds thereof, as shall be necessary to cause such Benefited Lender to share the excess payment or benefits of such collateral or proceeds ratably with each of the Lenders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if all or any portion of such excess payment or benefits is thereafter recovered from such Benefited Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded, and the purchase price and benefits returned, to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

(b) After the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, in addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender shall have the right, without prior notice to the Credit Parties but with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, any such notice being expressly waived by the Credit Parties to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by the Credit Parties hereunder (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) to set-off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) (other than payroll, trust, tax, fiduciary, and petty cash accounts), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Lender or any branch or agency thereof to or for the credit or the account of the Credit Parties. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Credit Parties and the Administrative Agent after any such set-off and application made by such Lender; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application.

13.9 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

13.10 <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

13.11 Integration. This Agreement and the other Credit Documents represent the agreement of Holdings, the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent nor any Lender relative to subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Credit Documents.

13.12 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

13.13 <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding shall be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding shall be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address set forth on <u>Schedule 13.2</u> at such other address of which the Administrative Agent shall have been notified pursuant to <u>Section 13.2</u>;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of the Administrative Agent, any Lender or another Secured Party to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against Holdings or the Borrower or any other Credit Party in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 13.13 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages; provided that nothing in this clause (e) shall limit the Credit Parties' indemnification obligations set forth in Section 13.5.

13.14 <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution, and delivery of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents;

(b)

(i) the credit facilities provided for hereunder and any related arranging or other services in connection therewith (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document) are an arm's-length commercial transaction between the Borrower and the other Credit Parties, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the other Agents on the other hand, and the Borrower and the other Credit Parties are capable of evaluating and understanding and understand and accept the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Credit Documents (including any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or thereof);

(ii) in connection with the process leading to such transaction, each of the Administrative Agent and the other Agents, is and has been acting solely as a principal and is not the financial advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Borrower, any other Credit Parties or any of their respective Affiliates, stockholders, creditors or employees, or any other Person;

(iii) neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has assumed or will assume an advisory, agency or fiduciary responsibility in favor of the Borrower or any other Credit Party with respect to any of the transactions contemplated hereby or the process leading thereto, including with respect to any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Credit Document (irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent or other Agent has advised or is currently advising the Borrower, the other Credit Parties or their respective Affiliates on other matters) and neither the Administrative Agent or other Agent has any obligation to the Borrower, the other Credit Parties or their respective Affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Credit Documents;

(iv) the Administrative Agent, each other Agent and each Affiliate of the foregoing may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Borrower and their Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has any obligation to disclose any of such interests by virtue of any advisory, agency or fiduciary relationship; and

(v) neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Agent has provided and none will 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 Credit Document) and the Borrower have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby agrees that it will not claim that any Agent owes a fiduciary or similar duty to the Credit Parties in connection with the Transactions contemplated hereby and waives and releases, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent or any other Agent with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty; and

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders or among the Borrower, on the one hand, and any Lender, on the other hand.

# 13.15 WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

Confidentiality. The Administrative Agent, each other Agent and each Lender (collectively, the "Restricted Persons" and, each a "Restricted 13.16 Person") shall treat confidentially all non-public information provided to any Restricted Person by or on behalf of any Credit Party hereunder in connection with such Restricted Person's evaluation of whether to become a Lender hereunder or obtained by such Restricted Person pursuant to the requirements of this Agreement ("Confidential Information") and shall not publish, disclose or otherwise divulge such Confidential Information; provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Restricted Person from disclosing any such Confidential Information (a) pursuant to the order of any court or administrative agency or in any pending legal, judicial or administrative proceeding, or otherwise as required by applicable law, rule or regulation or compulsory legal process (in which case such Restricted Person agrees (except with respect to any routine or ordinary course audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any governmental or bank regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority), to the extent practicable and not prohibited by applicable law, rule or regulation, to inform the Borrower promptly thereof prior to disclosure), (b) upon the request or demand of any regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Restricted Person or any of its Affiliates (in which case such Restricted Person agrees (except with respect to any routine or ordinary course audit or examination conducted by bank accountants or any governmental or bank regulatory authority exercising examination or regulatory authority) to the extent practicable and not prohibited by applicable law, rule or regulation, to inform the Borrower promptly thereof prior to disclosure), (c) to the extent that such Confidential Information becomes publicly available other than by reason of improper disclosure by such Restricted Person or any of its affiliates or any related parties thereto in violation of any confidentiality obligations owing under this Section 13.16, (d) to the extent that such Confidential Information is received by such Restricted Person from a third party that is not, to such Restricted Person's knowledge, subject to confidentiality obligations owing to any Credit Party or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates, (e) to the extent that such Confidential Information was already in the possession of the Restricted Persons prior to any duty or other undertaking of confidentiality or is independently developed by the Restricted Persons without the use of such Confidential Information, (f) to such Restricted Person's affiliates and to its and their respective officers, directors, partners, employees, legal counsel, independent auditors, and other experts or agents who need to know such Confidential Information in connection with providing the Loans or action as an Agent hereunder and who are informed of the confidential nature of such Confidential Information and who are subject to customary confidentiality obligations of professional practice or who agree to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16) (with each such Restricted Person, to the extent within its control, responsible for such person's compliance with this paragraph), (g) to potential or prospective Lenders, hedge providers, participants or assignees, in each case who agree (pursuant to customary syndication practice) to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16); provided that (i) the disclosure of any such Confidential Information to any Lenders, hedge providers or prospective Lenders, hedge providers or participants or prospective participants referred to above shall be made subject to the acknowledgment and acceptance by such Lender, hedge provider or prospective Lender or participant or prospective participant that such Confidential Information is being disseminated on a confidential basis (on substantially the terms set forth in this Section 13.16 or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16) in accordance with the standard syndication processes of such Restricted Person or customary market standards for dissemination of such type of information, which shall in any event require "click through" or other affirmative actions on the part of recipient to access such Confidential Information and (ii) no such disclosure shall be made by such Restricted Person to any person that is at such time a Disqualified Lender, (h) for purposes of establishing a "due diligence" defense, or (i) to rating agencies in connection with obtaining ratings for the Borrower and the Facilities to the extent such rating agencies are subject to customary confidentiality obligations of professional practice or agree to be bound by the terms of this Section 13.16 (or confidentiality provisions at least as restrictive as those set forth in this Section 13.16). Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) Confidential Information shall not include, with respect to any Person, information available to it or its Affiliates on a non-confidential basis from a source other than Holdings, its Subsidiaries or their respective Affiliates, (ii) the Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for compliance with this Section 13.16 by any other Restricted Person (other than its officers, directors or employees), (iii) in no event shall any Lender, the Administrative Agent or any other Agent be obligated or required to return any materials furnished by Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, and (iv) each Agent and each Lender may disclose the existence of this Agreement and the information about this Agreement to market data collectors, similar services providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Agents and the Lenders in connection with the administration, settlement and management of this Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

13.17 Direct Website Communications. Each of Holdings and the Borrower may, at its option, provide to the Administrative Agent any information, documents and other materials that it is obligated to furnish to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Credit Documents, including, without limitation, all notices, requests, financial statements, financial, and other reports, certificates, and other information materials, but excluding any such communication that (A) relates to a request for a new, or a conversion of an existing, borrowing or other extension of credit (including any election of an interest rate or interest period relating thereto, (B) relates to the payment of any principal or other amount due under this Agreement prior to the scheduled date therefor, (C) provides notice of any default or event of default under this Agreement or (D) is required to be delivered to satisfy any condition precedent to the effectiveness of this Agreement and/or any borrowing or other extension of credit thereunder (all such non-excluded communications being referred to herein collectively as "Communications"), by transmitting the Communications in an electronic/soft medium in a format reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent to the Administrative Agent at an email address provided by the Administrative Agent from time to time; provided that (i) upon written request by the Administrative Agent, Holdings or the Borrower shall deliver paper copies of such documents to the Administrative Agent for further distribution to each Lender until a written request to cease delivering paper copies is given by the Administrative Agent and (ii) Holdings or the Borrower shall notify (which may be by facsimile or electronic mail) the Administrative Agent of the posting of any such documents and provide to the Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions (i.e., soft copies) of such documents. Each Lender shall be solely responsible for timely accessing posted documents or requesting delivery of paper copies of such documents from the Administrative Agent and maintaining its copies of such documents. Nothing in this Section 13.17 shall prejudice the right of Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, any other Agent or any Lender to give any notice or other communication pursuant to any Credit Document in any other manner specified in such Credit Document.

The Administrative Agent agrees that the receipt of the Communications by the Administrative Agent at its e-mail address set forth above shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to the Administrative Agent for purposes of the Credit Documents. Each Lender agrees that notice to it (as provided in the next sentence) specifying that the Communications have been posted to the Platform shall constitute effective delivery of the Communications to such Lender for purposes of the Credit Documents. Each Lender agrees (A) to notify the Administrative Agent in writing (including by electronic communication) from time to time of such Lender's e-mail address to which the foregoing notice may be sent by electronic transmission and (B) that the foregoing notice may be sent to such e-mail address.

(a) Each of Holdings and the Borrower further agrees that any Agent may make the Communications available to the Lenders by posting the Communications on Intralinks or a substantially similar electronic transmission system (the "**Platform**"), so long as the access to such Platform (i) is limited to the Agents, the Lenders and Transferees or prospective Transferees and (ii) remains subject to the confidentiality requirements set forth in <u>Section 13.16</u>.

(b) THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF ANY MATERIALS OR INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CREDIT PARTIES (THE "**BORROWER MATERIALS**") OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "**Agent Parties**" and each an "**Agent Party**") have any liability to the Borrower, any Lender, or any other Person for losses, claims, damages, liabilities, or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of the Borrower's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the internet, except to the extent the liability of any Agent Party resulted from such Agent Party's (or any of its Related Parties' (other than any trustee or advisor)) gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct or material breach of the Credit Documents as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Each of Holdings and the Borrower and each Lender acknowledge that certain of the Lenders may be "public-side" Lenders (Lenders that do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to Holdings, the Borrower, the Subsidiaries or their securities) and, if documents or notices required to be delivered pursuant to the Credit Documents or otherwise are being distributed through the Platform, any document or notice that Holdings or the Borrower has indicated contains only publicly available information with respect to Holdings or the Borrower may be posted on that portion of the Platform designated for such public-side Lenders. If Holdings or the Borrower has not indicated whether a document or notice delivered contains only publicly available information, the Administrative Agent shall post such document or notice solely on that portion of the Platform designated for Lenders who wish to receive material nonpublic information with respect to Holdings, the Borrower, the Subsidiaries and their securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall use commercially reasonable efforts to indicate whether any document or notice contains only publicly available information; provided however that, the following documents shall be deemed to be marked "PUBLIC," unless the Borrower notifies the Administrative Agent promptly that any such document contains material nonpublic information: (1) the Loan Documents, (2) any notification of changes in the terms of the Credit Facility and (3) all financial statements and certificates delivered pursuant to <u>Sections 9.1(a),(b) and (d)</u>.

13.18 <u>USA PATRIOT Act</u>. Each Lender hereby notifies each Credit Party that pursuant to the requirements of the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "**Patriot Act**"), it is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each Credit Party, which information includes the name and address of each Credit Party and other information that will allow such Lender to identify each Credit Party in accordance with the Patriot Act.

#### 13.19 [<u>Reserved</u>].

13.20 Payments Set Aside. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of Holdings or the Borrower is made to any Agent or any Lender, or any Agent or any Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such Agent or such Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver, or any other party, in connection with any proceeding or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share of any amount so recovered from or repaid by any 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 applicable Overnight Rate from time to time in effect.

13.21 No Fiduciary Duty. Each Agent, each Lender and their Affiliates (collectively, solely for purposes of this paragraph, the "Lenders"), may have economic interests that conflict with those of the Credit Parties, their stockholders and/or their affiliates. Each Credit Party agrees that nothing in the Credit Documents or otherwise will be deemed to create an advisory, fiduciary or agency relationship or fiduciary or other implied duty between any Lender, on the one hand, and such Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates, on the other. The Credit Parties acknowledge and agree that (i) the transactions contemplated by the Credit Documents (including the exercise of rights and remedies hereunder and thereunder) are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Lenders, on the one hand, and the Credit Parties, on the other, and (ii) in connection therewith and with the process leading thereto, (x) no Lender has assumed an advisory or fiduciary responsibility in favor of any Credit Party, its stockholders or its affiliates or its affiliates with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby (or the exercise of rights or remedies with respect to thereto) or the process leading thereto (irrespective of whether any Lender has advised, is currently advising or will advise any Credit Party, its stockholders or its Affiliates on other matters) or any other obligation to any Credit Party except the obligations expressly set forth in the Credit Documents and (y) each Lender is acting solely as principal and not as the agent or fiduciary of any Credit Party, its management, stockholders or creditors. Each Credit Party acknowledges and agrees that it has consulted its own legal and financial advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate and that it is responsible for making its own independent judgment with respect to such transactions and the process leading thereto. Each Credit Party agrees that it will not claim that any Lender has rendered advisory services of any nature or respect, or owes a fiduciary or si

13.22 Intercreditor Agreement. Each Lender hereunder (a) acknowledges that it has received a copy of the Intercreditor Agreement, (b) agrees that it will be bound by and will take no actions contrary to the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement, (c) authorizes and instructs the Administrative Agent to enter into the Intercreditor Agreement as Administrative Agent and on behalf of such Lender and (d) hereby consents to the subordination of the Liens securing the Obligations on the terms set forth in the Intercreditor Agreement. The foregoing provisions are intended as an inducement to the lenders under the First Lien Credit Documents to extend credit to the Credit Parties and such lenders are intended third party beneficiaries of such provisions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement and this Agreement, the provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement shall control.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto has caused a counterpart of this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC. as Holdings

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, as the Initial Borrower

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

[signature page of Second Lien Credit Agreement]

VISION HOLDING CORP., as the Surviving Borrower

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer NATIONAL VISION, INC., as the Borrower

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of Second Lien Credit Agreement]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Administrative Agent, Collateral Agent and Initial Term Loan Lender

By: /s/ Julie Lilienfeld

Name: Julie Lilienfeld Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of Second Lien Credit Agreement]

# Exhibit 10.10

#### SECOND LIEN GUARANTEE

THIS SECOND LIEN GUARANTEE dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Guarantee</u>"), by each of the signatories listed on the signature pages hereto and each of the other entities that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 20</u> (the "<u>Guarantors</u>," and individually, a "<u>Guarantor</u>"), in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, reference is made to that certain Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>") the lending institutions from time to time parties thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>") and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent, and the other parties party thereto, pursuant to which, among other things, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower (collectively, the "<u>Extensions of Credit</u>") upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "Equity Rollover") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("Parent"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "Equity Rollover Contribution") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, the Borrower is a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings and each Guarantor (other than Holdings) is a direct or indirect whollyowned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, the Extensions of Credit will be used in part to enable valuable transfers to the Guarantors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses;

WHEREAS, each Guarantor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the Extensions of Credit; and

WHEREAS, it is a condition precedent to the obligation of the Lenders to make their respective Extensions of Credit to Holdings, the Borrower and the Restricted Subsidiaries under the Credit Agreement that the Guarantors shall have executed and delivered this Guarantee to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Swingline Lender and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement, to induce the Lenders to make their respective Extensions of Credit to the Borrower under the Credit Agreement, the Guarantors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Defined Terms</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

- (b) "<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in <u>Section 2(d)</u>.
- (c) Section 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.
- 2. <u>Guarantee</u>.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 3, each of the Guarantors hereby, jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations of anyone other than such Guarantor (including amounts that would become due but for operation of the automatic stay under 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)).

(b) Each Guarantor further agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, the Guarantors under this Guarantee, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) Each Guarantor agrees that the Obligations may at any time and from time to time exceed the amount of the liability of such Guarantor hereunder without impairing this Guarantee or affecting the rights and remedies of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party hereunder.

(d) No payment or payments made by the Borrower, any of the Guarantors, any other guarantor or any other Person or received or collected by the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party from the Borrower, any of the Guarantors, any other guarantor or any other Person by virtue of any action or proceeding or any set-off or appropriation or application at any time or from time to time in reduction of or in payment of the Obligations shall be deemed to modify, reduce, release or otherwise affect the liability of any Guarantor hereunder, which shall, notwithstanding any such payment or payments, other than payments made by such Guarantor in respect of the Obligations or payments received or collected from such Guarantor in respect of the Obligations, remain liable for the Obligations up to the maximum liability of such Guarantor hereunder until the Obligations under the Credit Documents (other than contingent indemnity obligations) are paid in full and the Commitments are terminated (such date, the "<u>Termination Date</u>").

(e) Each Guarantor agrees that whenever, at any time, or from time to time, it shall make any payment to the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party on account of its liability hereunder, it will notify the Collateral Agent in writing that such payment is made under this Guarantee for such purpose, but the failure to notify the Collateral Agent of any such payment will not create a breach or default hereunder or result in any liability to such Guarantor.

(f) Each Guarantor intends that its guarantee under this Section 2 constitute, and this Section 2 shall be deemed to constitute a guarantee or other arrangement for the benefit of each other Guarantor for all purposes of Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

The Collateral Agent shall have its own independent right to demand payment of the amounts payable by each applicable Guarantor under this Section 2, irrespective of any discharge of such Guarantor's obligations to pay those amounts to the other Secured Parties resulting from failure by them to take appropriate steps in insolvency proceedings affecting that Guarantor to preserve their entitlement to be paid those amounts.

Any amount due and payable by a Guarantor to the Collateral Agent under this Section 2 shall be decreased to the extent that the other Secured Parties have received (and are able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the other provisions of the Credit Documents and any amount due and payable by a Guarantor to the Collateral Agent under those provisions shall be decreased to the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under the extent that the Collateral Agent has received (and is able to retain) payment in full of the corresponding amount under this Section 2.

3. <u>Limitation of Guarantee</u>. Anything herein or in any other Credit Document to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum liability of each Guarantor hereunder and under the other Credit Documents shall in no event exceed the amount that can be guaranteed by such Guarantor under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable laws relating to fraudulent conveyances, fraudulent transfers or the insolvency of debtors.

4. Right of Contribution. Each Guarantor hereby agrees that to the extent that a Guarantor shall have paid more than its proportionate share of any payment made hereunder (including by way of set-off rights being exercised against it), such Guarantor shall be entitled to seek and receive contribution from and against any other Guarantor hereunder who has not paid its proportionate share of such payment. Each Guarantor's right of contribution shall be subject to the terms and conditions of Section 6 hereof. The provisions of this Section 4 shall in no respect limit the obligations and liabilities of any Guarantor to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, and each Guarantor shall remain liable to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties up to the maximum liability of such Guarantor hereunder.

5. <u>Right of Set-off</u>. In addition to any rights and remedies of the Secured Parties provided by law, each Guarantor hereby irrevocably authorizes each Secured Party at any time and from time to time following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, without notice to such Guarantor or any other Guarantor but with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, any such notice being expressly waived by each Guarantor to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by such Guarantor hereunder (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), to set-off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final) (other than payroll, trust, tax, fiduciary and petty cash accounts), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Secured Party to or for the credit or the account of such Guarantor. Each Secured Party shall notify such Guarantor promptly of any such set-off and the appropriation and application made by such Secured Party, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such set-off and application.

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6. <u>Postponement of Subrogation</u>. Notwithstanding any payment or payments made by any of the Guarantors hereunder or any set-off or appropriation and application of funds of any of the Guarantors by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, no Guarantor shall be entitled to be subrogated to any of the rights (or if subrogated by operation of law, such Guarantor hereby waives such rights to the extent permitted by applicable law) of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against the Borrower or any Guarantor or any collateral security or guarantee or right of offset held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of any of the Obligations, nor shall any Guarantor seek or be entitled to seek any contribution or reimbursement from the Borrower or any Guarantor or other guarantor in respect of payments made by such Guarantor hereunder, in each case, until the Termination Date. If any amount shall be paid to any Guarantor on account of such subrogation rights at any time prior to the Termination Date, such amount shall be held by such Guarantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Guarantor, and shall, forthwith upon receipt by such Guarantor, be turned over to the Collateral Agent in the exact form received by such Guarantor (duly indorsed by such Guarantor to the Collateral Agent, if required), to be applied against the Obligations whether matured or unmatured, in accordance with Section 5.4 of the Security Agreement.

7. <u>Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights</u>. Each Guarantor shall remain obligated hereunder notwithstanding that, without any reservation of rights against any Guarantor and without notice to or further assent by any Guarantor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security, guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of any of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Guarantee or any property subject thereto.

# 8. <u>Guarantee Absolute and Unconditional</u>.

Each Guarantor waives any and all notice of the creation, contraction, incurrence, renewal, extension, amendment, waiver or accrual of (a) any of the Obligations, and notice of or proof of reliance by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party upon this Guarantee or acceptance of this Guarantee. All Obligations shall conclusively be deemed to have been created, contracted or incurred, or renewed, extended, amended, waived or accrued, in reliance upon this Guarantee, and all dealings between the Borrower and any of the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, likewise shall be conclusively presumed to have been had or consummated in reliance upon this Guarantee. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, each Guarantor waives diligence, promptness, presentment, protest and notice of protest, demand for payment or performance, notice of default or nonpayment, notice of acceptance and any other notice in respect of the Obligations or any part of them, and any defense arising by reason of any disability or other defense of the Borrower or any of the Guarantors with respect to the Obligations. Each Guarantor understands and agrees that this Guarantee shall be construed as a continuing, absolute and unconditional guarantee of payment without regard to (a) the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Credit Agreement, any other Credit Document, any of the Obligations or any collateral security therefor or guarantee or right of offset with respect thereto at any time or from time to time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (b) any defense, set-off or counterclaim (other than a defense of payment or performance) that may at any time be available to or be asserted by the Borrower against the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party or (c) any other circumstance whatsoever (with or without notice to or knowledge of the Borrower or such Guarantor) that constitutes, or might be construed to constitute, an equitable or legal discharge of the Borrower for the Obligations, or of such Guarantor under this Guarantee, in bankruptcy or in any other instance. When pursuing its rights and remedies hereunder against any Guarantor, the Collateral Agent and any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, pursue such rights and remedies as it may have against the Borrower or any Guarantor or any other Person or against any collateral security or guarantee for the Obligations or any right of offset with respect thereto, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to pursue such other rights or remedies or to collect any payments from the Borrower or any Guarantor or any such other Person or to realize upon any such collateral security or guarantee or to exercise any such right of offset, or any release of the Borrower or any Guarantor or any such other Person or any such collateral security, guarantee or right of offset, shall not relieve such Guarantor of any liability hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, whether express, implied or available as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties against such Guarantor.

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(b) This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Guarantor and the successors and assigns thereof and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, indorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the Termination Date, notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

(c) A Guarantor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder and the Guarantee of such Guarantor shall be automatically released under the circumstances described in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(d) The Guarantors jointly and severally agree that, as between the Guarantors and the Secured Parties, the Obligations under the Credit Documents may be declared to be forthwith due and payable as provided in Section 11 of the Credit Agreement (and shall be deemed to have become automatically due and payable in the circumstances provided in such Section) for purposes of <u>Section 2</u>, notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such declaration (or such obligations from becoming automatically due and payable) as against the Borrower and that, in the event of such declaration (or such obligations being deemed to have become automatically due and payable), such obligations (whether or not due and payable by the Borrower) shall forthwith become due and payable by the Guarantors for purposes of <u>Section 2</u>.

9. <u>Reinstatement</u>. This Guarantee shall continue to be effective, or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time, payment, or any part thereof, of any of the Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization of the Borrower or any Guarantor, or upon or as a result of the appointment of a receiver, intervenor or conservator of, or trustee or similar officer for, the Borrower or any Guarantor or any substantial part of its property, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

10. <u>Payments</u>. Each Guarantor hereby guarantees that payments hereunder will be paid to the Collateral Agent without set-off or counterclaim in Dollars (based on the Dollar Equivalent amount of such Obligations on the date of payment) at the Collateral Agent's office. Each Guarantor agrees that the provisions of Section 5.4 of the Credit Agreement shall apply to such Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee.

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# 11. <u>Representations and Warranties; Covenants</u>.

(a) Each Guarantor hereby represents and warrants that the representations and warranties set forth in Section 8 of the Credit Agreement as they relate to such Guarantor and in the other Credit Documents to which such Guarantor is a party, each of which hereby incorporated herein by reference, are true and correct in all material respects as of the Closing Date (except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date and if any such representations and warranties are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects), and the Collateral Agent and each other Secured Party shall be entitled to rely on each of them as if they were fully set forth herein.

(b) Each Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees with the Collateral Agent and each other Secured Party that, from and after the date of this Guarantee until the Termination Date, such Guarantor shall take, or shall refrain from taking, as the case may be, all actions that are necessary to be taken or not taken so that no violation of any provision, covenant or agreement contained in Section 9 or Section 10 of the Credit Agreement and so that no Default or Event of Default is caused by any act or failure to act of such Guarantor.

# 12. <u>Authority of the Collateral Agent</u>.

(a) The Collateral Agent enters into this Guarantee in its capacity as agent for the Secured Parties from time to time. The rights and obligations of the Collateral Agent under this Guarantee at any time are the rights and obligations of the Secured Parties at that time. Each of the Secured Parties has (subject to the terms of the Credit Documents) a several entitlement to each such right, and a several liability in respect of each such obligation, in the proportions described in the Credit Documents. The rights, remedies and discretions of the Secured Parties, or any of them, under this Guarantee may be exercised by the Collateral Agent. No party to this Guarantee is obliged to inquire whether an exercise by the Collateral Agent of any such right, remedy or discretion is within the Collateral Agent's authority as agent for the Secured Parties.

(b) Each party to this Guarantee acknowledges and agrees that any changes (in accordance with the provisions of the Credit Documents) in the identity of the persons from time to time comprising the Secured Parties gives rise to an equivalent change in the Secured Parties, without any further act. Upon such an occurrence, the persons then comprising the Secured Parties are vested with the rights, remedies and discretions and assume the obligations of the Secured Parties under this Guarantee. Each party to this Guarantee irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent to give effect to the change in Lenders contemplated in this Section 12(b) by countersigning an Assignment and Acceptance.

(c) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be liable to any party for any action taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any Credit Document (except for its or such other Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in the final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

13. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to any Guarantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at the Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

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14. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Guarantee may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Guarantee on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Guarantee signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings.

15. <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Guarantee that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

16. <u>Integration</u>. This Guarantee, together with the other Credit Documents, represents the agreement of each Guarantor and the Collateral Agent with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Guarantors or the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Credit Documents.

# 17. <u>Amendments in Writing; No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>.

(a) None of the terms or provisions of this Guarantee may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to Section 17(a)), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion.

(c) The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

18. <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Guarantee are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

19. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Guarantee shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each Guarantor and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors and assigns except that no Guarantor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Guarantee without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent or as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement.

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20. <u>Additional Guarantors</u>. Each Subsidiary of Holdings that is required to become a party to this Guarantee pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Guarantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Guarantor herein, for all purposes of this Guarantee, upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto (each such written supplement, a "<u>Guarantor Supplement</u>"). The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Guarantor as a party to this Guarantee shall not require the consent of any other Guarantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Guarantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Guarantor as a party to this Guarantee.

# 21. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS GUARANTEE OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

22. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers; Service of Process</u>. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Guarantee and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 13</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Guarantor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 22 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

Each Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally appoints the Borrower as its agent for service of process in any suit, action or proceeding with respect to this Guarantee and each other Credit Document and agrees that service of process in any such suit, action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Guarantor in care of the Borrower at the Borrower's address set forth in the Credit Agreement and each Guarantor hereby irrevocably authorizes and directs the Borrower (or such other substitute agent) to accept such service on its behalf.

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# 23. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS GUARANTEE AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

VISION HOLDING CORP., INC., as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

AMERICA'S BEST MCHENRY IL, LLC, as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED VISION GROUP, INC.,

as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of Second Lien Guaranty Agreement]

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC, as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.

as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ Peter M. Clarkson Name: Peter M. Clarkson Title: President

# VC IV, LLC,

as a Guarantor

By:

# /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC.,

as a Guarantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATES, LTD., as a Guarantor

By:

## /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of Second Lien Guaranty Agreement]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By:

/s/ Julie Lilienfeld

Name: Julie Lilienfeld Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of Second Lien Guaranty Agreement]

ANNEX A TO THE GUARANTEE

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_] to the SECOND LIEN GUARANTEE dated as of March 13, 2014 (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), among each of the Guarantors listed on the signature pages thereto (each such subsidiary individually, a "<u>Guarantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Guarantors</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Collateral Agent for the Secured Parties from time to time party to the Credit Agreement referred to below (as amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>").

A. Reference is made to that certain Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, amended and restated, refinanced, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>" or the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation, National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), the lending institutions from time to time party thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, and the other parties party thereto.

B. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Guarantee.

C. The Guarantors have entered into the Guarantee in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Extensions of Credit to the Borrower under the Credit Agreement.

D. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 20 of the Guarantee provide that additional Subsidiaries may become Guarantors under the Guarantee by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Subsidiary (each a "<u>New Guarantor</u>") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Agreement to become a Guarantor under the Guarantee in order to induce the Lenders to make additional Extensions of Credit and as consideration for Extensions of Credit previously made.

Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and each New Guarantor agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 20 of the Guarantee, each New Guarantor by its signature below becomes a Guarantor under the Guarantee with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Guarantor, and each New Guarantor hereby (a) agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Guarantee applicable to it as a Guarantor thereunder (b) represents and warrants that the representations and warranties made by it as a Guarantor thereunder are true and correct on and as of the date hereof (except where such representations and warranties expressly relate to an earlier date, in which case such representations and warranties were true and correct in all material respects as of such earlier date and if any such representations and warranties are qualified by materiality, material adverse effect or similar language, such representations and warranties shall be true and correct in all respects) and (c), jointly and severally, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations of anyone other than such Guarantor (including amounts that would become due but for operation of the automatic stay under 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)). Each reference to a Guarantor in the Guarantee shall be deemed to include each New Guarantor. The Guarantee is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Each New Guarantor represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties that this Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity.

SECTION 3. Anything herein or in any other Credit Document to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum liability of each Guarantor hereunder and under the other Credit Documents shall in no event exceed the amount that can be guaranteed by such Guarantor under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable laws relating to fraudulent conveyances, fraudulent transfers or the insolvency of debtors.

SECTION 3. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with Holdings and the Collateral Agent. This Supplement shall become effective as to each New Guarantor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such New Guarantor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 4. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect.

# SECTION 5. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 6. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Guarantee, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

SECTION 7. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each New Guarantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each New Guarantor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Guarantee as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW GUARANTOR], as the New Guarantor

By:

Name: Title:

[Signature Page to Second Lien Guarantee Supplement]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

[Signature Page to Second Lien Guarantee Supplement]

# Exhibit 10.11

#### SECOND LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND LIEN SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 8.14</u> (each such entity being a "<u>Subsidiary Grantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Grantors</u>"; the Subsidiary Grantors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Grantors</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company is a party to the Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of the date hereof (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Second Lien Guarantee dated as of the date hereof (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>"), each Grantor party thereto has agreed to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "Equity Rollover") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("Parent"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "Equity Rollover Contribution") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, each Grantor is the Borrower or a Guarantor;

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Loans will be used in part to enable the Borrower to make valuable transfers to the Grantors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses; and

WHEREAS, each Grantor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the making of the Loans;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans, the Grantors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

# 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement.

(b) Terms used herein without definition that are defined in the UCC have the meanings given to them in the UCC, including the following terms (which are capitalized herein): Account, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claims, Commodity Contract, Deposit Accounts, Documents, Fixtures, Goods, Instruments, Inventory, Letter-of-Credit Right, Securities, Securities Accounts, Security Entitlement, Software, Supporting Obligation and Tangible Chattel Paper.

(c) The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"<u>Collateral</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2</u>.

"Collateral Account" shall mean any collateral account established by the Collateral Agent as provided in Section 5.1 or Section 5.3.

"Collateral Agent" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Security Agreement.

"<u>Company</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble to this Security Agreement.

"Control" shall mean "control," as such term is defined in Section 9-104 or 9-106, as applicable, of the UCC.

"<u>Copyrights</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (i) all copyrights arising under the laws of the United States, whether as author, assignee, transferee, licensee or otherwise, including copyrights in Software, and (ii) all registrations and applications for registration of any such copyright in the United States, including registrations, recordings, supplemental registrations and pending applications for registration in the United States Copyright Office, including those U.S. registered copyrights owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule 1</u>.

"Default" or "Event of Default" shall mean a "default" or "event of default" under the Credit Agreement.

"Equipment" shall mean all "equipment," as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC, now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or to which any Grantor has rights and, in any event, shall include all machinery, equipment, furnishings, movable trade fixtures and vehicles now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or to which any Grantor has rights and any and all Proceeds, additions, substitutions and replacements of any of the foregoing, wherever located, together with all attachments, components, parts, equipment and accessories installed thereon or affixed thereto; but excluding equipment to the extent it is subject to a Lien permitted pursuant to clauses (vi) (solely with respect to clause (d) of Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement), (vii) (to the extent that such Lien permitted by clause (vii) is listed on Schedule 10.2 of the Credit Agreement), (viii), (ix) and (xx) (to the extent the value of any such property subject to clause (xx) does not exceed the maximum amount of obligations permitted by such clause (xx)) of the definition of "Permitted Liens" in the Credit Agreement if the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such Indebtedness) prohibits assignment of, or granting of a security interest in, such Grantor's rights and interests therein) or creates a right of termination in favor of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party) as a result of such assignment or granting of a security interest (in each case, other than to the extent that any such prohibition or restriction would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction), provided, that immediately upon the repayment of all Indebtedness secured by such Lien, such Grantor shall be deemed to have granted a Security Interest in all the rights and interests with respect to such e

"Excluded Property" shall mean (i) any Vehicles and other assets subject to certificates of title, (ii) Letter-of-Credit Rights except to the extent perfection of a security interest therein may be accomplished by filing financing statements in appropriate form in the applicable jurisdiction under the UCC, (iii) any property that is subject to a Lien permitted pursuant to clauses (vi) (solely with respect to clause (d) of Section 10.1 of the Credit Agreement), (vii) (to the extent such lien permitted by clause (vii) is listed on Schedule 10.2 of the Credit Agreement), (viii), (ix) and (xx) (to the extent the value of any such property subject to clause (xx) does not exceed the maximum amount of obligations permitted by such clause (xx)) of the definition of "Permitted Liens" in the Credit Agreement if the contract or other agreement in which such Lien is granted (or the documentation providing for such Indebtedness) prohibits the creation of any other Lien on such property or creates a right of termination in favor of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party) as a result of the creation of any such Lien (in each case, other than to the extent that any such prohibition or restriction would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law) and other than any proceeds and receivables of such Equipment, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction, (iv) (x) all leasehold interests in real property and (y) any parcel of real estate and the improvements thereto owned in fee by a Credit Party not constituting Mortgaged Property (but nor any Collateral located thereon), (v) any "intent to use" Trademark application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office unless and until an amendment to allege use or a statement of use has been filed and accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, (vi) except to the extent a security interest therein can be perfected by filing a financing statement under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction, deposit accounts, securities accounts, commodities accounts and any other assets requiring perfection through control agreements or perfection by "control" (other than any Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt (as defined in the Pledge Agreement) or any Instruments or Chattel Paper required to be delivered pursuant to this Security Agreement), (vii) any contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, in each case, only to the extent and for so long as the grant of a security interest therein by the applicable Grantor (x) is prohibited by such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture without the consent of any other party thereto (other than a Credit Party), (y) would give any other party (other than a Credit Party) to any such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture the right to terminate its obligations thereunder or (z) is permitted only with consent and all necessary consents (other than those of a Credit Party) to such grant of a security interest have not been obtained from the other parties thereto (other than to the extent that any such prohibition referred to in clauses (x), (y) and (z) would be rendered ineffective pursuant to Sections 9-406, 9-407, 9-408 or 9-409 of the UCC (or any successor provision or provisions) of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and receivables of such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction) (it being understood that the foregoing shall not be deemed to obligate such Grantor to obtain such consents), provided that the foregoing limitation shall not affect, limit, restrict or impair the grant by such Grantor of a Security Interest pursuant to this Security Agreement in any Account or any money or other amounts due or to become due under any such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture; (viii) any Commercial Tort Claim with a claim value of less than \$10,000,000; provided that with respect to clauses (iii) and (vi), such property shall be Excluded Property only to the extent and for so long as such prohibition is in effect; provided further that proceeds and products from any and all of the of the foregoing that would constitute Excluded Property shall also not be considered Collateral and proceeds and products from any and all of the of the foregoing that do not constitute Excluded Property shall be considered Collateral.

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"General Intangibles" shall mean all "general intangibles" as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC and, in any event, including with respect to any Grantor, all contracts, agreements, instruments and indentures in any form, and portions thereof, to which such Grantor is a party or under which such Grantor has any right, title or interest or to which such Grantor or any property of such Grantor is subject, as the same may from time to time be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, including (a) all rights of such Grantor to receive moneys due and to become due to it thereunder or in connection therewith, (b) all rights of such Grantor to receive proceeds of any insurance, indemnity, warranty or guarantee with respect thereto, (c) all claims of such Grantor for damages arising out of any breach of or default thereunder and (d) all rights of such Grantor to terminate, amend, supplement, modify or exercise rights or options thereunder.

"Grantor" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in the recitals hereto.

"<u>Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all U.S. intellectual property, including all (i) (a) Patents, inventions, processes, developments, technology and know-how; (b) Copyrights, graphics, advertising materials, labels, package designs and photographs; (c) Trademarks; (d) trade secrets, designs, rights in Software, data, databases and confidential, proprietary or non-public information; and (e) all other intellectual property rights, and (ii) all rights, priorities and privileges related thereto and all rights to sue at law or in equity for any infringement or other impairment thereof, including the right to receive all Proceeds therefrom.

"<u>Investment Property</u>" shall mean all Securities (whether certificated or uncertificated), Security Entitlements and Commodity Contracts of any Grantor (other than Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents).

"Obligations" shall mean the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement).

"<u>Patents</u>" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (a) all patents of the United States, all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications for patent of the United States, including issuances, recordings and pending applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and (b) all reissues, reexaminations, continuations, divisions, continuations-in-part, or extensions thereof, and the inventions, discoveries or designs disclosed or claimed therein, including those U.S. patents and applications therefor owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule</u> <u>2</u>.

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"Proceeds" shall mean all "proceeds" as such term is defined in Article 9 of the UCC and, in any event, shall include with respect to any Grantor, any consideration received from the sale, exchange, license, lease or other disposition of any asset or property that constitutes Collateral, any value received as a consequence of the possession of any Collateral and any payment received from any insurer or other Person or entity as a result of the destruction, loss, theft, damage or other involuntary conversion of whatever nature of any asset or property that constitutes Collateral, and shall include (a) all cash and negotiable instruments received by or held on behalf of the Collateral Agent, (b) any claim of any Grantor against any third party for (and the right to sue and recover for and the rights to damages or profits due or accrued arising out of or in connection with) (i) past, present or future infringement or dilution of any Trademark now or hereafter owned by any Grantor or injury to the goodwill associated with or symbolized thereby, (iii) past, present or future infringement of any Copyright now or hereafter owned by any Grantor and (c) any and all other amounts from time to time paid or payable under or in connection with any of the Collateral.

"<u>Registered Intellectual Property</u>" shall mean all Copyrights, Patents and Trademarks issued by, registered with, renewed by or the subject of a pending application before the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office.

"Secured Parties" shall mean the "Secured Parties" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>Security Agreement</u>" shall mean this Second Lien Security Agreement, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

"Security Interest" shall have the meaning provided in Section 2.

"Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 3.2(b).

"Termination Date" shall have the meaning provided in Section 6.5(a).

"Trademarks" shall mean, with respect to any Person, all of the following now owned or hereafter acquired by such Person: (i) all trademarks, service marks, trade names, brand names, domain names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade dress, logos, other source or business identifiers and designs, now existing or hereafter adopted or acquired, all registrations and recordings thereof (if any), and all registration and applications filed in connection therewith, including registrations and applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any similar offices in any State of the United States, and all extensions or renewals thereof and (ii) all goodwill associated therewith or symbolized thereby, including those U.S. registered trademarks and applications therefor owned by any Grantor and listed on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereto.

"UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; provided, however, that, in the event that, by reason of any provisions of law, any of the attachment, perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "UCC" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such attachment, perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

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"<u>Vehicles</u>" shall mean all cars, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles covered by a certificate of title law of any state and all tires and other appurtenances to any of the foregoing.

Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, mutatis mutandis.

## 2. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>.

(a) Each Grantor hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and security interest in (the "<u>Security</u> <u>Interest</u>"), all of its right, title and interest in, to and under all of the following property now owned or at any time hereafter acquired by such Grantor or in which such Grantor now has or at any time in the future may acquire any right, title or interest (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"), as collateral security for the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations:

- (i) all Accounts;
- (ii) all Chattel Paper;
- (iii) all Commercial Tort Claims described on <u>Schedule 4</u> (as such Schedule may be amended from time to time);
- (iv) all Documents;
- (v) all Equipment, Fixtures and Goods;
- (vi) all General Intangibles;
- (vii) all Instruments;
- (viii) all Intellectual Property;
- (ix) all Inventory;
- (x) all Investment Property;
- (xi) all Deposit Accounts;
- (xii) all Supporting Obligations;
- (xiii) all books and records pertaining to the Collateral; and
- (xiv) the extent not otherwise included, all Proceeds and products of any and all of the foregoing;

provided that (x) the Collateral (or any defined term used in the definition thereof) for any Obligations shall not include any (A) Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents with respect to such Obligations, (B) Excluded Property or (C) any assets with respect to which, (1) in the reasonable judgment of the Collateral Agent and the Borrower (as agreed in writing), the cost or other consequences of granting a security interest in favor of the Secured Parties under the Security Documents shall be excessive in view of the benefits to be obtained by the Lenders therefrom, or (2) granting a security interest in such assets in favor of the Secured Parties under the Secured Parties under the Secured Documents would result in materially adverse tax consequences or would require obtaining the consent of any governmental authority, in each case as reasonably determined by the Borrower in consultation with the Collateral Agent, and (y) none of the items included in clauses (i) through (xiv) above shall constitute Collateral to the extent (and only to the extent) that the grant of the Security Interest therein would violate any Requirement of Law applicable to such Collateral (other than to the extent that any such prohibition or any other applicable law and other than any proceeds and receivables of such contract, lease, license, agreement, instrument or indenture, the assignment of which is expressly deemed effective under the UCC of any relevant jurisdiction or any other applicable law notwithstanding such prohibition or restriction); provided, however, that Collateral shall include any Proceeds, substitutions or replacements of any assets referred to in the foregoing clauses (x) and (y) (unless such Proceeds, substitutions or replacements would constitute assets referred to in clause (x) or (y)).



(b) Each Grantor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file or record financing statements, amendments to financing statements and, with notice to the applicable Grantors, other filing or recording documents or instruments with respect to the Collateral in such form and in such offices as the Collateral Agent reasonably determines appropriate to perfect the Security Interests of the Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement, and such financing statements and amendments may describe the Collateral covered thereby as "all assets", "all assets now owned or hereafter acquired" or words of similar effect, provided that with respect to fixtures the Collateral Agent shall only file or record financing statements in the jurisdiction of organization of a Grantor, except in connection with a Mortgage. Each Grantor hereby also authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file continuation statements with respect to previously filed financing statements.

Subject to the limitations contained herein and in the Credit Agreement, each Grantor hereby agrees to provide to the Collateral Agent, promptly upon request, any information reasonably necessary to effectuate the filings or recordings authorized by this <u>Section 2(b)</u>.

The Collateral Agent is further authorized to file with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or United States Copyright Office (or any successor office), with the signature of each applicable Grantor, such documents as may be necessary or advisable for the purpose of perfecting, confirming, continuing, enforcing or protecting the Security Interest granted hereunder by each Grantor and naming any Grantor or the Grantors as debtors and the Collateral Agent, as the case may be, as secured party.

The Security Interests are granted as security only and shall not subject the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to, or in any way alter or modify, any obligation or liability of any Grantor with respect to or arising out of the Collateral, unless the Collateral Agent has expressly assumed such obligations or liabilities and released the Grantors from such obligations and liabilities.

# 3. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>.

Each Grantor hereby represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and each Secured Party on the date hereof that:

3.1 <u>Title; No Other Liens</u>. Except for (a) the Security Interest granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Security Agreement and the Pledge Agreement and (b) the Liens permitted by the Credit Agreement, such Grantor owns, or has valid leaseholds in or the right to use, each item of the Collateral free and clear of any and all Liens. To the knowledge of such Grantor, no security agreement, financing statement or other public notice with respect to all or any part of the Collateral that evidences a Lien securing any material Indebtedness is on file or of record in any public office, except such as (i) have been filed in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Security Agreement, (ii) are permitted by the Credit Agreement or (iii) relate to obligations no longer outstanding or are in respect of commitments to lend which have been terminated.

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## 3.2 <u>Perfected Liens</u>.

(a) After giving effect to the Transactions, this Security Agreement is effective to create in favor of the Collateral Agent, for its benefit and for the benefit of the Secured Parties, legal, valid and enforceable Security Interests in the Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of Capital Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries, Stock Equivalents issued by Foreign Subsidiaries and Indebtedness of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the UCC), subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, general equitable principles, and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(b) Subject to the limitations set forth in clause (c) of this <u>Section 3.2</u>, the Security Interests granted pursuant to this Security Agreement (i) will constitute valid and perfected Security Interests in the Collateral (to the extent perfection may be obtained by the filings or other actions described in clause (A), (B) or (C) of this paragraph) in favor of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as collateral security for the Obligations, upon (A) with respect to Collateral in which perfection can be obtained by filing a financing statement, the filing in the applicable filing offices of all financing statements, in each case, naming each Grantor as "debtor" and the Collateral Agent as "secured party" and describing the Collateral, (B) with respect to Instruments, Chattel Paper, Certificated Securities and negotiable Documents, delivery to the Collateral Agent (or its bailee) of all Instruments, Chattel Paper, Certificated Security agreement in each case, properly endorsed for transfer in blank and (C) with respect to Intellectual Property security Agreement") and containing a description of all Collateral constituting Registered Intellectual Property in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, with respect to U.S. registered and applied for Patents and Trademarks, within 90 days from the execution date of such Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement, or in the United States Copyright Office, with respect to U.S. registered Copyrights, within thirty (30) days from the execution date of such Short-form Intellectual Property Security Agreement, as applicable and (ii) are prior to all other Liens on the Collateral other than Liens permitted pursuant to Section 10.2 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Grantor shall be required to perfect the Security Interests granted by this Security Agreement or the Pledge Agreement by any means other than by (i) filings pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code of the relevant State(s), (ii) filings approved or required by United States federal government offices with respect to Registered Intellectual Property under applicable United States law; (iii) delivery to the Collateral Agent (or its bailee) to be held in its possession of all Collateral consisting of (y) Pledge Shares and Pledge Debt (each as defined in the Pledge Agreement) and (z) Tangible Chattel Paper, Instruments or Certificated Securities (other than Pledge Shares and Pledge Debt) with a fair market value in excess of \$10,000,000 individually; and (iv) actions to perfect a security interest in Commercial Tort Claims to the extent set forth in Section 4.1(f). No additional actions shall be required hereunder with respect to any assets that are located outside of the United States or assets that require action under the law of any non-U.S. jurisdiction to create or perfect a security interest in such assets; it being understood, for the avoidance of doubt, that this should not affect any requirement of the Credit Agreement to execute any Non-U.S. Security Documents.

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(d) It is understood and agreed that the Security Interests in cash and Investment Property created hereunder shall not prevent the Grantors from using such assets in the ordinary course of their respective businesses.

# 3.3 <u>Schedules</u>

(a) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 1</u> sets forth a true and complete list of all of each Grantor's United States registered and applied for Copyrights, including the name of the registered owner and the registration number.

(b) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 2</u> and <u>Schedule 3</u> set forth a true and complete list of all of each Grantor's Patents and Trademarks, respectively, applied for or registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including the name of the registered owner or applicant and the registration, application, or publication number, as applicable, of each United States Patent or United States registered Trademark owned by each Grantor.

(c) As of the Closing Date, <u>Schedule 5(a)</u> sets forth, with respect to each Grantor, (i) its exact legal name, as such name appears in its respective certificate of incorporation or formation or any other organizational document filed in its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or organization, (ii) its type of organization, (iii) its organizational identification number, if any, (iv) its jurisdiction of formation and (v) the address of its chief executive office. As of the Closing Date, set forth in <u>Schedule 5(b)</u>hereto is a list of (w) any other corporate or organizational legal names each Grantor has had, together with the date of the relevant change, (x) all other names used by each Grantor, (y) any other business or organization to which each Grantor became the successor by merger, consolidation or acquisition exceeded \$10,000,000, and any changes in the form, nature or jurisdiction of organization or otherwise, and (z) all other names used by each Grantor has changed is jurisdiction of organization at any time in the past five years. As of the Closing Date, except as set forth in Schedule 5(c), no Grantor has changed is jurisdiction of organization at any time during the past four months.

## 4. <u>Covenants</u>

Each Grantor hereby covenants and agrees with the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties that, from and after the date of this Security Agreement until the Termination Date:

# 4.1 <u>Maintenance of Perfected Security Interest; Further Documentation</u>.

(a) Except as otherwise permitted in the Credit Documents, such Grantor shall maintain the Security Interest created by this Security Agreement as a perfected Security Interest having at least the priority described in <u>Section 3.2(b)</u> and shall use commercially reasonable efforts to defend such Security Interest against the material claims and demands of all Persons (except to the extent that the Agent and the Borrower agree that the cost of such defense is excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders of the security interest and priority), in each case other than a Security Interest in assets of such Grantor subject to a disposition permitted by <u>Sections 10.3</u> and <u>10.4</u> of the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party, and in each case subject to <u>Section 3.2(c)</u>.

(b) Such Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent and the Lenders from time to time statements and schedules further identifying and describing the Collateral of such Grantor and such other reports in connection therewith as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request.

(c) Such Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent at the time of the delivery of the financial statements provided for in Section 9.1(a) of the Credit Agreement (or, if the Credit Agreement is no longer in effect, on an annual basis): a schedule setting forth any new or additional (A) Registered Intellectual Property owned by any Grantor, which has not been previously disclosed to the Collateral Agent, following the Closing Date (or following the date of the last supplement provided to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 4.1(c)</u>), all in reasonable detail, and (B) within thirty (30) days following the delivery of such financial statements, execute and file appropriate documents or instruments with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the United States Copyright Office, as applicable, evidencing the Collateral Agent's security interest in such new or additional Registered Intellectual Property.

(d) Subject to <u>clause (e)</u> below and <u>Section 4.1(a)</u>, each Grantor agrees that at any time and from time to time, at the expense of such Grantor, it 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, including all applicable documents required under <u>Section 3.2(b)(C)</u>), which may be required under any applicable law, or which, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, the Collateral Agent may reasonably request, in order (i) to grant, preserve, protect and perfect the validity and priority of the Security Interests created or intended to be created hereby or (ii) to enable the Collateral Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to any Collateral, including the filing of any financing or continuation statements under the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in any jurisdiction with respect to the Security Interests created hereby and all applicable documents required under <u>Section 3.2(b)(C)</u>, all at the expense of such Grantor.

(e) Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 4.1</u> to the contrary, (i) with respect to any assets acquired by such Grantor after the date hereof that are required by the Credit Agreement to be subject to the Lien created hereby or (ii) with respect to any Person that, subsequent to the date hereof, becomes a Subsidiary that is required by the Credit Agreement to become a party hereto, the relevant Grantor after the acquisition or creation thereof shall promptly take all actions required by the Credit Agreement and this <u>Section 4.1</u>.

(f) As of the date hereof, each Grantor hereby represents and warrants that it holds no Commercial Tort Claims with a claim value of \$10,000,000 or more other than those listed in <u>Schedule 4</u>. If any Grantor shall at any time hold or acquire a Commercial Tort Claim with a claim value of \$10,000,000 or more, such Grantor shall promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days upon obtaining knowledge thereof, or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree) notify the Collateral Agent in a writing signed by such Grantor of the brief details thereof which writing shall serve to supplement <u>Schedule 4</u> hereto.

(g) With respect to each material item of its Intellectual Property included in the Collateral, each Grantor agrees to take, at its expense, all commercially reasonable steps, including, without limitation, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, to (i) maintain the validity and enforceability of such material Intellectual Property and maintain such material Intellectual Property in full force and effect, and (ii) pursue the registration and maintenance of each patent, trademark or servicemark registration or application, or copyright registration or application, now or hereafter included in such material Intellectual Property of such Grantor, including, without limitation, the payment of required fees and taxes, the filing of responses to office actions issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Copyright Office, the filing of affidavits under Sections 8 and 15 of the U.S. Trademark Act, and the payment of maintenance fees. Each Grantor shall take all commercially reasonable steps which it, or the Collateral Agent (during the continuation of an Event of Default), deems reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances to preserve and protect each material item of its Intellectual Property included in the Collateral, including, without limitation, maintaining the quality of any and all products or services used or provided in connection with any of the material Trademarks, at least consistent with the quality of the products and services as of the date hereof, and taking all steps necessary to ensure that all licensed users of any of the material Trademarks use such consistent standards of quality.

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4.2 <u>Changes in Locations, Name, etc.</u> Each Grantor will furnish to the Collateral Agent promptly (and in any event within thirty (30) days (or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree) of such change) a written notice of any change (i) in its legal name, (ii) in its jurisdiction of organization or, if not a registered organization, location for purposes of the UCC, (iii) in its type of organization or corporate structure which would impair the perfection and priority of the Security Interest granted hereby; or (iv) in its organizational identification number (if any). Each Grantor agrees promptly to provide the Collateral Agent with certified organizational documents reflecting any of the changes described in the first sentence of this paragraph and take all other action reasonably necessary to maintain the perfection and priority of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral.

- 5. <u>Remedial Provisions</u>.
- 5.1 <u>Certain Matters Relating to Accounts</u>.

(a) At any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and after giving reasonable notice to the Borrower and any other relevant Grantor, the Collateral Agent shall have the right, but not the obligation, to make test verifications of the Accounts in any manner and through any medium that the Collateral Agent reasonably considers advisable, and each Grantor shall furnish all such assistance and information as the Collateral Agent may require in connection with such test verifications. The Collateral Agent shall have the absolute right to share any information it gains from such inspection or verification with any Secured Party.

(b) The Collateral Agent hereby authorizes each Grantor to collect such Grantor's Accounts and the Collateral Agent may curtail or terminate said authority at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and after giving reasonable prior notice to the Borrower and any other relevant Grantor. If required in writing by the Collateral Agent at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, any payments of Accounts, when collected by any Grantor, (i) shall be forthwith (and, in any event, within two (2) Business Days) deposited by such Grantor in the exact form received, duly endorsed by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent if required, in a Collateral Account maintained under the sole dominion and control of and on terms and conditions reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent, subject to withdrawal by the Collateral Agent for the account of the Secured Parties only as provided in <u>Section 5.4</u> and (ii) until so turned over, shall be held by such Grantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Grantor. Each such deposit of Proceeds of Accounts shall be accompanied by a report identifying in reasonable detail the nature and source of the payments included in the deposit.

(c) At the Collateral Agent's request at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, each Grantor shall deliver to the Collateral Agent all original (if available) and other documents evidencing, and relating to, the agreements and transactions which gave rise to the Accounts, including all original (if available) orders, invoices and shipping receipts.

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(d) Each Grantor hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, to be exercised solely upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, solely for the purpose of enabling Agent to exercise rights and remedies under this <u>Article 5</u>, and solely to the extent such grant would not constitute or result in the abandonment, termination, acceleration, invalidation of or rendering unenforceable any right, title or interest therein or result in a breach of the terms of, or constitute a breach or default under such Intellectual Property, a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, license or sublicense (on a non-exclusive basis) any of the Intellectual Property included in the Collateral and now owned or hereafter acquired by such Grantor (subject to the rights of any person or entity under any pre-existing license or other agreement); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing in this <u>Section 5.1</u> shall require any Grantor to grant any license that is prohibited by any rule of law, statute or regulation or is prohibited by, or constitutes a breach of default under or results in the termination of or gives rise to any right of acceleration, modification or cancellation under any contract, license, agreement, instrument or other document evidencing, giving rise to a right to use or theretofore granted with respect to such property, <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that such licenses to be granted hereunder with respect to Trademarks shall be subject to reasonable quality control standards applicable to each such Trademark as in effect as of the date such licenses hereunder are granted. Any license granted pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(d)</u> shall be exercisable solely during the continuance of an Event of Default.

# 5.2 <u>Communications with Credit Parties; Grantors Remain Liable</u>.

(a) The Collateral Agent in its own name or in the name of others may at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, after giving reasonable notice to the relevant Grantor of its intent to do so, communicate with obligors under the Accounts to verify with them to the Collateral Agent's satisfaction the existence, amount and terms of any Accounts. The Collateral Agent shall have the absolute right to share any information it gains from such inspection or verification with any Secured Party.

(b) Upon the written request of the Collateral Agent at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, each Grantor shall notify obligors on the Accounts that the Accounts have been assigned to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties and that payments in respect thereof shall be made directly to the Collateral Agent.

(c) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each Grantor shall remain liable under each of the Accounts to observe and perform all the conditions and obligations to be observed and performed by it thereunder, all in accordance with the terms of any agreement giving rise thereto. Unless the Collateral Agent has expressly in writing assumed the obligations and liabilities with respect thereto, and released the Grantors therefrom, neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall have any obligation or liability under any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto) by reason of or arising out of this Security Agreement or the receipt by the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party of any payment relating thereto, nor shall the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party be obligated in any manner to perform any of the obligations of any Grantor under or pursuant to any Account (or any agreement giving rise thereto), to make any payment, to make any inquiry as to the nature or the sufficiency of any payment received by it or as to the sufficiency of any performance by any party thereunder, to present or file any claim, to take any action to enforce any performance or to collect the payment of any amounts which may have been assigned to it or to which it may be entitled at any time or times.

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5.3 <u>Proceeds to be Turned Over To Collateral Agent</u>. In addition to the rights of the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties specified in <u>Section 5.1</u> with respect to payments of Accounts, if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing and the Collateral Agent, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, so requires by notice in writing to the relevant Grantor, all Proceeds received by any Grantor consisting of cash, checks and other near cash items shall be held by such Grantor in trust for the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, segregated from other funds of such Grantor, and shall, forthwith upon receipt by such Grantor, be turned over to the Collateral Agent in the exact form received by such Grantor (duly endorsed by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent hereunder shall be held by the Collateral Agent in a Collateral Agent in the Secured Parties) shall continue to be held as collateral security for all the Obligations and shall not constitute payment thereof until applied as provided in <u>Section 5.4</u>.

5.4 <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall apply the proceeds of any collection or sale of the Collateral as well as any Collateral consisting of cash, at any time after receipt in the order set forth in Section 11.14 of the Credit Agreement.

If, despite the provisions of this Agreement, any Secured Party shall receive any payment or other recovery in excess of its portion of payments on account of the Obligations to which it is then entitled in accordance with this Agreement, such Secured Party shall hold such payment or other recovery in trust for the benefit of all Secured Parties hereunder for distribution in accordance with this <u>Section 5.4</u>.

Code and Other Remedies. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, and 5.5 after giving prior notice to the Borrower and any applicable Grantor, the Collateral Agent may exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to all other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party upon default under the UCC or any other applicable law and also may with notice to the relevant Grantor, sell the Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale or sales, at any exchange, broker's board or office of the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party or elsewhere for cash or on credit or for future delivery at such price or prices and upon such other terms as are commercially reasonable irrespective of the impact of any such sales on the market price of the Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be authorized at any such sale (if it deems it advisable to do so) to restrict the prospective bidders or purchasers of such Collateral to Persons who will represent and agree that they are purchasing the Collateral for their own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or sale thereof, and, upon consummation of any such sale, the Collateral Agent shall have the right to assign, transfer and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers thereof the Collateral so sold. Each purchaser at any such sale shall hold the property sold absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Grantor, and each Grantor hereby waives (to the extent permitted by law) all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal that it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Collateral Agent and any Secured Party shall have the right upon any such public sale, and, to the extent permitted by law, upon any such private sale, to purchase the whole or any part of the Collateral so sold, and the Collateral Agent or such Secured Party may pay the purchase price by crediting the amount thereof against the Obligations. Each Grantor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law, at least ten (10) days' notice to such Grantor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Collateral Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. To the extent permitted by law, each Grantor hereby waives any claim against the Collateral Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which any Collateral may have been sold at such a private sale was less than the price that might have been obtained at a public sale, even if the Collateral Agent accepts the first offer received and does not offer such Collateral to more than one offeree. Each Grantor further agrees, at the Collateral Agent's request, to assemble the Collateral and make it available to the Collateral Agent, at places which the Collateral Agent shall reasonably select, whether at such Grantor's premises or elsewhere. The Collateral Agent shall apply the net proceeds of any action taken by it pursuant to this Section 5.5 in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.4.

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5.6 <u>Deficiency</u>. Each Grantor shall remain liable for any deficiency if the proceeds of any sale or other disposition of the Collateral are insufficient to pay its Obligations and the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of any attorneys employed by the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party to collect such deficiency (in each case subject to the limitations set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement).

Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights. Each Grantor shall remain obligated hereunder notwithstanding 57 that, without any reservation of rights against any Grantor and without notice to or further assent by any Grantor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may, in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement, be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security, guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Security Agreement or any property subject thereto. When making any demand hereunder against any Grantor, the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, make a similar demand on any Grantor or any other Person, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to make any such demand or to collect any payments from any Grantor or any other Person or any release of any Grantor or any other Person shall not relieve any Grantor in respect of which a demand or collection is not made or any Grantor not so released of its several obligations or liabilities hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, express or implied, or as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against any Grantor. For the purposes hereof "demand" shall include the commencement and continuance of any legal proceedings.

## 6. <u>The Collateral Agent</u>.

## 6.1 <u>Collateral Agent's Appointment as Attorney-in-Fact, etc.</u>

(a) Each Grantor hereby appoints, which appointment is irrevocable and coupled with an interest, and shall automatically terminate with respect to such Grantor on the Termination Date or, if sooner, upon the termination or release of such Grantor hereunder pursuant to <u>Section 6.5</u>, effective upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default and subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Agent and any officer or agent thereof, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full irrevocable power and authority in the place and stead of such Grantor and in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of this Security Agreement, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute any and all documents and instruments that may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Security Agreement, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Grantor hereby gives the Collateral Agent the power and right, on behalf of such Grantor, either in the Collateral Agent's name or in the name of such Grantor or otherwise, without assent by such Grantor, to do any or all of the following, in each case after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, and after written notice by the Collateral Agent to the Borrower and any applicable Grantor of its intent to do so:

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(i) take possession of and endorse and collect any checks, drafts, notes, acceptances or other instruments for the payment of moneys due under any Account constituting Collateral or with respect to any other Collateral and file any claim or take any other action or proceeding in any court of law or equity or otherwise deemed appropriate by the Collateral Agent for the purpose of collecting any and all such moneys due under any Account constituting Collateral or with respect to any other Collateral whenever payable;

(ii) in the case of any Intellectual Property, execute and deliver, and have recorded, any and all agreements, instruments, documents and papers as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request to evidence the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' Security Interest in such Intellectual Property and the goodwill and general intangibles of such Grantor relating thereto or represented thereby;

(iii) upon at least three (3) Business Days' prior written notice, pay or discharge taxes and Liens levied or placed on or threatened against the Collateral (other than taxes not required to be discharged under the Credit Agreement and other than Permitted Liens);

(iv) execute, in connection with any sale provided for in <u>Section 5.5</u>, any endorsements, assignments or other instruments of conveyance or transfer with respect to the Collateral;

(v) obtain and adjust insurance required to be maintained by such Grantor pursuant to Section 9.3 of the Credit Agreement;

(vi) direct any party liable for any payment under any of the Collateral to make payment of any and all moneys due or to become due thereunder directly to the Collateral Agent or as the Collateral Agent shall direct;

(vii) ask or demand for, collect and receive payment of and receipt for, any and all moneys, claims and other amounts due or to become due at any time in respect of or arising out of any Collateral;

(viii) sign and endorse any invoices, freight or express bills, bills of lading, storage or warehouse receipts, drafts against debtors, assignments, verifications, notices and other documents in connection with any of the Collateral;

(ix) commence and prosecute any suits, actions or proceedings at law or in equity in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect the Collateral or any portion thereof and to enforce any other right in respect of any Collateral;

(x) defend any suit, action or proceeding brought against such Grantor with respect to any Collateral (with such Grantor's consent to the extent such action or its resolution could materially affect such Grantor or any of its Affiliates in any manner other than with respect to its continuing rights in such Collateral);

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(xi) settle, compromise or adjust any such suit, action or proceeding with respect to the Collateral and, in connection therewith, give such discharges or releases as the Collateral Agent may deem appropriate (with such Grantor's consent to the extent such action or its resolution could materially affect such Grantor or any of its Affiliates in any manner other than with respect to its continuing rights in such Collateral); and

(xii) generally, sell, transfer, pledge and make any agreement with respect to or otherwise deal with any of the Collateral as fully and completely as though the Collateral Agent were the absolute owner thereof for all purposes, and do, at the Collateral Agent's option and such Grantor's expense, at any time, or from time to time, all acts and things that the Collateral Agent deems necessary to protect, preserve or realize upon the Collateral and the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' Security Interests therein and to effect the intent of this Security Agreement, all as fully and effectively as such Grantor might do.

Anything in this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> to the contrary notwithstanding, the Collateral Agent agrees that it will not exercise any rights under the power of attorney provided for in this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u> unless an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and after the expiration of any notice periods otherwise required hereunder or under any other Credit Document.

(b) Subject to any limitations of the Collateral Agent to take actions as set forth in clause (a), if any Grantor fails to perform or comply with any of its agreements contained herein within a reasonable period of time after the Collateral Agent has requested it to do so, the Collateral Agent, at its option, but without any obligation so to do, may perform or comply, or otherwise cause performance or compliance, with such agreement.

(c) The reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses of the Collateral Agent, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement, incurred in connection with actions undertaken as provided in this <u>Section 6.1</u>, together with interest thereon at a rate per annum equal to the highest rate per annum at which interest would then be payable on any category of past due ABR Loans under the Credit Agreement, from the date of payment by the Collateral Agent to the date reimbursed by the relevant Grantor, shall be payable by such Grantor to the Collateral Agent within ten (10) Business Days of receipt by Holdings of an invoice setting forth such expense in reasonable detail.

(d) Each Grantor hereby ratifies all that said attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. All powers, authorizations and agencies contained in this Security Agreement are coupled with an interest and are irrevocable until this Security Agreement is terminated and the Security Interests created hereby are released.

6.2 Duty of Collateral Agent. The Collateral Agent's sole duty with respect to the custody, safekeeping and physical preservation of the Collateral in its possession, under Section 9-207 of the UCC or otherwise, shall be to deal with it in the same manner as the Collateral Agent deals with similar property for its own account. The Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any Collateral in its possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Collateral Agent accords its own property. Neither the Collateral Agent, any Secured Party nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees or agents shall be liable for failure to demand, collect or realize upon any of the Collateral or for any delay in doing so or shall be under any obligation to sell or otherwise dispose of any Collateral upon the request of any Grantor or any other Person or to take any other action whatsoever with regard to the Collateral or any part thereof. The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties hereunder are solely to protect the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' interests in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty upon the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party to exercise of such powers, and neither they nor any of their officers, directors, employees or agents shall be accountable only for amounts that they actually receive as a result of the exercise of such powers, and neither they nor any of their officers, directors, employees or agents shall be responsible to any Grantor for any act or failure to in the collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral Agent be responsible or

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6.3 <u>Authority of Collateral Agent</u>. Each Grantor acknowledges that the rights and responsibilities of the Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement with respect to any action taken by the Collateral Agent or the exercise or non-exercise by the Collateral Agent of any option, voting right, request, judgment or other right or remedy provided for herein or resulting or arising out of this Security Agreement shall, as between the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties, be governed by the Intercreditor Agreement and the Credit Agreement, and by such other agreements with respect thereto as may exist from time to time among them, but, as between the Collateral Agent and the Grantors, the Collateral Agent shall be conclusively presumed to be acting as agent for the applicable Secured Parties with full and valid authority so to act or refrain from acting, and no Grantor shall be under any obligation, or entitlement, to make any inquiry respecting such authority.

6.4 <u>Security Interest Absolute</u>. All rights of the Collateral Agent hereunder, the Security Interest and all obligations of the Grantors hereunder shall be absolute and unconditional.

6.5 Continuing Security Interest; Assignments Under the Credit Agreement; Release.

(a) This Security Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Grantor and the successors and assigns thereof and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, indorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the date on which all Obligations under the Credit Documents (other than, in each case, any contingent indemnity obligations not then due) shall have been satisfied by payment in full and the Commitments shall have been terminated (such date, the "Termination Date"), notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement, the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

(b) A Grantor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder as it relates to the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement) if it ceases to be a Credit Party in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The Security Interest granted hereby in any Collateral shall automatically be released as it relates to the Obligations (i) to the extent provided in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) upon the effectiveness of any written consent to the release of the Security Interest granted hereby in such Collateral pursuant to Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement. Any such release in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of such Collateral permitted under the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party shall result in such Collateral being sold, transferred or disposed of, as applicable, free and clear of the Lien and Security Interest created hereby.

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(d) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c), the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver to any Grantor, at such Grantor's expense, all documents that such Grantor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release subject to, if reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent's receipt of a certification by the Borrower and the applicable Grantor stating that such transaction is in compliance with the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. Any execution and delivery of documents pursuant to this <u>Section 6.5</u>shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Collateral Agent.

6.6 <u>Reinstatement</u>. Each Grantor further agrees that, if any payment made by any Credit Party or other Person and applied to the Obligations is at any time annulled, avoided, set aside, rescinded, invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential or otherwise required to be refunded or repaid, or the proceeds of Collateral are required to be returned by any Secured Party to such Credit Party, its estate, trustee, receiver or any other Person, including any Grantor, under any bankruptcy law, state or federal law, common law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or repayment, any Lien or other Collateral securing such liability shall be and remain in full force and effect, as fully as if such payment had never been made or, if prior thereto the Lien granted hereby or other Collateral securing such liability hereunder shall have been released or terminated by virtue of such cancellation or surrender, such Lien or other Collateral shall be reinstated in full force and effect, and such prior cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect any Lien or other Collateral securing the obligations of any Grantor in respect of the amount of such payment.

#### 7. <u>Collateral Agent As Agent</u>.

(a) Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. has been appointed to act as the Collateral Agent under the Credit Agreement, by the Lenders under the Credit Agreement and, by their acceptance of the benefits hereof, the other Secured Parties. The Collateral Agent shall be obligated, and shall have the right hereunder, to make demands, to give notices, to exercise or refrain from exercising any rights, and to take or refrain from taking any action (including the release or substitution of Collateral), solely in accordance with this Security Agreement and the Credit Agreement, <u>provided</u> that the Collateral Agent shall exercise, or refrain from exercising, any remedies provided for in <u>Section 5</u> in accordance with the instructions of Required Lenders. In furtherance of the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 7(a)</u>, each Secured Party, by its acceptance of the benefits hereof, agrees that it shall have no right individually to realize upon any of the Collateral hereunder, except to the extent specifically set forth in Section 5 of the Guarantee, it being understood and agreed by such Secured Party that all rights and remedies hereunder may be exercised solely by the Collateral Agent for the ratable benefit of the applicable Lenders and Secured Parties in accordance with the terms of this <u>Section 7(a)</u>.

(b) The Collateral Agent shall at all times be the same Person that is the Collateral Agent under the Credit Agreement. Written notice of resignation by the Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 12.9 of the Credit Agreement shall also constitute notice of resignation as Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement; removal of the Collateral Agent shall also constitute removal under this Security Agreement; and appointment of a Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 12.9 of the Credit Agreement shall also constitute appointment of a successor Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement by a successor Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement, and the retiring or removed Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement, and the retiring or removed Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement and the retiring or removed Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement and the retires of Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement and the developer with all records and other documents necessary or appropriate in connection with the performance of the duties of the successor Collateral Agent under this Security Agreement and (ii) execute and deliver to such successor Collateral Agent or otherwise authorize the filing of such amendments to financing statements and take such other actions, as may be necessary or appropriate in connection with the assignment to such successor Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Security Agreement. After any retiring or removed Collateral Agent bereunder as Collate

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(c) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or Affiliates shall be liable to any party for any action taken or omitted to be taken by any of them under or in connection with this Agreement or any Security Document (except for its or such other Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct, as determined in a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction).

# 8. <u>Miscellaneous</u>.

8.1 Intercreditor Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Security Agreement are expressly subject and subordinate to the liens and security interests granted in favor of the Senior Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), including liens and security interests granted to Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent, pursuant to or in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (ii) the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent hereunder, is subject to the limitations and provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement then in effect. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement then in effect and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern and control. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Discharge of Senior Obligations (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), the requirements of this Security Agreement to deliver possession of Collateral Agent shall be deemed satisfied by the delivery of possession of such Collateral to a Senior Representative (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) and as bailee for the Collateral Agent as provided in the Intercreditor Agreement.

8.2 <u>Amendments in Writing</u>. None of the terms or provisions of this Security Agreement may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except by a written instrument executed by the affected Grantor and the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

8.3 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to (i) any Grantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

8.4 <u>No Waiver by Course of Conduct; Cumulative Remedies</u>. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to <u>Section 8.2</u>), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder on any other right, power or privilege. A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or such other Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

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# 8.5 Enforcement Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) Each Grantor agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by any Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, such Grantor under this Security Agreement, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Grantor agrees to pay, and to save the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties harmless from, any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Security Agreement to the extent the Credit Parties would be required to do so pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The agreements in this <u>Section 8.5</u> shall survive repayment of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

8.6 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The provisions of this Security Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that no Grantor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Security Agreement without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent except pursuant to a transaction permitted by the Credit Agreement.

8.7 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Security Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Security Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Security Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings.

8.8 <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Security Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

8.9 <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Security Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

8.10 Integration. This Security Agreement together with the other Credit Documents represents the agreement of each of the Grantors with respect to the subject matter hereof and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth herein or in the other Credit Documents.

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8.11 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

8.12 <u>Submission To Jurisdiction Waivers</u>. Each party hereto hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 8.3</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of any other party hereto (or any Secured Party) to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Grantor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 8.12 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

8.13 <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each party hereto hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Security Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party;

(b) neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to any Grantor arising out of or in connection with this Security Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, and the relationship between the Grantors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders and any other Secured Party or among the Grantors and the Lenders and any other Secured Party.

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8.14 <u>Additional Grantors</u>. Each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to this Security Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Grantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Grantor herein, for all purposes of this Security Agreement upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto. The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Grantor as a party to this Security Agreement shall not require the consent of any other Grantor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Grantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Grantor as a party to this Security Agreement.

#### 8.15 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS SECURITY AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Security Agreement to be duly executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC. as a Grantor

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

VISION HOLDING CORP., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

AMERICA'S BEST MCHENRY IL, LLC,

as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC.,

as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: Chief Executive Officer

CONSOLIDATED VISION GROUP, INC., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC, as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.

as a Grantor

By:

/s/ Peter M. Clarkson

Name: Peter M. Clarkson Title: President

## VC IV, LLC,

as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC., as a Grantor

as a

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATIONS, LTD., as a Grantor

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By:

/s/ Julie Lilienfeld

Name: Julie Lilienfeld Title: Authorized Signatory

ANNEX A TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_] (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), to the Second Lien Security Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Security Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 8.14</u> (each such entity being a "<u>Subsidiary Grantor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Grantors</u>"; the Subsidiary Grantors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Grantors</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

A. Reference is made to the Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>") among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party\_thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

Agreement.

B.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Security

C. The Grantors have entered into the Security Agreement in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower.

D. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 8.14 of the Security Agreement provide that each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to the Security Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Grantor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Subsidiary Grantor therein, for all purposes of the Security Agreement upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Subsidiary (each a "New Grantor") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Security Agreement to become a Subsidiary Grantor under the Security Agreement in order to induce the Lenders to make Loans.

Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and the New Grantors agree as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 8.14 of the Security Agreement, each New Grantor by its signature below becomes a Grantor under the Security Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Grantor and each New Grantor hereby (a) agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Security Agreement applicable to it as a Grantor thereunder and (b) represents and warrants that the representations and warranties made by it as a Grantor thereunder are true and correct on and as of the date hereof. In furtherance of the foregoing, each New Grantor, as security for the payment and performance in full of the Obligations, does hereby grant to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a Security Interest in all of the Collateral of such New Grantor, in each case whether now or hereafter existing or in which it now has or hereafter acquires an interest. Each reference to a "Grantor" in the Security Agreement shall be deemed to include each New Grantor. The Security Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. Each New Grantor represents and warrants to the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties that this Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to the effects of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general equitable principles.

SECTION 3. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings. This Supplement shall become effective as to each New Grantor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such New Grantor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 4. Such New Grantor hereby represents and warrants that (a) as of the date hereof, set forth on Schedule I hereto is (i) its exact legal name, as such name appears in its respective certificate of incorporation or formation or any other organizational document filed in its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or organization, (ii) its type of organization, (iii) its organizational identification number, if any, (iv) its jurisdiction of formation and (v) the address of its chief executive office and (b) as of the date hereof (i) Schedule II hereto lists all of each New Grantor's registered Copyrights (and all applications therefor), (ii) Schedule III hereto lists all of each New Grantor's registered Trademarks (and all applications therefor), and (vii) Schedule V hereto lists all of each New Grantor's Commercial Tort Claims with a claim value of \$10,000,000 or more.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Security Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

## SECTION 6. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Security Agreement, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 8. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each New Grantor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Security Agreement are expressly subject and subordinate to the liens and security interests granted in favor of the Senior Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), including liens and security interests granted to Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent, pursuant to or in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern.

#### [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each New Grantor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Security Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW GRANTOR], as the New Grantor

By:

Name: Title:

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

SCHEDULE I TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

## COLLATERAL

	Type of		
	Jurisdiction of	Organization or	Organizational
	Incorporation or	Corporate	Identification
Legal Name	Organization	Structure	Number

SCHEDULE II TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

U.S. REGISTERED COPYRIGHTS

Registrations:

OWNER

**REGISTRATION NUMBER** 

TITLE

SCHEDULE III TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENT

#### U.S. PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

OWNER

APPLICATION NUMBER REGISTRATION NUMBER

TITLE

SCHEDULE IV TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

## U.S. REGISTERED TRADEMARKS AND TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

	APPLICATION	REGISTRATION	
OWNER	NUMBER	NUMBER	TRADEMARK

SCHEDULE V TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE <u>SECURITY AGREEMENT</u>

COMMERCIAL TORT CLAIMS

ANNEX B TO THE SECURITY AGREEMENT

#### FORM OF SECOND LIEN GRANT OF <u>SECURITY INTEREST IN [TRADEMARK/PATENT/COPYRIGHT] RIGHTS</u>

This SECOND LIEN GRANT OF SECURITY INTEREST IN [TRADEMARK/ PATENT/ COPYRIGHT] RIGHTS (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_], is made by [\_\_], a [\_\_] (the "<u>Grantor</u>"), in favor of Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Agent</u>") for the several banks and other financial institutions (the "<u>Lenders</u>") from time to time parties to the Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), the Lenders from time to time party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make loans to the Borrower upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Credit Agreement, each Grantor and any Subsidiaries that become a party thereto, have executed and delivered a Second Lien Security Agreement, dated as of [], 2014 in favor of the Agent (together with all amendments and modifications, if any, from time to time thereafter made thereto, the "Security Agreement");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Security Agreement, Grantor has pledged and granted to the Agent for the benefit of the Agent and the Secured Parties continuing security interest in all Intellectual Property, including the [Trademarks/Patents/Copyrights], that is not Excluded Property; and

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to induce the Lenders to make loans, Grantor agrees, for the benefit of the Agent and the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Definitions</u>. Unless otherwise defined herein or the context otherwise requires, terms used in this Agreement, including its preamble and recitals, have the meanings provided or provided by reference in the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement.

2. <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. Grantor hereby grants a security interest in all of Grantor's right, title and interest in, to and under the [Trademarks/Patents/Copyrights] that are not Excluded Property (including, without limitation, those items listed on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto), including [the goodwill associated with such Trademarks and]<sup>1</sup> the right to receive all Proceeds therefrom (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"), to the Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties as collateral security for payment and performance when due of the Obligations[; <u>provided</u> that, applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office to register trademarks or service marks on the basis of Grantor's "intent to use" such trademarks or service marks will not be deemed to be Collateral unless and until an amendment to allege use or a statement of use has been filed and accepted by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, whereupon such application shall be automatically subject to the security interest granted herein and deemed to be included in the Collateral.]<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Language applicable to Grant of Security Interest in Trademark Rights

3. <u>Purpose</u>. This Agreement has been executed and delivered by Grantor for the purpose of recording the grant of security interest herein with the United States [Patent and Trademark][Copyright] Office. The security interest granted hereby has been granted to the Secured Parties in connection with the Security Agreement and is expressly subject to the terms and conditions thereof. The Security Agreement (and all rights and remedies of the Secured Parties thereunder) shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

4. <u>Acknowledgment</u>. Grantor does hereby further acknowledge and affirm that the rights and remedies of the Secured Parties with respect to the security interest in the Collateral granted hereby are more fully set forth in the Credit Agreement and the Security Agreement, the terms and provisions of which (including the remedies provided for therein) are incorporated by reference herein as if fully set forth herein. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Security Agreement, the terms of the Security Agreement shall govern.

5. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together constitute one and the same original.

6. <u>Governing Law</u>: This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York.

<sup>2</sup> Language applicable to Grant of Security Interest in Trademark Rights

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized as of the day and year first above written.

[], as the Grantor		
By: Name: Title:		

[Grant of Security Interest in [Trademark/Patent/Copyright] Rights]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By: Name: Title:

[Grant of Security Interest in [Trademark/Patent/Copyright] Rights]

## SCHEDULE A

## U.S. [Patent/Trademark/Copyright] Registrations and Applications

[For Patents:]

OWNER	APPLICATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION NUMBER	TITLE
[For Trademarks:]			
OWNER	APPLICATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION NUMBER	TRADEMARK
[For Copyrights:]			
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#### Exhibit 10.12

#### SECOND LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT

SECOND LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>"), among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("NVI"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 29</u> hereof (each such Subsidiary Delagor" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Pledgors</u>"; the Subsidiary Pledgors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Pledgors</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are party to the Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the lending institutions from time to time parties thereto (each a "<u>Lender</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Lenders</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent;

WHEREAS, (a) pursuant to the Credit Agreement, the Lenders have severally agreed to make Loans to the Borrower upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "Equity Rollover") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("Parent"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "Equity Rollover Contribution") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Second Lien Guarantee, dated as of the date hereof (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>"), each Pledgor (other than the Borrower) has agreed to unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, the prompt and complete payment and performance when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Obligations (as defined below);

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the Loans will be used in part to enable the Borrower to make valuable transfers to the other Pledgors in connection with the operation of their respective businesses;

WHEREAS, each Pledgor acknowledges that it will derive substantial direct and indirect benefit from the making of the Loans; and

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, (a) the Pledgors are the legal and beneficial owners of the Equity Interests described in Schedule 1 hereto and issued by the entities named therein (such Equity Interests, together with any Equity Interests of the issuer of such Equity Interests or any other issuer directly held by any Pledgor in the future, in each case, except to the extent excluded from the Collateral for the Obligations pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 2 below, referred to collectively herein as the "<u>Pledged Shares</u>") and (b) each of the Pledgors is the legal and beneficial owner of the Indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note in excess of \$10,000,000 and described in Schedule 1 hereto (together with any other Indebtedness owed to any Pledgor hereafter and required to be pledged pursuant to Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement, the "<u>Pledged Debt</u>");

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement and to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans, the Pledgors hereby agree with the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, as follows:

1. <u>Defined Terms</u>.

(a) Unless otherwise defined herein, terms defined in the Credit Agreement and used herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement. Any term used herein or in the Credit Agreement without definition that is defined in the UCC has the meaning given to it in the UCC.

- (b) "<u>Collateral</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2</u>.
- (c) "<u>Collateral Agent</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (d) "<u>Company</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (e) "Equity Interests" shall mean, collectively, Capital Stock and Stock Equivalents.
- (f) "<u>Guarantee</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (g) "<u>Holdings</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (h) "<u>Obligations</u>" shall mean the Obligations (as defined in the Credit Agreement).
- (i) "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the preamble hereto.
- (j) "<u>Pledged Debt</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (k) "<u>Pledged Shares</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (l) "<u>Pledgors</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (m) "<u>Proceeds</u>" has the meaning given to it in the UCC.
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- (n) "<u>Security Interest</u>" shall have the meaning provided in <u>Section 2</u>.
- (o) "<u>Subsidiary Pledgor</u>" shall have the meaning provided in the recitals hereto.
- (p) "<u>Termination Date</u>" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in <u>Section 13(a)</u>.

(q) "<u>UCC</u>" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the State of New York; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, in the event that, by reason of mandatory provisions of law, any of the attachment, perfection or priority of the Collateral Agent's and the Secured Parties' security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, the term "<u>UCC</u>" shall mean the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such attachment, perfection or priority and for purposes of definitions related to such provisions.

(r) Sections 1.2, 1.5, 1.9 and 1.10 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein by reference, *mutatis mutandis*.

2. <u>Grant of Security</u>. As collateral security for the payment and performance when due of all of the Obligations, each Pledgor hereby collaterally assigns and pledges to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien on and a security interest in (the "<u>Security Interest</u>") all of such Pledgor's right, title and interest in, to and under the following, whether now owned or existing or at any time hereafter acquired or existing (collectively, the "<u>Collateral</u>"):

(a) the Pledged Shares held by such Pledgor and the certificates representing such Pledged Shares and any interest of such Pledgor in the entries on the books of the issuer of the Pledged Shares or any financial intermediary pertaining to the Pledged Shares and all dividends, cash, warrants, rights, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Pledged Shares.

(b) the Pledged Debt and the instruments evidencing the Pledged Debt owed to such Pledgor, and all interest, cash, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of such Pledged Debt; and

(c) to the extent not covered by clauses (a) and (b) above, respectively, all Proceeds of any or all of the foregoing Collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Collateral (and any defined term used in the definition thereof) for the Obligations shall not include any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or any Excluded Property.

3. Delivery of the Collateral. All certificates or instruments, if any, representing or evidencing the Collateral shall be promptly (and in any event within 90 days (or such longer period as the Collateral Agent may reasonably agree)), delivered to and held by or on behalf of the Collateral Agent pursuant hereto to the extent required by the Credit Agreement and shall be in suitable form for transfer by delivery, or shall be accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer or assignment in blank, all in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Agent. The Collateral Agent shall have the right, at any time after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the Intercreditor Agreement, and upon at least 3 Business Days' prior written notice to the relevant Pledgor, to transfer to or to register in the name of the Collateral Agent or any of its nominees any or all of the Pledged Shares.

4. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Each Pledgor represents and warrants, after giving effect to the Transactions, as follows:

(a) Schedule 1 hereto (i) correctly represents as of the Closing Date (A) the issuer, the certificate number, the Pledgor and the record and beneficial owner, the number and class and the percentage of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of such class of all Pledged Shares and (B) the issuer, the initial principal amount, the Pledgor and holder, date of issuance and maturity date of all Pledged Debt and (ii) together with the comparable schedule to each supplement hereto, includes all Equity Interests, debt securities and promissory notes required to be pledged hereunder. Except as set forth on Schedule 1, and except for Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents, the Pledged Shares represent all (or 66% in the case of pledges of the Voting Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries or any Domestic Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which consist of Capital Stock and/or debt of Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of each class of Equity Interests in the issuer on the Closing Date.

(b) Such Pledgor is the legal and beneficial owner of the Collateral pledged or collaterally assigned by such Pledgor hereunder free and clear of any Lien, except for Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement.

(c) As of the Closing Date, the Pledged Shares pledged by such Pledgor hereunder have been duly authorized and validly issued and, in the case of Pledged Shares issued by a corporation, are fully paid and non-assessable, in each case, to the extent such concepts are applicable in the jurisdiction of organization of the respective issuer.

(d) The execution and delivery by such Pledgor of this Pledge Agreement and the pledge of the Collateral pledged by such Pledgor hereunder pursuant hereto create a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in such Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction) and, upon delivery of such Collateral to the Collateral Agent, shall constitute a fully perfected Lien on and security interest in the Collateral, securing the payment of the Obligations, in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation and perfection of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(e) Such Pledgor has full organizational power, authority and legal right to pledge all the Collateral pledged by such Pledgor pursuant to this Pledge Agreement and this Pledge Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Pledgor (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

#### 5. <u>Certification of Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership Interests, Equity Interests in Foreign Subsidiaries and Pledged Debt.</u>

(a) With respect to any Equity Interests in any Subsidiary that are not a security as defined in Section 8-102(a)(15) of the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction or pursuant to Section 8-103 of the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction, if any Pledgor shall take any action that, under such sections, converts such Equity Interests into a security, such Pledgor shall give prompt written notice thereof to the Collateral Agent and cause the issuer thereof to issue to it certificates or instruments evidencing such Equity Interests, which it shall promptly deliver to the Collateral Agent as provided in <u>Section 3</u>.

(b) Each Pledgor will comply with Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) In the event that any Equity Interests in any Foreign Subsidiary pledged hereunder are not represented by a certificate, the Pledgors agree not to permit such Foreign Subsidiary to issue Equity Interests represented by a certificate to any other Person.

6. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the terms and limitations of Sections 9.11, 9.12 and 9.14 of the Credit Agreement and 3.2(c) of the Security Agreement, each Pledgor agrees that at any time and from time to time, at the expense of such Pledgor, it will execute or otherwise authorize the filing of any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all such further actions (including the filing and recording of financing statements, deeds of trust and other documents), which may be required under any applicable law, or which the Collateral Agent may reasonably request, in order (x) to perfect and protect any pledge, assignment or security interest granted or purported to be granted hereby (including the priority thereof) or (y) to enable the Collateral Agent to exercise and enforce its rights and remedies hereunder with respect to any Collateral. Each Pledgor hereby irrevocably authorizes the Collateral Agent and its Affiliates, counsel and other representatives, at any time and from time to time, to file or record financing statements, amendments to financing statements and, with notice to the applicable Grantors, other filing or recording documents or instruments with respect to the Collateral in such form and in such offices as the Collateral Agent reasonably determines appropriate to perfect the Security Interest of the Collateral Agent under this Pledge Agreement.

- 7. <u>Voting Rights; Dividends and Distributions; Etc.</u>
- (a) So long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing:

(i) Each Pledgor shall be entitled to exercise any and all voting and other consensual rights pertaining to the Collateral or any part thereof for any purpose not prohibited by the terms of this Pledge Agreement or the other Credit Documents.

(ii) The Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver (or cause to be executed and delivered) to each Pledgor all such proxies and other instruments as such Pledgor may reasonably request for the purpose of enabling such Pledgor to exercise the voting and other rights that it is entitled to exercise pursuant to paragraph (i) above.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c) below, each Pledgor shall be entitled to receive and retain and use, free and clear of the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement, any and all dividends, distributions, principal and interest made or paid in respect of the Collateral to the extent permitted by the Credit Agreement, as applicable; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any and all noncash dividends, interest, principal or other distributions that would constitute Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt, whether resulting from a subdivision, combination or reclassification of the outstanding Equity Interests of the issuer of any Pledged Shares or received in exchange for Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt or any part thereof, or in redemption thereof, or as a result of any merger, consolidation, acquisition or other exchange of assets to which such issuer may be a party or otherwise, shall be, and shall be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent to hold as, Collateral and shall, if received by such Pledgor, be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent, be segregated from the other property or funds of such Pledgor and be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

(c) Upon at least three Business Days' prior written notice to a Pledgor by the Collateral Agent that the Collateral Agent is exercising its rights under this <u>Section 7(c)</u>, following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement,

(i) all rights of such Pledgor to exercise or refrain from exercising the voting and other consensual rights that it would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to Section 7(a)(i) shall cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which shall thereupon have the sole right to exercise or refrain from exercising such voting and other consensual rights during the continuance of such Event of Default, provided that, unless otherwise directed by the Required Lenders, the Collateral Agent shall have the right from time to time following the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, to permit the Pledgors to exercise such rights. After all Events of Default have been cured or waived, each Pledgor will have the right to exercise the voting and consensual rights that such Pledgor would otherwise be entitled to exercise pursuant to the terms of Section 7(a)(i) (and the obligations of the Collateral Agent under Section 7(a)(i) shall be reinstated);

(ii) all rights of such Pledgor to receive the dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that such Pledgor would otherwise be authorized to receive and retain pursuant to <u>Section 7(b)</u> shall cease, and all such rights shall thereupon become vested in the Collateral Agent, which, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, shall thereupon have the sole right to receive and hold as Collateral such dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments during the continuance of such Event of Default. After all Events of Default have been cured or waived, the Collateral Agent shall repay to each Pledgor (without interest) all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments not otherwise applied in accordance with <u>Section 11(b)</u> that such Pledgor would otherwise be permitted to receive, retain and use pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 7(b)</u>;

(iii) all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that are received by such Pledgor contrary to the provisions of <u>Section</u> <u>7(b)</u> shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent and segregated from other property or funds of such Pledgor and shall forthwith be delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsements); and

(iv) in order to permit the Collateral Agent to receive all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments to which it may be entitled under <u>Section 7(b)</u> above, to exercise the voting and other consensual rights that it may be entitled to exercise pursuant to <u>Section 7(c)(i)</u> above, and to receive all dividends, distributions and principal and interest payments that it may be entitled to under <u>Sections 7(c)(ii)</u> and (c)(iii) above, such Pledgor shall from time to time execute and deliver to the Collateral Agent, appropriate proxies, dividend payment orders and other instruments as the Collateral Agent may reasonably request in writing, subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement.

shall:

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Transfers and Other Liens; Additional Collateral; Etc. Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, each Pledgor

(a) not (i) except as permitted by the Credit Agreement, sell or otherwise dispose of, or grant any option or warrant with respect to, any of the Collateral or (ii) create or suffer to exist any consensual Lien upon or with respect to any of the Collateral, except for Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement; provided that in the event such Pledgor sells or otherwise disposes of assets as permitted by the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party, and such assets are or include any of the Collateral, the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement shall be automatically released concurrently with the consummation of such sale, and upon the request of the applicable Pledgor the Collateral Agent shall evidence such release of such Collateral to such Pledgor; and

(b) use commercially reasonable efforts to defend its and the Collateral Agent's title or interest in and to all the Collateral (and in the Proceeds thereof) against any and all Liens (other than Permitted Liens and the Lien created by this Pledge Agreement), however arising, and any and all Persons whomsoever (except to the extent that the Collateral Agent and the Borrower agree that the cost of such defense is excessive in relation to the benefit to the Lenders thereof).

9. <u>Collateral Agent Appointed Attorney-in-Fact</u>. Each Pledgor hereby appoints, which appointment is irrevocable and coupled with an interest, and shall automatically terminate with respect to such Pledgor on the Termination Date or, if sooner, upon the release of such Pledgor hereunder pursuant to <u>Section 13</u>, the Collateral Agent as such Pledgor's attorney-in-fact, with full authority in the place and stead of such Pledgor and in the name of such Pledgor or otherwise, to take any action and to execute any instrument, in each case solely after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default (and upon prior written notice to such Pledgor that the Collateral Agent intends to take such action and subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement), that the Collateral Agent may deem reasonably necessary or advisable to accomplish the purposes of this Pledge Agreement, including to receive, indorse and collect all instruments made payable to such Pledgor representing any dividend, distribution or principal or interest payment in respect of the Collateral or any part thereof and to give full discharge for the same.

10. The Collateral Agent's Duties. The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent hereunder are solely to protect its interest in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty upon it to exercise any such powers. Except for the safe custody of any Collateral in its possession and the accounting for moneys actually received by it hereunder, the Collateral Agent shall have no duty as to any Collateral, as to ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, conversions, exchanges, maturities, tenders or other matters relative to any Pledged Shares, whether or not the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters, or as to the taking of any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties or any other rights pertaining to any Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be deemed to have exercised reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any Collateral in its possession if such Collateral is accorded treatment substantially equal to that which the Collateral Agent accords its own property. The Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for or have a duty to ascertain or inquire into any representation or warranty regarding the existence, value or collectability of the Collateral, the existence, priority or perfection of the Collateral Agent's Lien thereon, or any certificate prepared by any Credit Party in connection therewith, nor shall the Collateral Agent be responsible or liable to the Lenders for any failure to monitor or maintain any portion of the Collateral.

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11. <u>Remedies.</u> Subject to the terms of the Intercreditor Agreements, if any Event of Default shall have occurred and be

The Collateral Agent may exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise (a) available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party upon default under the UCC or any other applicable law (whether or not the UCC applies to the affected Collateral) and also may upon prior notice to the relevant Pledgor, sell the Collateral or any part thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale or sales, at any exchange broker's board or at any of the Collateral Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit or for future delivery, at such price or prices and upon such other terms as are commercially reasonable irrespective of the impact of any such sales on the market price of the Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall be authorized at any such sale of Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt (if it deems it advisable to do so) to restrict the prospective bidders or purchasers of Collateral to Persons who will represent and agree that they are purchasing the Collateral for their own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or sale thereof, and, upon consummation of any such sale, the Collateral Agent shall have the right to assign, transfer and deliver to the purchaser or purchasers thereof the Pledged Shares or Pledged Debt so sold. Each purchaser at any such sale shall hold the property sold absolutely free from any claim or right on the part of any Pledgor, and each Pledgor hereby waives (to the extent permitted by law) all rights of redemption, stay and/or appraisal that it now has or may at any time in the future have under any rule of law or statute now existing or hereafter enacted. The Collateral Agent or any Secured Party shall have the right upon any such public sale, and, to the extent permitted by law, upon any such private sale, to purchase all or any part of the Collateral so sold, and the Collateral Agent or such Secured Party may pay the purchase price by crediting the amount thereof against the Obligations. Each Pledgor agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law, at least ten days' notice to such Pledgor of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Collateral Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. To the extent permitted by law, each Pledgor hereby waives any claim against the Collateral Agent arising by reason of the fact that the price at which any Collateral may have been sold at such a private sale was less than the price that might have been obtained at a public sale, even if the Collateral Agent accepts the first offer received and does not offer such Collateral to more than one offeree.

(b) Subject to the Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the Collateral Agent shall apply the Proceeds of any collection or sale of the Collateral as well as any Collateral consisting of cash, at any time after receipt in the order set forth in Section 11.14 of the Credit Agreement.

Upon any sale of the Collateral by the Collateral Agent (including pursuant to a power of sale granted by statute or under a judicial proceeding), the receipt of the Collateral Agent or of the officer making the sale shall be a sufficient discharge to the purchaser or purchasers of the Collateral so sold and such purchaser or purchasers shall not be obligated to see to the application of any part of the purchase money paid over to the Collateral Agent or such officer or be answerable in any way for the misapplication thereof.

(c) All payments received by any Pledgor in respect of the Collateral after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, shall be received in trust for the benefit of the Collateral Agent shall be segregated from other property or funds of such Pledgor and shall be forthwith delivered to the Collateral Agent as Collateral in the same form as so received (with any necessary endorsement).

Amendments, etc. with Respect to the Obligations; Waiver of Rights. Each Pledgor shall remain obligated hereunder 12. notwithstanding that, without any reservation of rights against any Pledgor and without notice to or further assent by any Pledgor, (a) any demand for payment of any of the Obligations made by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may be rescinded by such party and any of the Obligations continued, (b) the Obligations, or the liability of any other party upon or for any part thereof, or any collateral security or guarantee therefor or right of offset with respect thereto, may, from time to time, in whole or in part, be renewed, extended, amended, modified, accelerated, compromised, waived, surrendered or released by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, (c) the Credit Agreement, the other Credit Documents and any other documents executed and delivered in connection therewith may be amended, modified, supplemented or terminated, in whole or in part, as the Administrative Agent (or the Required Lenders, as the case may be) may deem advisable from time to time and (d) any collateral security, guarantee or right of offset at any time held by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party for the payment of the Obligations may be sold, exchanged, waived, surrendered or released. Neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any obligation to protect, secure, perfect or insure any Lien at any time held by it as security for the Obligations or for this Pledge Agreement or any property subject thereto. When making any demand hereunder against any Pledgor, the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, make a similar demand on any Pledgor or any other Person, and any failure by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party to make any such demand or to collect any payments from any Pledgor or any other Person or any release of the Company or any Pledgor or any other Person shall not relieve any Pledgor in respect of which a demand or collection is not made or any Pledgor not so released of its several obligations or liabilities hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, express or implied, or as a matter of law, of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party against any Pledgor. For the purposes hereof "demand" shall include the commencement and continuance of any legal proceedings.

#### 13. Continuing Security Interest; Assignments Under the Credit Agreement; Release.

(a) This Pledge Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be binding in accordance with and to the extent of its terms upon each Pledgor and the successors and assigns thereof, and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors, endorsees, transferees and assigns permitted under the Credit Agreement until the date on which all the Obligations under the Credit Documents (other than, in each case, any contingent indemnity obligations not then due) and the Commitments shall have terminated (such date, the "Termination Date"), notwithstanding that from time to time during the term of the Credit Agreement the Credit Parties may be free from any Obligations.

(b) Any Pledgor shall automatically be released from its obligations hereunder and the Collateral of such Pledgor shall be automatically released as it relates to the Obligations upon such Pledgor ceasing to be a Credit Party in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement. Any such release in connection with any sale, transfer or other disposition of such Collateral permitted under the Credit Agreement to a Person that is not a Credit Party shall result in such Collateral being sold, transferred or disposed of, as applicable, free and clear of the Liens of this Pledge Agreement.

(c) The Collateral shall be automatically released from the Liens of this Pledge Agreement as it relates to the Obligations (i) to the extent provided for in Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement and (ii) upon the effectiveness of any written consent to the release of the security interest granted in such Collateral pursuant to Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(d) In connection with any termination or release pursuant to the foregoing paragraph (a), (b) or (c), the Collateral Agent shall execute and deliver to any Pledgor or authorize the filing of, at such Pledgor's expense, all documents that such Pledgor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination or release subject to, if reasonably requested by the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent's receipt of a certification by the Borrower and the applicable Pledgor stating that such transaction is in compliance with the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents. Any execution and delivery of documents pursuant to this <u>Section 13</u> shall be without recourse to or warranty by the Collateral Agent.

14. <u>Reinstatement</u>. Each Pledgor further agrees that, if any payment made by any Credit Party or other Person and applied to the Obligations is at any time annulled, avoided, set aside, rescinded, invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential or otherwise required to be refunded or repaid, or the Proceeds of Collateral are required to be returned by any Secured Party to such Credit Party, its estate, trustee, receiver or any other Person, including any Pledgor, under any bankruptcy law, state, federal or foreign law, common law or equitable cause, then, to the extent of such payment or repayment, any Lien or other Collateral securing such liability shall be and remain in full force and effect, as fully as if such payment had never been made or, if prior thereto the Lien granted hereby or other Collateral securing such liability hereunder shall have been released or terminated by virtue of such cancellation or surrender), such Lien or other Collateral shall be reinstated in full force and effect, and such prior cancellation or surrender shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect any Lien or other Collateral securing the obligations of any Pledgor in respect of the amount of such payment.

15. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to any Pledgor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Pledge Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Pledge Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

17. <u>Severability</u>. Any provision of this Pledge Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

18. Integration. This Pledge Agreement together with the other Credit Documents represents the agreement of each of the Pledgors with respect to the subject matter hereof and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party relative to the subject matter hereof not expressly set forth herein or in the other Credit Documents.

#### 19. <u>Amendments in Writing; No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies</u>.

(a) None of the terms or provisions of this Pledge Agreement may be waived, amended, supplemented or otherwise modified except by a written instrument executed by the affected Pledgor and the Collateral Agent in accordance with Section 13.1 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Neither the Collateral Agent nor any Secured Party shall by any act (except by a written instrument pursuant to <u>Section 19(a)</u>), delay, indulgence, omission or otherwise be deemed to have waived any right or remedy hereunder or to have acquiesced in any Default or Event of Default or in any breach of any of the terms and conditions hereof. No failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party, any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof. No single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. A waiver by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any right or remedy hereunder on any one occasion shall not be construed as a bar to any right or remedy that the Collateral Agent or such other Secured Party would otherwise have on any future occasion.

(c) The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative, may be exercised singly or concurrently and are not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided by law.

20. <u>Section Headings</u>. The Section headings used in this Pledge Agreement are for convenience of reference only and are not to affect the construction hereof or be taken into consideration in the interpretation hereof.

21. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Pledge Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of each Pledgor and shall inure to the benefit of the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, except that no Pledgor may assign, transfer or delegate any of its rights or obligations under this Pledge Agreement without the prior written consent of the Collateral Agent or as otherwise permitted by the Credit Agreement.

22. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT, ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

23. <u>Submission to Jurisdiction; Waivers</u>. Each party hereto irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address referred to in <u>Section 15</u> or at such other address of which the Collateral Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of any other party hereto (or any Secured Party) to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against any Pledgor in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this <u>Section 23</u> any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

#### 24. <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS PLEDGE AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

25. Intercreditor Agreements. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Pledge Agreement are expressly subject and subordinate to the liens and security interests granted in favor of the Senior Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), including liens and security interests granted to Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as collateral agent, pursuant to or in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement, and (ii) the exercise of any right or remedy by the Collateral Agent hereunder is subject to the limitations and provisions of the Intercreditor Agreement then in effect. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement then in effect. In the event of and control. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, prior to the Discharge of Senior Obligations (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), the requirements of this Pledge Agreement to deliver possession of Collateral to the Collateral Agent shall be deemed satisfied by the delivery of possession of such Collateral to a Senior Representative (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement) and as bailee for the Collateral Agent as provided in the Intercreditor Agreement.

#### 26. Enforcement Expenses; Indemnification.

(a) Each Pledgor agrees to pay any and all reasonable and documented out of pocket expenses (including all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel) that may be paid or incurred by any Secured Party in enforcing, or obtaining advice of counsel in respect of, any rights with respect to, or collecting, any or all of the Obligations and/or enforcing any rights with respect to, or collecting against, such Pledgor under this Pledge Agreement, in each case subject to the limitations on reimbursement of costs and expenses set forth in Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(b) Each Pledgor agrees to pay, and to save the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties harmless from, any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Pledge Agreement to the extent the Borrower would be required to do so pursuant to Section 13.5 of the Credit Agreement.

(c) The agreements in this <u>Section 26</u> shall survive repayment of the Obligations and all other amounts payable under the Credit Agreement and the other Credit Documents.

27. <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Each party hereto hereby acknowledges that:

(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Pledge Agreement and the other Credit Documents to which it is a party;

(b) neither the Collateral Agent nor any other Secured Party has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to any Pledgor arising out of or in connection with this Pledge Agreement or any of the other Credit Documents, and the relationship between the Pledgors, on the one hand, and the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and

(c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Credit Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Lenders and any other Secured Party or among the Pledgors and the Lenders and any other Secured Party.

28. <u>Additional Pledgors.</u> Each Subsidiary that is required to become a party to this Pledge Agreement pursuant to Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement shall become a Subsidiary Pledgor, with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Pledgor herein, for all purposes of this Pledge Agreement, upon execution and delivery by such Subsidiary of a written supplement substantially in the form of Annex A hereto. The execution and delivery of any instrument adding an additional Pledgor as a party to this Pledge Agreement shall not require the consent of any other Pledgor hereunder. The rights and obligations of each Pledgor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Pledgor as a party to this Pledge Agreement.

### [SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has caused this Pledge Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by its duly authorized officer as of the day and year first above written.

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ Adam Waglay

Name: Adam Waglay Title: Vice President

[signature page of Second Lien Pledge Agreement]

VISION HOLDING CORP., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC., as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC, as a Pledgor

By: /s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[signature page of Second Lien Pledge Agreement]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By: /s/ Julie Lilienfeld

Name: Julie Lilienfeld Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of Second Lien Pledge Agreement]

# ANNEX A TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_], dated as of [\_\_], 20[\_\_] (this "<u>Supplement</u>"), to the SECOND LIEN PLEDGE AGREEMENT (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Pledge Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 13, 2013, among Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), Nautilus Merger Sub, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>MergerSub</u>"), Vision Holding Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), National Vision, Inc., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), each of the Subsidiaries listed on the signature pages hereto or that becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 29</u> hereof (each such Subsidiary being a "<u>Subsidiary Pledgor</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Subsidiary Pledgors</u>"; the Subsidiary Pledgors, Holdings, MergerSub and the Company are referred to collectively as the "<u>Pledgors</u>"), and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, as collateral agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>") for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

A. Reference is made to (i) the Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), among Holdings, MergerSub, the Company, NVI, the Lenders from time to time party thereto and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, and (ii) the Second Lien Guarantee, dated as of the date of the Pledge Agreement (as the same may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Guarantee</u>"), among the Guarantors party thereto and the Collateral Agent.

B. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Pledge Agreement.

C. The Pledgors have entered into the Pledge Agreement in order to induce the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders to enter into the Credit Agreement, to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower.

D. The undersigned Guarantors (each an "<u>Additional Pledgor</u>") are, as of the date hereof, (a) the legal and beneficial owners of the Equity Interests described in Schedule 1 hereto and issued by the entities named therein (such Equity Interests, together with any Equity Interests of the issuer of such Equity Interests or any other issuer directly held directly by any such Additional Pledgor in the future, in each case, except to the extent excluded from the Additional Collateral for the Obligations pursuant to the penultimate paragraph of <u>Section 1</u> below, referred to collectively herein as the "<u>Additional Pledged</u> <u>Shares</u>") and (b) the legal and beneficial owners of the Indebtedness evidenced by a promissory note in excess of \$10,000,000 described in Schedule 1 hereto (together with any other Indebtedness owed to any such Additional Pledgor hereafter and required to be pledged pursuant to Section 9.12 of the Credit Agreement, the "<u>Additional Pledged Debt</u>").

E. Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 28 of the Pledge Agreement provide that additional Subsidiaries may become Subsidiary Pledgors under the Pledge Agreement by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. Each undersigned Additional Pledgor is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.11 of the Credit Agreement and Section 28 of the Pledge Agreement to pledge to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties the Additional Pledged Shares and the Additional Pledged Debt and to become a Subsidiary Pledgor under the Pledge Agreement in order to induce the Lenders to make their respective Loans to the Borrower.

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Accordingly, the Collateral Agent and each undersigned Additional Pledgor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. Each Additional Pledgor by its signature hereby collaterally assigns and pledges to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, and hereby grants to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in all of such Additional Pledgor's right, title and interest in the following, whether now owned or existing or hereafter acquired or existing (collectively, the "Additional Collateral"):

(a) the Additional Pledged Shares held by such Additional Pledgor and the certificates representing such Additional Pledged Shares and any interest of such Additional Pledgor in the entries on the books of the issuer of the Additional Pledged Shares or any financial intermediary pertaining to the Additional Pledged Shares and all dividends, cash, warrants, rights, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of the Additional Pledged Shares;

(b) the Additional Pledged Debt and the instruments evidencing the Additional Pledged Debt owed to such Additional Pledger, and all interest, cash, instruments and other property or Proceeds from time to time received, receivable or otherwise distributed in respect of or in exchange for any or all of such Additional Pledged Debt; and

(c) to the extent not covered by clauses (a) and (b) above, respectively, all Proceeds of any or all of the foregoing Additional Collateral.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Additional Collateral (and any defined term used in the definition thereof) for the Obligations shall not include any Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents or any Excluded Property.

For purposes of the Pledge Agreement, the Collateral shall be deemed to include the Additional Collateral.

SECTION 2. Each Additional Pledgor by its signature below becomes a Pledgor under the Pledge Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Pledgor, and each Additional Pledgor hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the Pledge Agreement applicable to it as a Pledgor thereunder. Each reference to a "Subsidiary Pledgor" or a "Pledgor" in the Pledge Agreement shall be deemed to include each Additional Pledgor. The Pledge Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. Each Additional Pledgor represents and warrants as follows:

(a) Schedule 1 hereto correctly represents as of the date hereof (A) the issuer, the certificate number, the Additional Pledgor and registered owner, the number and class and the percentage of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of such class of all Additional Pledged Shares and (B) the issuer, the initial principal amount, the Additional Pledgor and holder, date of and maturity date of all Additional Pledged Debt. Except as set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> and except for Excluded Stock and Stock Equivalents, the Additional Pledged Shares represent all (or 66% in the case of pledges of the Voting Stock of Foreign Subsidiaries or any Domestic Subsidiary substantially all of the assets of which consist of equity and/or debt of Foreign Subsidiaries that are CFCs) of the issued and outstanding Equity Interests of Equity Interests of the issuer thereof.

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(b) Such Additional Pledgor is the legal and beneficial owner of the Additional Collateral pledged or collaterally assigned by such Additional Pledgor hereunder free and clear of any Lien, except for Permitted Liens and the Liens created by this Supplement to the Pledge Agreement.

(c) As of the date of this Supplement, the Additional Pledged Shares pledged by such Additional Pledgor hereunder have been duly authorized and validly issued and, in the case of Additional Pledged Shares issued by a corporation, are fully paid and non-assessable, in each case, to the extent such concepts are applicable in the jurisdiction of organization of the respective issuer.

(d) The execution and delivery by such Additional Pledgor of this Supplement and the pledge of the Additional Collateral pledged by such Additional Pledgor pursuant hereto create a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in such Additional Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction) and, upon delivery of such Additional Collateral to the Collateral Agent, shall constitute a fully perfected lien and security interest in the Additional Collateral (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the creation and perfection of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), securing the payment of the Obligations, in favor of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

(e) Such Additional Pledgor has full organizational power, authority and legal right to pledge all the Additional Collateral pledged by such Additional Pledgor pursuant to this Supplement, and this Supplement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Additional Pledgor (with respect to Collateral consisting of the Equity Interests or Pledged Debt of Foreign Subsidiaries, to the extent the enforceability of such Security Interest is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction), enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject to general principles of equity and principles of good faith and fair dealing.

SECTION 4. This Supplement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Supplement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. A set of the copies of this Supplement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Collateral Agent and Holdings. This Supplement shall become effective as to each Additional Pledgor when the Collateral Agent shall have received counterparts of this Supplement that, when taken together, bear the signatures of such Additional Pledgor and the Collateral Agent.

SECTION 5. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the Pledge Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

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# SECTION 6. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 7. Any provision of this Supplement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and in the Pledge Agreement, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 8. All notices, requests and demands pursuant hereto shall be made in accordance with Section 15 of the Pledge Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to each Additional Pledgor shall be given to it in care of Holdings at Holdings' address set forth in Section 13.2 of the Credit Agreement.

SECTION 9. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the liens and security interests granted to the Collateral Agent pursuant to the Pledge Agreement are expressly subject and subordinate to the liens and security interests granted in favor of the Senior Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement), including liens and security interests granted to Goldman Sachs Bank USA, as administrative agent, pursuant to or in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Additional Pledgor and the Collateral Agent have duly executed this Supplement to the Pledge Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF ADDITIONAL PLEDGOR], as an Additional Pledgor

By:

Name: Title:

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Collateral Agent

By:

Name: Title:

[Supplement to the Second Lien Pledge Agreement]

SCHEDULE 1 TO SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_] TO THE PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Pledged Shares				
Record owner	Issuer	Certificate No.	Number of Shares	% of Shares Owned
		<u>Pledged Debt</u>		
Рауее	Issuer	Principal Amount	Date of Instrument	Maturity Date

# Exhibit 10.13

## FIRST LIEN/SECOND LIEN INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT

among

# NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.,

# NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, and

the other Grantors party hereto,

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Senior Representative for the Credit Agreement Secured Parties,

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as the Initial Second Priority Representative,

and

each additional Representative from time to time party hereto

dated as of March 13, 2014

FIRST LIEN/SECOND LIEN INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT, dated as of March 13, 2014 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), VISION HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>") the other Grantors (as defined below) party hereto, GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA ("<u>Goldman</u>"), as Representative for the Credit Agreement Secured Parties (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>"), MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Representative for the Initial Second Priority Debt Parties (in such capacity, the "<u>Initial Second Priority Representative</u>"), and each additional Second Priority Representative and Senior Representative\_that from time to time becomes a party hereto pursuant to <u>Section 8.09</u>.

WHEREAS, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 6, 2014 (the "<u>Acquisition Agreement</u>"), by and among Holdings, Initial Borrower, the Company and BSR LLC, Holdings will acquire the Company through an acquisition transaction pursuant to the Acquisition Agreement whereby Initial Borrower will merge (the "<u>Merger</u>") with and into the Company, with the Company surviving the Merger;

WHEREAS, (i) immediately prior to the Merger, certain stockholders of the Company will contribute Equity Interests held by them (the "<u>Equity</u> <u>Rollover</u>") to Nautilus Parent, Inc. ("<u>Parent</u>"), (ii) immediately after giving effect to the Merger, the Equity Rollover will remain outstanding and held by Parent and (iii) on the Closing Date, after the Merger, Parent shall contribute (the "<u>Equity Rollover Contribution</u>") the Equity Rollover to Holdings and thereafter the Company shall be a wholly-owned\_Subsidiary of Holdings;

WHEREAS, following the consummation of the Acquisition and the Equity Rollover, the Company shall merge with and into NVI, and all rights and obligations of the Company as the "Borrower" shall be assumed by NVI;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Administrative Agent (for itself and on behalf of the Credit Agreement Secured Parties), the Initial Second Priority Representative (for itself and on behalf of the Initial Second Priority Debt Parties), each additional Senior Representative (for itself and on behalf of the Additional Senior Debt Parties under the applicable Additional Senior Debt Facility), the Grantors, and each additional Second Priority Representative (for itself and on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties under the applicable Second Priority Debt Facility) agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

#### Definitions

SECTION 1.01. <u>Certain Defined Terms</u>. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings set forth in the Credit Agreement or, if defined in the New York UCC, the meanings specified therein. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified below:

"Additional Senior Debt" means any Indebtedness that is issued or guaranteed by any Borrower and/or any Guarantor (other than Indebtedness constituting Credit Agreement Obligations) which Indebtedness and Guarantees are secured by the Senior Collateral (or a portion thereof) on a basis that is senior to the Second Priority Debt Obligations; provided, however, that (i) such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred, secured and guaranteed on such basis by each Senior Debt Document and Second Priority Debt Document and (ii) the Representative for the holders of such Indebtedness shall have (A) become party to this Agreement pursuant to, and by satisfying the conditions set forth in, Section 8.09 hereof and (B) become a party to the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement pursuant to, and by satisfying the conditions set forth in, Section 5.13 thereof; provided, further, that, if such Indebtedness will be the initial Additional Senior Debt incurred by the Borrowers, then the Guarantors, the Administrative Agent and the Representative for such Indebtedness shall have executed and delivered the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Additional Senior Debt shall include any Registered Equivalent Notes and Guarantees thereof by the Guarantors issued in exchange therefor.

"Additional Senior Debt Documents" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Debt, the promissory notes, indentures, credit agreements, the Senior Collateral Documents or other operative agreements evidencing or governing such Indebtedness.

"<u>Additional Senior Debt Facility</u>" means each indenture, credit agreement or other governing agreement with respect to any Additional Senior

"Additional Senior Debt Obligations" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Debt, (a) all principal of, and interest (including, without limitation, any interest, fees or expenses which accrues after the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, whether or not allowed or allowable as a claim in any such proceeding) payable with respect to, such Additional Senior Debt, (b) all other amounts payable by any Grantor to the related Additional Senior Debt Parties under the related Additional Senior Debt Documents, (c) any Secured Hedge Obligations secured under the Senior Collateral Documents securing the related series, issue or class of Additional Senior Debt, (d) any Secured Cash Management Obligations secured under the Senior Collateral Documents securing the related series, issue or class of Additional Senior Debt and (e) any renewals or extensions of the foregoing that are not prohibited by each Senior Debt Document and each Second Priority Debt Document. Additional Senior Debt Obligations shall include any Permitted Other Indebtedness (as defined in the Credit Agreement) that constitute Additional Senior Debt and guarantees thereof by the Grantors issued in exchange therefor.

"<u>Additional Senior Debt Parties</u>" means, with respect to any series, issue or class of Additional Senior Debt, the holders of such Indebtedness, the Representative with respect thereto, any trustee or agent therefor under any related Additional Senior Debt Documents and the beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Borrower or any Guarantor under any related Additional Senior Debt Documents.

"<u>Administrative Agent</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement and shall include any successor administrative agent and collateral agent as provided in Section 12 of the Credit Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if the Credit Agreement is Refinanced, then all references herein to the Administrative Agent shall refer to the administrative agent (or trustee) under the Refinancing.

"<u>Agreement</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.

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"Bankruptcy Law" means the Bankruptcy Code and any similar federal, state or foreign law for the relief of debtors.

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"Borrower" or "Borrowers" means, individually or collectively, the Initial Borrower, the Company and/or NVI as the context requires.

"Cash Management Agreement" means any agreement or arrangement to provide Cash Management Services.

"<u>Cash Management Services</u>" means any one or more of the following types of services or facilities (i) commercial credit cards, merchant card services, purchase or debit cards, including non-card e-payables services, or electronic funds transfer services, (ii) treasury management services (including controlled disbursement, overdraft automatic clearing house fund transfer services, return items, and interstate depository network services) and (iii) any other demand deposit or operating account relationships or other cash management services.

"Class Debt" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Class Debt Parties" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Class Debt Representatives" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Collateral" means the Senior Collateral and the Second Priority Collateral.

"Collateral Documents" means the Senior Collateral Documents and the Second Priority Collateral Documents.

"<u>Control</u>" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such other Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. "<u>Controlling</u>" and "<u>Controlled</u>" have meanings correlative thereto.

"<u>Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Holdings, the Initial Borrower, the Company, NVI, the lenders from time to time party thereto, Goldman, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the other parties thereto.

"Credit Agreement Loan Documents" means the Credit Agreement and the other "Credit Documents" as defined in the Credit Agreement (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof).

"Credit Agreement Obligations" means the "Obligations" as defined in the Credit Agreement (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof).

"Credit Agreement Secured Parties" means the "Secured Parties" as defined in the Credit Agreement (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof).

"Debt Facility" means any Senior Facility and any Second Priority Debt Facility.

"Designated Second Priority Representative" means (i) the Initial Second Priority Representative, until such time as the Second Priority Debt Facility under the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents ceases to be the only Second Priority Debt Facility under this Agreement and (ii) thereafter, the Second Priority Representative designated from time to time by the Second Priority Majority Representatives, in a written notice to the Designated Senior Representative and the Borrowers hereunder, as the "Designated Second Priority Representative" for purposes hereof.

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"Designated Senior Representative" means (i) if at any time there is only one Senior Representative for a Senior Facility with respect to which the Discharge of Senior Obligations has not occurred, such Senior Representative and (ii) at any time when <u>clause (i)</u> does not apply, the Applicable Authorized Representative (as defined in the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement) at such time. The Designated Second Priority Representative may treat the Administrative Agent as the Designated Senior Representative until such time as it receives written notice from the Administrative Agent that it was replaced as Designated Senior Representative.

#### "DIP Financing" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 6.01.

"Discharge" means, with respect to any Shared Collateral and any Debt Facility, the date on which (i) such Debt Facility and the Senior Obligations or Second Priority Debt Obligations thereunder, as the case may be, are no longer secured by such Shared Collateral pursuant to the terms of the documentation governing such Debt Facility or, with respect to any Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations secured by the Collateral Documents for such Debt Facility, either (x) such Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations have been paid in full and are no longer secured by the Shared Collateral pursuant to the terms of the documentation governing such Debt Facility, (y) such Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations are no longer secured Cash Management Obligations shall have been cash collateralized on terms satisfactory to each applicable counterparty (or other arrangements satisfactory to the applicable counterparty shall have been made) or (z) such Secured Hedge Obligations or Secured Cash Management Obligations are no longer secured by the Shared Collateral pursuant to the terms of the documentation governing such Debt Facility, (ii) any letters of credit issued under the Senior Facilities have terminated or have been cash collateralized or backstopped (in the amount and form required under the applicable Debt Facility) and (iii) all commitments of the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties under their respective Debt Facilities have terminated. The term "Discharged" shall have a corresponding meaning.

"<u>Discharge of Credit Agreement Obligations</u>" means, with respect to any Shared Collateral, the Discharge of the Credit Agreement Obligations with respect to such Shared Collateral; <u>provided</u> that the Discharge of Credit Agreement Obligations shall not be deemed to have occurred in\_connection with a Refinancing of such Credit Agreement Obligations with an Additional Senior Debt Facility secured by such Shared Collateral under one or more Additional Senior Debt Documents which has been designated in writing by the Administrative Agent (under the Credit Agreement so Refinanced) to the Designated Second Priority Representative as the "Credit Agreement" for purposes of this Agreement.

"Discharge of Senior Obligations" means the date on which the Discharge of Credit Agreement Obligations and the Discharge of each Additional Senior Debt Facility has occurred.

"First Lien Intercreditor Agreement" has the meaning assigned to such term in the Credit Agreement.

"Goldman" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"<u>Grantors</u>" means the Borrowers and each Subsidiary or direct or indirect parent company of Holdings which has granted a security interest pursuant to any Collateral Document to secure any Secured Obligations.

"Guarantors" means the "Guarantors" as defined in the Credit Agreement.

"Initial Second Priority Debt" means the Second Priority Debt incurred pursuant to the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents.

"Initial Second Priority Collateral Documents" means the Security Agreement and the other "Security Documents" as defined in the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents (or similar term in any Refinancing of the Initial Second Priority Debt) and each of the collateral agreements, security agreements, pledge agreements, debentures and other instruments and documents executed and delivered by a Borrower or any other Grantor for purposes of providing collateral security for the Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations.

"Initial Second Priority Debt Documents" means that certain Second Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014, among Holdings, the Initial Borrower, the Company, NVI, Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the other parties from time to time party thereto, and any notes, security documents, pledge agreements, debentures and other operative agreements evidencing or governing such Indebtedness, including any agreement entered into for the purpose of securing the Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations.

"Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations" means the "Obligations" as defined in the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof).

"Initial Second Priority Debt Parties" means the "Secured Parties" as defined in the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof) and the Initial Second Priority Representative.

"Initial Second Priority Representative" has the meaning assigned to such term in the introductory paragraph to this Agreement.

"Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding" means:

(1) any case commenced by or against a Borrower or any other Grantor under any Bankruptcy Law, any other proceeding for the reorganization, recapitalization or adjustment or marshalling of the assets or liabilities of a Borrower or any other Grantor, any receivership or assignment for the benefit of creditors relating to the Company or any other Grantor or any similar case or proceeding relative to a Borrower or any other Grantor or its creditors, as such, in each case whether or not voluntary;

(2) any liquidation, dissolution, marshalling of assets or liabilities or other winding up of or relating to a Borrower or any other Grantor, in each case whether or not voluntary and whether or not involving bankruptcy or insolvency; or

(3) any other proceeding of any type or nature in which substantially all claims of creditors of any Borrower or any other Grantor are determined and any payment or distribution is or may be made on account of such claims.

"Intellectual Property" means all "Copyrights," "Patents" and "Trademarks," each as defined in the Security Agreement.

"<u>Joinder Agreement</u>" means a supplement to this Agreement substantially in the form of <u>Annex III</u> or Annex IVhereof required to be delivered by a Representative to the Designated Senior\_Representative pursuant to <u>Section 8.09</u> hereof in order to include an additional Debt Facility hereunder and to become the Representative hereunder for the Senior Secured Parties or Second Priority Secured Parties, as the case may be, under such Debt Facility.

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"<u>Lien</u>" means with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority, or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction; <u>provided</u> that in no event shall an operating lease or a license of Intellectual Property be deemed to constitute a Lien.

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

"Officer's Certificate" means a certificate of an Authorized Officer of the Borrowers.

"<u>Person</u>" means any individual, partnership, joint venture, firm, corporation, limited liability company, association, trust, or other enterprise or any Governmental Authority.

"Pledged or Controlled Collateral" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.05(a).

"<u>Proceeds</u>" means the proceeds of any sale, collection or other liquidation of Shared Collateral and any payment or distribution made in respect of Shared Collateral in an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding and any amounts received by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party from a Second Priority Debt Party in respect of Shared Collateral pursuant to this Agreement.

"Purchase Event" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 5.07.

"<u>Recovery</u>" has the meaning assigned to such term in <u>Section 6.04</u>.

"<u>Refinance</u>" means, in respect of any indebtedness, to refinance, extend, renew, defease, amend, increase, modify, supplement, restructure, refund, replace or repay such indebtedness, or to issue other indebtedness or enter into alternative financing arrangements, in exchange or replacement for such indebtedness (in whole or in part), including by adding or replacing lenders, creditors, agents, borrowers and/or guarantors, and including, in each case, but not limited to, after the original instrument giving rise to such indebtedness has been terminated and including, in each case, through any credit agreement, indenture or other agreement. "<u>Refinanced</u>" and "<u>Refinancing</u>" have correlative meanings.

"<u>Registered Equivalent Notes</u>" means, with respect to any notes originally issued in a Rule 144A or other private placement transaction under the Securities Act of 1933, substantially identical notes (having the same Guarantees) issued in a dollar-for-dollar exchange therefor pursuant to an exchange offer registered with the SEC.

"Representatives" means the Senior Representatives and the Second Priority Representatives.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any successor agency thereto.

"Second Priority Class Debt" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

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"Second Priority Class Debt Parties" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Second Priority Class Debt Representative" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Second Priority Collateral" means any "Collateral" (or similar term) as defined in any Second Priority Debt Document or any other assets of a Borrower or any other Grantor with respect to which a Lien is granted or purported to be granted pursuant to a Second Priority Collateral Document as security for any Second Priority Debt Obligation.

"Second Priority Collateral Documents" means the Initial Second Priority Collateral Documents and each of the collateral agreements, security agreements and other instruments and documents executed and delivered by a Borrower or any Grantor for purposes of providing collateral security for any Second Priority Debt Obligation.

"Second Priority Debt" means (a) the Initial Second Priority Debt and (b) any additional Indebtedness of any Borrower or any other Grantor guaranteed by the Guarantors, other than the Initial Second Priority Debt, which Indebtedness and guarantees are secured by the Second Priority Collateral on a pari passu basis (but without regard to control of remedies, other than as provided by the terms of the applicable Second Priority Debt Documents) with the Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations and any other Second Priority Debt Obligations and the applicable Second Priority Debt Documents provide that such Indebtedness and guarantees are to be secured by such Second Priority Collateral on a subordinate basis to the Senior Debt Obligations; provided, however, that, in the case of clause (b), (i) such Indebtedness is permitted to be incurred, secured and guaranteed on such basis by the Senior Debt Documents and Second Priority Debt Documents and (ii) the Representative for the holders of such Indebtedness shall have become party to this Agreement pursuant to, and by satisfying the conditions set forth in, Section 8.09 hereof. Second Priority Debt shall include any Registered Equivalent Notes and Guarantees thereof by the Guarantors.

"Second Priority Debt Documents" means the Initial Second Priority Debt Documents and, with respect to any additional series, issue or class of Second Priority Debt, the promissory notes, indentures, credit agreement, the Second Priority Collateral Documents or other operative agreements evidencing or governing such Indebtedness.

"Second Priority Debt Facility." means each indenture, credit agreement or other governing agreement with respect to any Second Priority Debt.

"Second Priority Debt Obligations" means the Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations and, with respect to any other series, issue or class of Second Priority Debt, (a) all principal of, and interest (including, without limitation, any interest, fees or expenses which accrue after the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, whether or not allowed or allowable as a claim in any such proceeding) payable with respect to, such Second Priority Debt and (b) all other amounts payable to the related Second Priority Debt Parties under the related Second Priority Debt Documents.

"Second Priority Debt Parties" means the Initial Second Priority Debt Parties and, with respect to any other series, issue or class of Second Priority Debt, the holders of such Indebtedness, the Representative with respect thereto, any trustee or agent therefor under any related Second Priority Debt Documents and the beneficiaries of each indemnification obligation undertaken by any Borrower or any other Grantor under any related Second Priority Debt Documents.

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"Second Priority Enforcement Date" means, with respect to any Second Priority Representative, the date which is 180 consecutive days after the occurrence of both (i) an Event of Default (under and as defined in the Second Priority Debt Document for which such Second Priority Representative has been named as Representative) and (ii) the Designated Senior Representative's and each other Representative and that an Event of Default (under and as defined in the Second Priority Representative and that an Event of Default (under and as defined in the Second Priority Debt Document for which such Second Priority Representative has been named as Representative) has occurred and is continuing and (y) all of the then outstanding Second Priority Debt Obligations are currently due and payable in full (whether as a result of acceleration thereof or otherwise) in accordance with the terms of the applicable Second Priority Debt Document; provided that the Second Priority Enforcement Date shall be stayed and shall not occur and shall be deemed not to have occurred with respect to any Shared Collateral (1) at any time the Designated Senior Representative has granted a security interest in such Shared Collateral is then a debtor under or with respect to (or otherwise subject to) any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding. If the Designated Second Priority Representative or any other Second Priority Debt Party exercises any rights or remedies with respect to the Shared Collateral in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence of this paragraph and thereafter the Designated Senior Representative or any other stay or any other stay or any other Second Priority Debt Party exercises any rights or remedies with respect to the Shared Collateral in accordance with the immediately preceding sentence of this paragraph and thereafter the Designated Senior Representative or any other stay or any other stay in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding), the Second Priority Enforcement Date shall be deemed not to have occurred with the imme

"Second Priority Majority Representatives" means Second Priority Representatives representing at least a majority of the then aggregate amount of Second Priority Debt Obligations that agree to vote together.

"Second Priority Lien" means the Liens on the Second Priority Collateral in favor of Second Priority Debt Parties under Second Priority Collateral Documents.

"Second Priority Representative" means (i) in the case of the Initial Second Priority Debt Obligations covered hereby, the Initial Second Priority Representative and (ii) in the case of any other Second Priority Debt Facility, the Second Priority Debt Parties thereunder, the trustee, administrative agent, collateral agent, security agent or similar agent under such Second Priority Debt Facility that is named as the Representative in respect of such Second Priority Debt Facility in the applicable Joinder Agreement.

"Secured Cash Management Obligations" shall mean obligations of a Grantor under Cash Management Agreements with a Senior Secured Party that are intended under the applicable Senior Priority Collateral Document to be secured by Shared Collateral.

"Secured Hedge Obligations" shall mean obligations of a Guarantor under Hedge Agreements with a Senior Secured Party that are intended under the applicable Senior Priority Collateral Document to be secured by Shared Collateral.

"Secured Obligations" means the Senior Obligations and the Second Priority Debt Obligations.

"Secured Parties" means the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties.

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"Security Agreement" means the "Security Agreement" as defined in the Credit Agreement (or similar term in any Refinancing thereof).

"Senior Class Debt" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Senior Class Debt Parties" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Senior Class Debt Representative" has the meaning assigned to such term in Section 8.09.

"Senior Collateral" means any "Collateral" (or similar term) as defined in any Credit Agreement Loan Document or any other Senior Debt Document or any other assets of a Borrower or any other Grantor with respect to which a Lien is granted or purported to be granted pursuant to a Senior Collateral Document as security for any Senior Obligations.

"Senior Collateral Documents" means the Security Agreement and the other "Security Documents" as defined in the Credit Agreement, the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement (upon and after the initial execution and delivery thereof by the initial parties thereto) and each of the collateral agreements, security agreements and other instruments and documents executed and delivered by any Borrower or any other Grantor for purposes of providing collateral security for any Senior Obligation.

"Senior Debt Documents" means (a) the Credit Agreement Loan Documents and (b) any Additional Senior Debt Documents.

"Senior Facilities" means the Credit Agreement and any Additional Senior Debt Facilities.

"Senior Lien" means the Liens on the Senior Collateral in favor of the Senior Secured Parties under the Senior Collateral Documents.

"Senior Obligations" means the Credit Agreement Obligations and any Additional Senior Debt Obligations; provided that the aggregate principal amount of debt for borrowed money constituting Senior Obligations shall not exceed the amount of such debt for borrowed money permitted to be incurred in accordance with the terms of the Second Priority Debt Documents then in effect (without giving effect to any amendments or other modifications to the Second Priority Debt Documents not permitted by this Agreement); provided further that any Credit Agreement Obligations and any Additional Senior Debt Obligations shall in each case be conclusively deemed to have been incurred in compliance with the Second Priority Debt Documents if the Borrower shall have delivered to the Designated Senior Representative and the Designated Second Priority Representative an Officer's Certificate to that effect.

"Senior Representative" means (i) in the case of any Credit Agreement Obligations or the Credit Agreement Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent, (ii) in the case of any Additional Senior Debt Facility and the Additional Senior Debt Parties thereunder (including with respect to any Additional Senior Debt Facility initially covered hereby on the date of this Agreement), the trustee, administrative agent, collateral agent, security agent or similar agent under such Additional Senior Debt Facility that is named as the Representative in respect of such Additional Senior Debt Facility hereunder or in the applicable Joinder Agreement.

"Senior Secured Parties" means the Credit Agreement Secured Parties and any Additional Senior Debt Parties.

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"Shared Collateral" means, at any time, Collateral in which the holders of Senior Obligations under at least one Senior Facility (or their Representatives) and the holders of Second Priority Debt Obligations under at least one Second Priority Debt Facility (or their Representatives) hold a security interest at such time (or, in the case of the Senior Facilities, are deemed pursuant to Article II to hold a security interest). If, at any time, any portion of the Senior Collateral under one or more Second Priority Debt Facilities does not constitute Second Priority Collateral under one or more Second Priority Debt Facilities, then such portion of such Senior Collateral shall constitute Shared Collateral only with respect to the Second Priority Debt Facilities for which it constitutes Second Priority Collateral and shall not constitute Shared Collateral for any Second Priority Debt Facility which does not have a security interest in such Senior Collateral at such time.

"Subsidiary" of any Person shall mean and include (i) any corporation more than 50% of whose Capital Stock of any class or classes having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the directors of such corporation (irrespective of whether or not at the time Capital Stock of any class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency) is at the time owned by such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries, or (ii) any limited liability company, partnership, association, joint venture, or other entity of which such Person directly or indirectly through Subsidiaries has more than a 50% equity interest at the time. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiaries of Holdings.

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

SECTION 1.02. Interpretive Provision. The interpretive provisions contained in Section 1 of the Credit Agreement are incorporated herein, *mutatis mutandis*, as if a part hereof.

#### ARTICLE II

## Priorities and Agreements with Respect to Shared Collateral

## SECTION 2.01. Subordination.

Notwithstanding the date, time, manner or order of filing or recordation of any document or instrument or grant, attachment or perfection of any Liens granted to any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Parties on the Shared Collateral or of any Liens granted to any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party on the Shared Collateral (or any actual or alleged defect in any of the foregoing) and notwithstanding any provision of the UCC, any applicable law, any Second Priority Debt Document or any Senior Debt Document or any other circumstance whatsoever, each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby agrees that (a) any Lien on the Shared Collateral securing any Senior Obligations now or hereafter held by or on behalf of any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party or other agent or trustee therefor, regardless of how acquired, whether by grant, statute, operation of law, subrogation or otherwise, shall have priority over and be senior in all respects and prior to any Lien on the Shared Collateral securing any Second Priority Representative, any Second Priority Debt Parties or any Second Priority Debt Obligations now or hereafter held by or on behalf of any Second Priority Representative, any Second Priority Debt Parties or any Second Priority Representative or other agent or trustee therefor, regardless of how acquired, whether by grant, statute, operation of law, subrogation or otherwise, shall be junior and subordinate in all respects to all Liens on the Shared Collateral securing any Senior Obligations. All Liens on the Shared Collateral securing any Senior Obligations shall be and remain senior in all respects and prior to all Liens on the Shared Collateral securing any Second Priority Debt Obligations for all purposes, whether or not such Liens securing any Senior Obligations are subordinated to any Lien securing any other obligation of any Borrower, any Grantor or

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SECTION 2.02. Nature of Senior Lender Claims. Each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, acknowledges that (a) a portion of the Senior Obligations is revolving in nature and that the amount thereof that may be outstanding at any time or from time to time may be increased or reduced and subsequently reborrowed, (b) the terms of the Senior Debt Documents and the Senior Obligations may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, and the Senior Obligations, or a portion thereof, may be Refinanced from time to time and (c) the aggregate amount of the Senior Obligations may be increased, in each case, without notice to or consent by the Second Priority Representatives or the Second Priority Debt Documents then in effect (for the avoidance of doubt any increase in the aggregate amount of the Senior Obligations permitted by the Second Priority Debt Documents on the date hereof shall be permitted). The Lien priorities provided for in <u>Section 2.01</u> shall not be altered or otherwise affected by any amendment, supplement or other modification, or any Refinancing, of either the Senior Obligations or the Second Priority Debt Obligations of the Borrowers and the other Grantors and the Second Priority Debt Parties, the foregoing provisions will not limit or otherwise affect the obligations of the Borrowers and the Grantors contained in any Second Priority Debt Document with respect to the incurrence of additional Senior Obligations.

SECTION 2.03. Prohibition on Contesting Liens. Each of the Second Priority Representatives, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that it shall not (and hereby waives any right to) contest or support any other Person in contesting, in any proceeding (including any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding), the validity, extent, perfection, priority, allowability, or enforceability of any Lien securing any Senior Obligations held (or purported to be held) by or on behalf of any Senior Representative or any of the other Senior Secured Parties or other agent or trustee therefor in any Senior Collateral, and each Senior Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Senior Secured Party under its Senior Facility, agrees that it shall not (and hereby waives any right to) contest or support any other Person in contesting, in any proceeding (including any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding), the validity, extent, perfection, priority, allowability, or enforceability of any Lien securing any Second Priority Debt Obligations held (or purported to be held) by or on behalf of any of any Second Priority Representative or any of the Second Priority Debt Obligations held (or purported to be held) by or on behalf of any of any Second Priority Representative or any of the Second Priority Debt Obligations held (or purported to be held) by or on behalf of any of any Second Priority Representative or any of the Second Priority Debt Parties in the Second Priority Collateral. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent or impair the rights of any Senior Representative to enforce this Agreement (including the priority of the Liens securing the Senior Obligations as provided in <u>Section 2.01</u>) or any of the Senior Debt Documents.

No New Liens. (a) Subject to the terms hereof, the parties hereto agree that, so long as the Discharge of Senior Obligations SECTION 2.04. has not occurred, (a) none of the Grantors shall, or shall permit any of its subsidiaries to, (1) grant or permit any additional Liens on any asset or property of any Grantor to secure any Second Priority Debt Obligation unless it has granted, or substantially concurrently therewith grants, a Lien on such asset or property of such Grantor to secure the Senior Obligations, or (2) grant or permit any additional Liens on any asset or property of any Grantor to secure any Senior Obligations unless it has granted, or substantially concurrently therewith grants, a Lien on such asset or property of such Grantor to secure the Second Priority Debt Obligations; and (b) if any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party shall hold any Lien on any assets or property of any Grantor securing any Second Priority Obligations that are not also subject to the first- priority Liens securing all Senior Obligations under the Senior Collateral Documents, such Second Priority Representative or Second Priority Debt Party (i) shall notify the Designated Senior Representative promptly upon becoming aware thereof and, unless such Grantor shall promptly grant a similar Lien on such assets or property to each Senior Representative as security for the Senior Obligations, shall assign such Lien to the Designated Senior Representative as security for all Senior Obligations for the benefit of the Senior Secured Parties (but may retain a junior lien on such assets or property subject to the terms hereof) and (ii) until such assignment or such grant of a similar Lien to each Senior Representative, shall be deemed to hold and have held such Lien for the benefit of each Senior Representative and the other Senior Secured Parties as security for the Senior Obligations. To the extent that the provisions of the immediately preceding sentence are not complied with for any reason, without limiting any other right or remedy available to any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party, each Second Priority Representative agrees, for itself and on behalf of the other Second Priority Debt Parties, that any amounts received by or distributed to any Second Priority Debt Party pursuant to or as a result of any Lien granted in contravention of this Section 2.04 shall be subject to Section 4.01 and Section 4.02.

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(b) The existence of a maximum claim with respect to any real property subject to a mortgage which applies to all Secured Obligations shall not be deemed to be a difference in Collateral among any series, issue or class of Senior Obligations or Second Priority Debt Obligations.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Perfection of Liens</u>. Except for the limited agreements of the Senior Representatives pursuant to <u>Section 5.05</u> hereof, none of the Senior Representatives or the Senior Secured Parties shall be responsible for perfecting and maintaining the perfection of Liens with respect to the Shared Collateral for the benefit of the Second Priority Representatives or the Second Priority Debt Parties. The provisions of this Agreement are intended solely to govern the respective Lien priorities as between the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties and shall not impose on the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Debt Parties or any agent or trustee therefor any obligations in respect of the disposition of Proceeds of any Shared Collateral which would conflict with prior perfected claims therein in favor of any other Person or any order or decree of any court or governmental authority or any applicable law.

SECTION 2.06. Certain Cash Collateral. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or any other Senior Debt Documents or Second Priority Debt Documents to the contrary, collateral consisting of cash and cash equivalents(i) specifically pledged to secure Credit Document Obligations consisting of reimbursement obligations in respect of Letters of Credit or otherwise held by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Sections 2.16, 3.4(a), 3.8, 5.2(b) or 11.13 of the Credit Agreement (or any equivalent successor provision) or any applicable provision in connection with such pledge or (ii) to the extent the pledge thereof is permitted under the Senior Debt Documents and Second Priority Debt Documents then in effect, specifically pledged to any Second Priority Debt Party or a group of Second Priority Debt Parties to secure only the Second Priority Debt Obligations owing to such Second Priority Debt Parties shall, in each case be applied as specified in the Senior Debt Documents or the Second Priority Debt Documents, as applicable, and will not constitute Shared Collateral; provided, however, that if any Grantor shall fail to pay any of such Secured Obligations owing under such Senior Debt Document or Second Priority Debt Document as and when required thereunder, then the applicable Secured Party agrees that to the extent it seeks to satisfy any such Secured Obligations owing to it, such Secured Party shall first proceed to satisfy such Secured Obligations with the proceeds of any such cash collateral (or any letter of credit or other credit support specifically issued or pledged in favor of such Secured Party to support such Secured Obligations). If, following the application of any such cash collateral, letter of credit or other credit support to the repayment of such Secured Obligations owing to the applicable Secured Party, such Secured Party has not received the full amount of the Secured Obligations then due and owing to it, it shall be entitled to its pro rata share of any Shared Collateral proceeds as, and to the extent, provided in Section 4.01. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to impair the right of any Secured Party to recoup, set off, net or off-set amounts against any cash and cash equivalents (or letter of credit support) that does not constitute Shared Collateral and that was specifically pledged to such Secured Party as provided in this Section 2.06 (including amounts delivered as margin or cash collateral) to the extent permitted under the applicable Senior Debt Document or Second Priority Debt Document, or exercise its rights and remedies with respect to any such cash collateral pledged for its sole benefit or as a beneficiary under and pursuant to any other such credit support issued solely in its favor, each of which will be governed by the terms of such Senior Debt Document or Second Priority Debt Document, as applicable.

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#### ARTICLE III

#### Enforcement

#### SECTION 3.01. Exercise of Remedies.

(a) So long as the Discharge of Senior Obligations has not occurred, whether or not any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding has been commenced by or against a Borrower or any other Grantor, (i) neither any Second Priority Representative nor any Second Priority Debt Party will (x) exercise or seek to exercise any rights or remedies (including setoff) with respect to any Shared Collateral in respect of any Second Priority Debt Obligations, or institute any action or proceeding with respect to such rights or remedies (including any action of foreclosure), (y) contest, protest or object to any foreclosure proceeding or action brought with respect to the Shared Collateral or any other Senior Collateral by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party in respect of the Senior Obligations, the exercise of any right by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party (or any agent or sub-agent on their behalf) in respect of the Senior Obligations under any lockbox agreement, control agreement, landlord waiver or bailee's letter or similar agreement or arrangement to which any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party either is a party or may have rights as a third party beneficiary, or any other exercise by any such party of any rights and remedies relating to the Shared Collateral under the Senior Debt Documents or otherwise in respect of the Senior Collateral or the Senior Obligations, or (z) object to the forbearance by the Senior Secured Parties from bringing or pursuing any foreclosure proceeding or action or any other exercise of any rights or remedies relating to the Shared Collateral in respect of Senior Obligations and (ii) except as otherwise provided herein, the Senior Representatives and the Senior Secured Parties shall have the exclusive right to enforce rights, exercise remedies (including setoff and the right to credit bid their debt) and make determinations regarding the release, disposition or restrictions with respect to the Shared Collateral without any consultation with or the consent of any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party; provided, however, that (A) in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding commenced by or against a Borrower or any other Grantor, any Second Priority Representative may file a claim, proof of claim or statement of interest with respect to the Second Priority Debt Obligations under its Second Priority Debt Facility, (B) any Second Priority Representative may take any action (not adverse to the prior Liens on the Shared Collateral securing the Senior Obligations or the rights of the Senior Representatives or the Senior Secured Parties to exercise remedies in respect thereof) in order to create, prove, perfect, preserve or protect (but not enforce) its rights in, and perfection and priority of its Lien on, the Shared Collateral, (C) any Second Priority Representative and the Second Priority Secured Parties may exercise their rights and remedies as unsecured creditors, as provided in Section 5.04, (D) any Second Priority Representative may exercise the rights and remedies provided for in Section 6.03 and the Second Priority Debt Parties may file any responsive or defensive pleadings in opposition to any motion, claim, adversary proceeding or other pleading made by any person objecting to or otherwise seeking the disallowance of the claims or Liens of the Second Priority Debt Parties or the avoidance of any Second Priority Lien to the extent not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, (E) any Second Priority Debt Party may vote on any plan of reorganization, plan of liquidation, agreement for composition, or other type of plan of arrangement proposed in or in connection with any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding that conforms to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and (F) from and after the Second Priority Enforcement Date, the Designated Second Priority Representative (or a person authorized by it) may exercise or seek to exercise any rights or remedies (including setoff) with respect to any Shared Collateral in respect of any Second Priority Debt Obligations, or institute any action or proceeding with respect to such rights or remedies (including any action of foreclosure), but only so long as (1) the Designated Senior Representative has not commenced and is not diligently pursuing any enforcement action with respect to such Shared Collateral or (2) the Grantor which has granted a security interest in such Shared Collateral is not then a debtor under or with respect to (or otherwise subject to) any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, in each case (A) through (E) above, to the extent such action is not inconsistent with, or could not result in a resolution inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement. In exercising rights and remedies with respect to the Senior Collateral, the Senior Representatives and the Senior Secured Parties may enforce the provisions of the Senior Debt Documents and exercise remedies thereunder, all in such order and in such manner as they may determine in the exercise of their sole discretion. Such exercise and enforcement shall include the rights of an agent appointed by them to sell or otherwise dispose of Shared Collateral upon foreclosure, to incur expenses in connection with such sale or disposition and to exercise all the rights and remedies of a secured lender under the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable jurisdiction and of a secured creditor under Bankruptcy Laws of any applicable jurisdiction.

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(b) So long as the Discharge of Senior Obligations has not occurred, except as expressly provided in the proviso in <u>clause (ii)</u> of <u>Section</u> <u>3.01(a)</u>, each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that it will not, in the context of its role as secured creditor, take or receive any Shared Collateral or any Proceeds of Shared Collateral in connection with the exercise of any right or remedy (including setoff) with respect to any Shared Collateral in respect of Second Priority Debt Obligations. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, except as expressly provided in the proviso in <u>clause (ii)</u> of <u>Section 3.01(a)</u>, the sole right of the Second Priority Debt Obligations pursuant to the Second Priority Debt Documents for the period and to the extent granted therein and to receive a share of the Proceeds thereof, if any, after the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred.

(c) Subject to the proviso in <u>clause (ii)</u> of <u>Section 3.01(a)</u>, (i) each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that neither such Second Priority Representative nor any such Second Priority Debt Party will take any action that would hinder any exercise of remedies undertaken by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party with respect to the Shared Collateral under the Senior Debt Documents, including any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition of the Shared Collateral, whether by foreclosure or otherwise, and (ii) each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby waives any and all rights it or any such Second Priority Debt Party may have as a junior lien creditor or otherwise to object to the manner in which the Senior Representatives or the Senior Secured Parties seek to enforce or collect the Senior Obligations or the Liens granted on any of the Senior Collateral, regardless of whether any action or failure to act by or on behalf of any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party is adverse to the interests of the Second Priority Debt Parties.

(d) Each Second Priority Representative hereby acknowledges and agrees that no covenant, agreement or restriction contained in any Second Priority Debt Document shall be deemed to restrict in any way the rights and remedies of the Senior Representatives or the Senior Secured Parties with respect to the Senior Collateral as set forth in this Agreement and the Senior Debt Documents.

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(e) Until the Discharge of Senior Obligations, except as expressly provided in the proviso in <u>clause (ii)</u> of <u>Section 3.01(a)</u>, the Designated Senior Representative (or any person authorized by it) shall have the exclusive right to exercise any right or remedy with respect to the Shared Collateral and shall have the exclusive right to determine and direct the time, method and place for exercising such right or remedy or conducting any proceeding with respect thereto. Following the Discharge of Senior Obligations, the Designated Second Priority Representative (or any person authorized by it) who may be instructed by the Second Priority Majority Representatives shall have the exclusive right to exercise any right or remedy with respect to the Second Priority Collateral, and the Designated Second Priority Representative (or any person authorized by it) who may be instructed by the Second Priority Representatives shall have the exclusive right to direct the time, method and place of exercising or conducting any proceeding for the exercise of any right or remedy available to the Second Priority Debt Parties with respect to the Second Priority Collateral, or of exercising or directing the exercise of any right or power conferred on the Second Priority Representatives, or for the taking of any other action authorized by the Second Priority Collateral Documents; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that nothing in this Section shall impair the right of any Second Priority Representative or other agent or trustee acting on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties to take such actions with respect to the Second Priority Debt Parties or the Second Priority Debt Obligations as may be otherwise required or authorized pursuant to any intercreditor agreement governing the Second Priority Debt Parties or the Second Priority Debt Obligations.

SECTION 3.02. <u>Cooperation</u>. Subject to the proviso in <u>clause (ii)</u> of <u>Section 3.01(a)</u>, each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that, unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, it will not commence, or join with any Person (other than the Senior Secured Parties and the Senior Representatives upon the request of the Designated Senior Representative) in commencing, any enforcement, collection, execution, levy or foreclosure action or proceeding with respect to any Lien held by it in the Shared Collateral under any of the Second Priority Debt Documents or otherwise in respect of the Second Priority Debt Obligations.

SECTION 3.03. Actions upon Breach. Should any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party, contrary to this Agreement, in any way take, attempt to take or threaten to take any action with respect to the Shared Collateral (including any attempt to realize upon or enforce any remedy with respect to this Agreement) or fail to take any action required by this Agreement, any Senior Representative or other Senior Secured Party (in its or their own name or in the name of a Borrower or any other Grantor) or a Borrower may obtain relief against such Second Priority Representative or such Second Priority Debt Party by injunction, specific performance or other appropriate equitable relief. Each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Facility, hereby (i) agrees that the Senior Secured Parties' damages from the actions of the Second Priority Representatives or any Second Priority Debt Party may at that time be difficult to ascertain and may be irreparable and waives any defense that a Borrower, any other Grantor or the Senior Secured Parties cannot demonstrate damage or be made whole by the awarding of damages and (ii) irrevocably waives any defense based on the adequacy of a remedy at law and any other defense that might be asserted to bar the remedy of specific performance in any action that may be brought by any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### **Payments**

SECTION 4.01. <u>Application of Proceeds</u>. After an Event of Default (as defined therein) under any Senior Debt Document has occurred and until such Event of Default is cured or waived, so long as the Discharge of Senior Obligations has not occurred, the Shared Collateral or Proceeds thereof received in connection with the sale or other disposition of, or collection on, such Shared Collateral upon the exercise of remedies shall be applied by the Designated Senior Representative to the Senior Obligations in such order as specified in the relevant Senior Debt Documents until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred. Upon the Discharge of Senior Obligations, each applicable Senior Representative shall deliver promptly to the Designated Second Priority Representative any Shared Collateral or Proceeds thereof held by it in the same form as received, with any necessary endorsements, or as a court of competent jurisdiction may otherwise direct, to be applied by the Designated Second Priority Representative to the Second Priority Debt Obligations in such order as specified in the relevant Second Priority Debt Documents.

SECTION 4.02. <u>Payments Over</u>. Unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, any Shared Collateral or Proceeds thereof received by any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party in connection with the exercise of any right or remedy (including setoff) relating to the Shared Collateral shall be segregated and held in trust for the benefit of and forthwith paid over to the Designated Senior Representative for the benefit of the Senior Secured Parties in the same form as received, with any necessary endorsements, or as a court of competent jurisdiction may otherwise direct. The Designated Senior Representative is hereby authorized to make any such endorsements as agent for each of the Second Priority Representatives or any such Second Priority Debt Party. This authorization is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Other Agreements

#### SECTION 5.01. Releases.

Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, (a) agrees that, if in connection with (i) any sale, transfer or other disposition of any Shared Collateral by any Grantor (other than in connection with any enforcement or exercise of rights or remedies with respect to the Shared Collateral which shall be governed by clause (ii)) permitted under the terms of the Senior Debt Documents or consented to by the holders of Senior Obligations under the Senior Debt Documents (other than after the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default under the Second Priority Debt Documents) or (ii) the enforcement or exercise of any rights or remedies with respect to the Shared Collateral by a Senior Secured Party, including any sale, transfer or other disposition of Shared Collateral so long as net proceeds of any such Shared Collateral are applied to reduce permanently the Senior Obligations, the Designated Senior Representative, for itself and on behalf of the other Senior Secured Parties releases any of the Senior Liens on any of the Shared Collateral (a "Release"), then the Liens on such Shared Collateral securing any Second Priority Debt Obligations shall be automatically, unconditionally and simultaneously released, and each Second Priority Representative shall, for itself and on behalf of the other applicable Second Priority Class Debt Parties and at the sole cost and expense of the Grantors, promptly execute and deliver to the Designated Senior Representative and the applicable Grantors such termination statements, releases and other documents as the Designated Senior Representative or any applicable Grantor may reasonably request to effectively confirm such Release. Similarly, if the equity interests of any Person are foreclosed upon or otherwise disposed of pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above and in connection therewith the Designated Senior Representative releases the Senior Liens on the Shared Collateral of such Person or releases such Person from its guarantee of Senior Obligations, then the Second Priority Lien on such property or assets of such Person and such Person's guarantee of Second Priority Debt Obligations shall be automatically released to the same extent. Nothing in this Section 5.01(a), will be deemed to affect any agreement of a Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties under its Second Priority Debt Facility, to release the Liens on the Second Priority Collateral or to release any Person from its guarantee of Second Priority Debt Obligations as set forth in the relevant Second Priority Debt Documents.

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(b) Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints the Designated Senior Representative and any officer or agent of the Designated Senior Representative, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full irrevocable power and authority in the place and stead of such Second Priority Representative or such Second Priority Debt Party or in the Designated Senior Representative's own name, from time to time in the Designated Senior Representative's discretion, for the purpose of carrying out the terms of <u>Section 5.01(a)</u>, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute any and all documents and instruments that may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of <u>Section 5.01(a)</u>, including any termination statements, endorsements or other instruments of transfer or release.

(c) Unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby consents to the application, whether prior to or after an Event of Default (as defined in any Senior Debt Document) of Proceeds of Shared Collateral to the repayment of Senior Obligations pursuant to the Senior Debt Documents, <u>provided</u> that nothing in this <u>Section 5.01(c)</u> shall be construed to prevent or impair the rights of the Second Priority Representatives or the Second Priority Debt Parties to receive Proceeds in connection with the Second Priority Debt Obligations not otherwise in contravention of this Agreement.

(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Second Priority Collateral Document, in the event the terms of a Senior Collateral Document and a Second Priority Collateral Document each require any Grantor (i) to make payment in respect of any item of Shared Collateral, (ii) to deliver or afford control over any item of Shared Collateral to, or deposit any item of Shared Collateral with, (iii) to register ownership of any item of Shared Collateral in the name of or make an assignment of ownership of any Shared Collateral or the rights thereunder to, (iv) cause any securities intermediary, commodity intermediary or other Person acting in a similar capacity to agree to comply, in respect of any item of Shared Collateral, with instructions or orders from, or to treat, in respect of any item of Shared Collateral, as the entitlement holder, (v) hold any item of Shared Collateral in trust for (to the extent such item of Shared Collateral cannot be held in trust for multiple parties under applicable law), (vi) obtain the agreement of a bailee or other third party to hold any item of Shared Collateral for the benefit of or subject to the control of or, in respect of any item of Shared Collateral, to follow the instructions of or (vii) obtain the agreement of a landlord with respect to access to leased premises where any item of Shared Collateral is located or waivers or subordination of rights with respect to any item of Shared Collateral in favor of, in any case, both the Designated Senior Representative and any Second Priority Representative or Second Priority Debt Party, such Grantor may, until the applicable Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, comply with such requirement under the Second Priority Collateral Document as it relates to such Shared Collateral by taking any of the actions set forth above only with respect to, or in favor of, the Designated Senior Representative.

SECTION 5.02. Insurance and Condemnation Awards. Unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, the Designated Senior Representative and the Senior Secured Parties shall have the sole and exclusive right, subject to the rights of the Grantors under the Senior Debt Documents, (a) to be named as additional insured and loss payee under any insurance policies maintained from time to time by any Grantor, (b) to adjust settlement for any insurance policy covering the Shared Collateral in the event of any loss thereunder and (c) to approve any award granted in any condemnation or similar proceeding affecting the Shared Collateral, in each case in accordance with the Senior Debt Documents. Unless and until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, all Proceeds of any such policy and any such award, if in respect of the Shared Collateral, shall be paid (i) first, prior to the occurrence of the Discharge of Senior Obligations, to the Designated Senior Representative for the benefit of Senior Secured Parties pursuant to the terms of the Second Priority Debt Documents, and (iii) third, if no Second Priority Debt Obligations are outstanding, to the owner of the subject property, such other Person as may be entitled thereto or as a court of competent jurisdiction may otherwise direct. If any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party shall, at any time, receive any Proceeds of any such insurance policy or any such award in contravention of this Agreement, it shall pay such Proceeds over to the Designated Senior Representative in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 4.02</u>.

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#### SECTION 5.03. <u>Amendments to Second Priority Collateral Documents</u>.

(a) The Senior Debt Documents may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with their terms, and the Senior Debt Obligations may be Refinanced or replaced, in whole or in part, in each case, without the consent of any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party, all without affecting the Lien priorities provided for herein or the other provisions hereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, without the consent of the Second Priority Representatives, no such amendment, restatement, supplement, modification or Refinancing (or successive amendments, restatements, supplements, modifications or Refinancings) shall contravene any provision of this Agreement.

(b) Without the prior written consent of the Senior Representatives, no Second Priority Debt Document may be amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified, or entered into, and no Indebtedness under the Second Priority Debt Documents may be Refinanced, to the extent such amendment, restatement, supplement or modification or Refinancing, or the terms of such new Second Priority Debt Document, would contravene the provisions of this Agreement. The Borrowers agree to deliver to the Designated Senior Representative copies of (i) any amendments, supplements or other modifications to the Second Priority Collateral Documents and (ii) any new Second Priority Collateral Documents promptly after effectiveness thereof; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the effectiveness and validity thereof. Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that each Second Priority Collateral Document under its Second Priority Debt Facility shall include the following language (or language to similar effect reasonably approved by the Designated Senior Representative):

"Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) the liens and security interests granted to the Second Priority Representative pursuant to this Agreement are expressly subject and subordinate to the liens and security interests granted in favor of the Senior Secured Parties (as defined in the Intercreditor Agreement referred to below), including liens and security interests granted to GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as administrative agent, pursuant to or in connection with the First Lien Credit Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time), among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Holdings"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Initial Borrower"), VISION HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("NVI"), the lenders from time to time party thereto and GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the other parties thereto, and (ii) the exercise of any right or remedy by the Second Priority Representative hereunder is subject to the limitations and provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, dated as of March 13, 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Intercreditor Agreement"), among Holdings, the Initial Borrower, the Company, NVI, GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent, MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Representative for the Initial Second Priority Debt Parties, and each additional Second Priority Representative from time to time party thereto. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement and the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement shall govern."

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(c) In the event that each applicable Senior Representative and/or the Senior Secured Parties enter into any amendment, waiver or consent in respect of any of the Senior Collateral Documents for the purpose of adding to or deleting from, or waiving or consenting to any departures from any provisions of, any Senior Collateral Document or changing in any manner the rights of the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Borrowers or any other Grantor thereunder (including the release of any Liens in Senior Collateral) in a manner that is applicable to all Senior Facilities, then such amendment, waiver or consent shall apply automatically to any comparable provision of each comparable Second Priority Collateral Document without the consent of any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party and without any action by any Second Priority Representative, the Company or any other Grantor; provided, however, that (i) no such amendment, waiver or consent shall (A) remove assets subject to the Second Priority Liens or release any such Liens, except to the extent that such release is permitted or required by <u>Section 5.01(a)</u> and <u>provided</u> that there is a substantially concurrent release of the corresponding Senior Liens or (B) impose duties that are adverse on any Second Priority Representative without its prior written consent and (ii) written notice of such amendment, waiver or consent shall have been given to each Second Priority Representative within thirty (30) days after the effectiveness of such amendment, waiver or consent; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the effectiveness and validity thereof.

(d) The Borrowers agree to deliver to each of the Designated Senior Representative and the Designated Second Priority Representative copies of (i) any material amendments, supplements or other modifications to the material Senior Debt Documents or the material Second Priority Debt Documents and (ii) any new material Senior Debt Documents or material Second Priority Debt Documents promptly after effectiveness thereof.

SECTION 5.04. <u>Rights as Unsecured Creditors</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Debt Parties may exercise rights and remedies as unsecured creditors against any Borrower and any other Grantor in accordance with the terms of the Second Priority Debt Documents and applicable law so long as such rights and remedies do not violate any express provision of this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the receipt by any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party of the required payments of principal, premium, interest, fees and other amounts due under the Second Priority Debt Documents so long as such receipt is not the direct or indirect result of the exercise by a Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party of rights or remedies as a secured creditor in respect of Shared Collateral in contravention of this Agreement. In the event any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party becomes a judgment lien creditor in respect of Shared Collateral as a result of its enforcement of its rights as an unsecured creditor in respect of Second Priority Debt Obligations, such judgment lien shall be subordinated to the Liens securing Senior Obligations on the same basis as the other Liens securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations are so subordinated to such Liens securing Senior Obligations under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall impair or otherwise adversely affect any rights or remedies the Senior Representatives or the Senior Secured Parties may have with respect to the Senior Collateral.

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## SECTION 5.05. Gratuitous Bailee for Perfection.

(a) Each Senior Representative acknowledges and agrees that if it shall at any time hold a Lien securing any Senior Obligations on any Shared Collateral that can be perfected by the possession, control, or notation, of such Shared Collateral or of any account in which such Shared Collateral is held, and if such Shared Collateral or any such account is in fact in the possession or under the control of, or notation, in the name of, such Senior Representative, or of agents or bailees of such Person (such Shared Collateral being referred to herein as the "<u>Pledged or Controlled Collateral</u>"), or if it shall at any time obtain any landlord waiver or bailee's letter or any similar agreement or arrangement granting it rights or access to Shared Collateral, the applicable Senior Representative shall also hold such Pledged or Controlled Collateral, or take such actions with respect to such landlord waiver, bailee's letter or similar agreement or arrangement, as sub-agent or gratuitous bailee (such bailment being intended, among other things, to satisfy the requirements of Section 8-301(a)(2) and 9-313(c) of the Uniform Commercial Code, to the extent applicable) for the relevant Second Priority Representatives, in each case solely for the purpose of perfecting the Liens granted under the relevant Second Priority Collateral Documents and subject to the terms and conditions of this <u>Section 5.05</u>.

(b) In the event that any Senior Representative (or its agents or bailees) has Lien filings against Intellectual Property that is part of the Shared Collateral that are necessary for the perfection of Liens in such Shared Collateral, such Senior Representative agrees to hold such Liens as sub-agent and gratuitous bailee (such bailment being intended, among other things, to satisfy the requirements of Section 8-301(a)(2) and 9-313(c) of the Uniform Commercial Code, to the extent applicable) for the relevant Second Priority Representatives and any assignee thereof, solely for the purpose of perfecting the security interest granted in such Liens pursuant to the relevant Second Priority Collateral Documents, subject to the terms and conditions of this <u>Section 5.05</u>.

(c) Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, the Senior Representatives and the Senior Secured Parties shall be entitled to deal with the Pledged or Controlled Collateral in accordance with the terms of the Senior Debt Documents as if the Liens under the Second Priority Collateral Documents did not exist. The rights of the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Debt Parties with respect to the Pledged or Controlled Collateral shall at all times be subject to the terms of this Agreement.

(d) The Senior Representatives and the Senior Secured Parties shall have no obligation whatsoever to the Second Priority Representatives or any Second Priority Debt Party to assure that any of the Pledged or Controlled Collateral is genuine or owned by the Grantors or to protect or preserve rights or benefits of any Person or any rights pertaining to the Shared Collateral, except as expressly set forth in this <u>Section 5.05</u>. The duties or responsibilities of the Senior Representatives under this <u>Section 5.05</u> shall be limited solely to holding, controlling, or being notated on, the Shared Collateral and the related Liens referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this <u>Section 5.05</u> as sub-agent and gratuitous bailee (such bailment being intended, among other things, to satisfy the requirements of Section 8-301(a)(2) and 9-313(c) of the Uniform Commercial Code, to the extent applicable) for the relevant Second Priority Representative for purposes of perfecting the Lien held by such Second Priority Representative.

(e) The Senior Representatives shall not have by reason of the Second Priority Collateral Documents or this Agreement, or any other document, a fiduciary relationship in respect of any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party, and each, Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby waives and releases the Senior Representatives from all claims and liabilities arising pursuant to the Senior Representatives' roles under this <u>Section 5.05</u> as sub-agents and gratuitous bailees with respect to the Shared Collateral.

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(f) Upon the Discharge of Senior Obligations, each applicable Senior Representative shall, at the Grantors' sole cost and expense, (i) (A) deliver to the Designated Second Priority Representative, to the extent that it is legally permitted to do so, all Shared Collateral, including all Proceeds thereof, held or controlled by such Senior Representative or any of its agents or bailees, including the transfer of possession and control, as applicable, of the Pledged or Controlled Collateral, together with any necessary endorsements and notices to depositary banks, securities intermediaries and commodities intermediaries, and assign its rights under any landlord waiver or bailee's letter or any similar agreement or arrangement granting it rights or access to Shared Collateral, or (B) direct and deliver such Shared Collateral as a court of competent jurisdiction may otherwise direct, (ii) notify any applicable insurance carrier that it is no longer entitled to be a loss payee or additional insured under the insurance policies of any Grantor issued by such insurance carrier, and (iii) notify any governmental authority involved in any condemnation or similar proceeding involving any Grantor that the Designated Second Priority Representative is entitled to approve any awards granted in such proceeding. The Borrowers and the other Grantors shall take such further action as is required to effectuate the transfer contemplated hereby and shall indemnify each Senior Representative for loss or damage suffered by such Senior Representative as a result of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct as determined by a final non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction. The Senior Representatives have no obligations to follow instructions from any Second Priority Representative or any other Second Priority Debt Party.

(g) None of the Senior Representatives nor any of the other Senior Secured Parties shall be required to marshal any present or future collateral security for any obligations of the Borrowers or any Subsidiary to any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Party under the Senior Debt Documents or any assurance of payment in respect thereof or to any Second Priority Debt Party, or to resort to such collateral security or other assurances of payment in any particular order, and all of their rights in respect of such collateral security or any assurance of payment in respect thereof shall be cumulative and in addition to all other rights, however existing or arising.

SECTION 5.06. When Discharge of Senior Obligations Deemed To Not Have Occurred. If, at any time substantially concurrently with or after the Discharge of Senior Obligations has\_occurred, the Borrowers or any Subsidiary of Holdings consummates any Refinancing or incurs any Senior Obligations (other than in respect of the payment of indemnities surviving the Discharge of Senior Obligations), then such Discharge of Senior Obligations shall automatically be deemed not to have occurred for all purposes of this Agreement (other than with respect to any actions taken prior to the date of such designation as a result of the occurrence of such first Discharge of Senior Obligations) and the applicable agreement governing such Senior Obligations shall automatically be treated as a Senior Debt Document for all purposes of this Agreement, including for purposes of the Lien priorities and rights in respect of Shared Collateral set forth herein and the agent, representative or trustee for the holders of such Senior Obligations shall be the Senior Representative for all purposes of this Agreement. Upon receipt of notice of such incurrence (including the identity of the new Senior Representative), each Second Priority Representative (including the Designated Second Priority Representative) shall promptly (a) enter into such documents and agreements (at the expense of the Borrowers), including amendments or supplements to this Agreement, as the Borrowers or such new Senior Representative shall reasonably request in writing in order to provide the new Senior Representative the rights of a Senior Representative contemplated hereby, (b) deliver to such Senior Representative, to the extent that it is legally permitted to do so, all Shared Collateral, including all Proceeds thereof, held or controlled by such Second Priority Representative or any of its agents or bailees, including the transfer of possession and control, as applicable, of the Pledged or Controlled Collateral, together with any necessary endorsements and notices to depositary banks, securities intermediaries and commodities intermediaries, and assign its rights under any landlord waiver or bailee's letter or any similar agreement or arrangement granting it rights or access to Shared Collateral and (c) notify any governmental authority involved in any condemnation or similar proceeding involving a Grantor that the new Senior Representative is entitled to approve any awards granted in such proceeding.

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SECTION 5.07. Purchase Right. Without prejudice to the enforcement of the Senior Secured Parties' remedies, the Senior Secured Parties agree that following (a) the acceleration of the Senior Obligations in accordance with the terms of the Credit Agreement Loan Documents or (b) the commencement of an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding (each, a "<u>Purchase Event</u>"), within thirty (30) days of the Purchase Event, one or more of the Second Priority Debt Parties may request, and the Senior Obligations outstanding at the time of purchase at par, plus any premium that would be applicable upon prepayment of the Senior Obligations and accrued and unpaid interest, fees, and expenses without warranty or representation or recourse (except for representations and warranties required to be made by assigning lenders pursuant to the Assignment and Assumption (as such term is defined in the First Lien Credit Agreement)). If such right is exercised, the parties shall endeavor to close promptly thereafter but in any event within ten (10) Business Days of the request. If one or more of the Second Priority Debt Parties exercise such purchase right, it shall be exercised pursuant to documentation mutually acceptable to each of the Senior Representative and the Second Priority Debt Parties exercise such rights of the Borrowers under the First Lien Credit Agreement or any applicable Senior Debt Document. If none of the Second Priority Debt Parties exercise such right, the Senior Secured Parties shall have no further obligations pursuant to this <u>Section 5.07</u> for such Purchase Event and may take any further actions in their sole discretion in accordance with the Senior Debt Documents and this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VI

#### Insolvency or Liquidation Proceedings.

Financing Issues. Until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, if a Borrower or any other Grantor shall be SECTION 6.01. subject to any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding and any Senior Representative or shall desire to consent (or not object) to the sale, use or lease of cash or other collateral or to consent (or not object) to the Borrowers' or any other Grantor's obtaining financing under Section 363 or Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law ("DIP Financing"), then each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that it will raise no (a) objection to and will not otherwise contest (or support any person in objecting or otherwise contesting) such sale, use or lease of such cash or other collateral or such DIP Financing and, except to the extent permitted by the proviso in clause (ii) of Section 3.01(a) and Section 6.03, will not request adequate protection or any other relief in connection therewith and, to the extent the Liens securing any Senior Obligations are subordinated or pari passu with such DIP Financing, will subordinate (and will be deemed hereunder to have subordinated) its Liens in the Shared Collateral to (x) such DIP Financing (and all obligations relating thereto) on the same basis as the Liens securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations are so subordinated to Liens securing Senior Obligations under this Agreement, (y) any adequate protection Liens granted to the Senior Secured Parties, and (z) to any "carve-out" for professional and United States Trustee fees agreed to by the Senior Representatives, (b) objection to (and will not otherwise contest) any motion for relief from the automatic stay or from any injunction against foreclosure or enforcement in respect of Senior Obligations made by any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party with respect to the Senior Collateral, (c) objection to (and will not otherwise contest or support any person in objecting to) any lawful exercise by any Senior Secured Party of the right to credit bid Senior Obligations at any sale in foreclosure of Senior Collateral or under Section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law, (d) objection to (and will not otherwise contest or support any person in objecting to) any other request for judicial relief made in any court by any Senior Secured Party relating to the lawful enforcement of any Lien on Senior Collateral, or (e) objection to (and will not otherwise contest or oppose or support any person in objecting to, contesting or opposing) any order relating to a sale or other disposition of assets of any Grantor for which any Senior Representative has consented or not objected that provides, to the extent such sale or other disposition is to be free and clear of Liens, that the Liens securing the Senior Obligations and the Second Priority Debt Obligations will attach to the Proceeds of the sale on the same basis of priority as the Liens on the Shared Collateral securing the Senior Obligations rank to the Liens on the Shared Collateral securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations pursuant to this Agreement; provided that the Second Priority Debt Parties may assert any objection to the proposed bidding procedures or protections to be utilized in connection with any such sale or disposition that may be asserted by any unsecured creditor of any Grantor, and <u>further provided</u> that the Second Priority Debt Parties are not deemed to have waived any rights to credit bid on the Shared Collateral in any such sale or disposition under Section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code (or any similar provision under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law), so long as any such credit bid provides for the payment in full in cash of the Senior Obligations. Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that notice received two (2) Business Days prior to the entry of an order approving such usage of cash or other collateral or approving such financing shall be adequate notice.

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SECTION 6.02. <u>Relief from the Automatic Stay</u>. Until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that none of them shall seek relief from the automatic stay or any other stay in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding or take any action in derogation thereof, in each case in respect of any Shared Collateral, without the prior written consent of the Designated Senior Representative.

SECTION 6.03. Adequate Protection. Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that none of them shall (A) object, contest or support any other Person objecting to or contesting (a) any request by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Parties for adequate protection, (b) any objection by any Senior Representative or any Senior Secured Parties to any motion, relief, action or proceeding based on any Senior Representative's or Senior Secured Party's claiming a lack of adequate protection, or (c) the payment of interest, fees, expenses or other amounts of any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party under Section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law or (B) assert or support any claim for costs or expenses of preserving or disposing of any Collateral under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 6.03 or in Section 6.01. in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, (i) if the Senior Secured Parties (or any subset thereof) are granted adequate protection in the form of additional or replacement collateral or superpriority claims in connection with any DIP Financing or use of cash collateral under Section 363 or 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law (other than in a role of DIP Financing provider), then each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, may seek or request adequate protection in the form of a Lien or superpriority claim on such additional or replacement collateral, which (A) Lien or superpriority claim is subordinated to the Liens securing or claims with respect to all Senior Obligations and such DIP Financing (and all obligations relating thereto and any "carve-out") on the same basis as the other Liens securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations are so subordinated to the Liens securing Senior Obligations under this Agreement and (B) superpriority claim is subordinated to all claims of the Senior Secured Parties on the same basis as the other claims of the Second Priority Debt Parties are so subordinated to the claims of the Senior Secured Parties under this Agreement, and (ii) in the event any Second Priority Representatives, for themselves and on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties under their Second Priority Debt Facilities, seek or request adequate protection and such adequate protection is granted in the form of additional or replacement collateral, then such Second Priority Representatives, for themselves and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under their Second Priority Debt Facilities, agree that each Senior Representative shall also be granted a senior Lien on such additional or replacement collateral as security for the Senior Obligations and any such DIP Financing and that any Lien on such additional or replacement collateral securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations shall be subordinated to the Liens on such collateral securing the Senior Obligations and any such DIP Financing (and all obligations relating thereto and any "carve-out") and any other Liens granted to the Senior Secured Parties as adequate protection on the same basis as the other Liens securing the Second Priority Debt Obligations are so subordinated to such Liens securing Senior Obligations under this Agreement (and, to the extent the Senior Secured Parties are not granted such adequate protection in such form, any amounts recovered by or distributed to any Second Priority Debt Party pursuant to or as a result of any Lien on such additional or replacement collateral so granted to the Second Priority Debt Parties shall be subject to Section 4.02), and (iii) in the event any Second Priority Representatives, for themselves and on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties under their Second Priority Debt Facilities, seek or request adequate protection and such adequate protection is granted (in each instance, to the extent such grant is otherwise permissible under the terms and conditions of this Agreement) in the form of a superpriority claim, then such Second Priority Representatives, for themselves and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under their Second Priority Debt Facilities, agree that each Senior Representative shall also be granted adequate protection in the form of a superpriority claim, which superpriority claim shall be senior to the claims of the Second Priority Debt Parties (and, to the extent the Senior Secured Parties are not granted such adequate protection in such form, any amounts recovered by or distributed to any Second Priority Debt Party pursuant to or as a result of any such superpriority claim so granted to the Second Priority Debt Parties shall be subject to Section 4.02). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to the extent that the Senior Secured Parties are granted adequate protection in the form of payments in the amount of current post-petition fees and expenses, and/or other cash payments, then the Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, shall not be prohibited from seeking adequate protection in the form of payments in the amount of current postpetition incurred fees and expenses, and/or other cash payments (as applicable), subject to the right of the Senior Secured Parties to object to the reasonableness of the amounts of fees and expenses or other cash payments so sought by the Second Priority Debt Parties.

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SECTION 6.04. <u>Preference Issues</u>. If any Senior Secured Party is required in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding or otherwise to disgorge, turn over or otherwise pay any amount to the estate of any Borrower or any other Grantor (or any trustee, receiver or similar Person therefor), because the payment of such amount was declared to be fraudulent or preferential in any respect or for any other reason, any amount (a "<u>Recovery</u>"), whether received as Proceeds of security, enforcement of any right of setoff or otherwise, then the Senior Obligations shall be reinstated to the extent of such Recovery and deemed to be outstanding as if such payment had not occurred and the Senior Secured Parties shall be entitled to the benefits of this Agreement shall be reinstated in full force and effect, and such prior termination shall not diminish, release, discharge, impair or otherwise affect the obligations of the parties hereto. Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby agrees that none of them shall be entitled to benefit from any avoidance action affecting or otherwise relating to any distribution or allocation made in accordance with this Agreement, whether by preference or otherwise, it being understood and agreed that the benefit of such avoidance action otherwise allocable to them shall instead be allocated and turned over for application in accordance with the priorities set forth in this Agreement.

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SECTION 6.05. Separate Grants of Security and Separate Classifications. Each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, acknowledges and agrees that (a) the grants of Liens pursuant to the Senior Collateral Documents and the Second Priority Collateral Documents constitute separate and distinct grants of Liens and (b) because of, among other things, their differing rights in the Shared Collateral, the Second Priority Debt Obligations are fundamentally different from the Senior Obligations and must be separately classified in any plan of reorganization proposed, confirmed or adopted in an Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding. To further effectuate the intent of the parties as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, if it is held that any claims of the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties in respect of the Shared Collateral constitute a single class of claims (rather than separate classes of senior and junior secured claims), then each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby acknowledges and agrees that all distributions from the Shared Collateral shall be made as if there were separate classes of senior and junior secured claims against the Grantors in respect of the Shared Collateral (with the effect being that, to the extent that the aggregate value of the Shared Collateral is sufficient (for this purpose ignoring all claims held by the Second Priority Debt Parties), the Senior Secured Parties shall be entitled to receive, in addition to amounts distributed to them in respect of principal, pre-petition interest and other claims, all amounts owing in respect of post-petition interest, fees and expenses (whether or not allowed or allowable in such Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding) before any distribution from the Shared Collateral is made in respect of the Second Priority Debt Obligations, with each Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby acknowledging and agreeing to turn over to the Designated Senior Representative amounts otherwise received or receivable by them to the extent necessary to effectuate the intent of this sentence, even if such turnover has the effect of reducing the claim or recovery of the Second Priority Debt Parties.

SECTION 6.06. <u>No Waivers of Rights of Senior Secured Parties</u>. Nothing contained herein shall, except as expressly provided herein, prohibit or in any way limit any Senior Representative or any other Senior Secured Party from objecting in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding or otherwise to any action taken by any Second Priority Debt Party, including the seeking by any Second Priority Debt Party of adequate protection or the asserting by any Second Priority Debt Party of any of its rights and remedies under the Second Priority Debt Documents or otherwise.

SECTION 6.07. <u>Application</u>. This Agreement, which the parties hereto expressly acknowledge is a "subordination agreement" under Section 510(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law, shall be effective before, during and after the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding. The relative rights as to the Shared Collateral and Proceeds thereof shall continue after the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding on the same basis as prior to the date of the petition therefor, subject to any court order approving the financing of, or use of cash collateral by, any Grantor. All references herein to any Grantor shall include such Grantor as a debtor-in-possession and any receiver or trustee for such Grantor.

SECTION 6.08. <u>Other Matters</u>. To the extent that any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party has or acquires rights under Section 363 or Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law with respect to any of the Shared Collateral, such Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees not to assert any such rights without the prior written consent of each Senior Representative, <u>provided</u> that if requested by any Senior Representative, such Second Priority Representative shall timely exercise such rights in the manner requested by the Designated Senior Representative, including any rights to payments in respect of such rights.

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SECTION 6.09. 506(c) Claims. Until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred, each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that it will not assert or enforce any claim under Section 506(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law senior to or on a parity with the Liens securing the Senior Obligations for costs or expenses of preserving or disposing of any Shared Collateral.

## SECTION 6.10. Reorganization Securities; Voting.

(a) If, in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding, debt obligations of the reorganized debtor secured by Liens upon any property of the reorganized debtor are distributed, pursuant to a plan of reorganization or similar dispositive restructuring plan, on account of both the Senior Obligations and the Second Priority Debt Obligations, then, to the extent the debt obligations distributed on account of the Senior Obligations and on account of the Second Priority Debt Obligations are secured by Liens upon the same assets or property, the provisions of this Agreement will survive the distribution of such debt obligations pursuant to such plan and will apply with like effect to the Liens securing such debt obligations.

(b) No Second Priority Debt Party (whether in the capacity of a secured creditor or an unsecured creditor) shall propose, vote in favor of, or otherwise directly or indirectly support any plan of reorganization that is inconsistent with the priorities or other provisions of this Agreement, other than with the prior written consent of the Designated Senior Representative or to the extent any such plan is proposed or supported by the number of Senior Secured Debt Parties required under Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law.

SECTION 6.11. Section 1111(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, shall not object to, oppose, support any objection, or take any other action to impede, the right of any Senior Secured Party to make an election under Section 1111(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law with respect to the Senior Collateral. The Second Priority Representative, for itself and on behalf of each Second Priority Debt Facility, waives any claim it may hereafter have against any senior claimholder arising out of the election by any Senior Secured Party of the application of Section 1111(b) (2) of the Bankruptcy Law with respect to the Senior Collateral.

# SECTION 6.12. Post-Petition Interest.

(a) Neither the Second Priority Representative nor any other Second Priority Debt Party shall oppose or seek to challenge any claim by the Senior Priority Representative or any other Senior Secured Party for allowance in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding of Senior Obligations consisting of claims for post-petition interest, fees, or expenses under Section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law or otherwise.

(b) Neither the Senior Priority Representative nor any other Senior Secured Party shall oppose or seek to challenge any claim by the Second Priority Representative or any other Second Priority Debt Party for allowance in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding of Second Priority Debt Obligations consisting of claims for post-petition interest, fees, or expenses under Section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or any similar provision of any other Bankruptcy Law or otherwise, to the extent of the value of the Lien of the Second Priority Representative on behalf of the Second Priority Debt Parties on the Shared Collateral (after taking into account the Senior Obligations).

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#### ARTICLE VII

#### Reliance; Etc.

SECTION 7.01. <u>Reliance</u>. The consent by the Senior Secured Parties to the execution and delivery of the Second Priority Debt Documents to which the Senior Secured Parties have consented and all loans and other extensions of credit made or deemed made on and after the date hereof by the Senior Secured Parties to the Borrowers or any Subsidiary shall be deemed to have been given and made in reliance upon this Agreement. Each Second Priority Debt Parties have, independently and without reliance on any Senior Representative or other Senior Secured Party, and based on documents and information deemed by them appropriate, made their own credit analysis and decision to enter into the Second Priority Debt Documents to which they are party or by which they are bound, this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, and they will continue to make their own credit decisions in taking or not taking any action under the Second Priority Debt Documents.

SECTION 7.02. No Warranties or Liability. Each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, acknowledges and agrees that neither any Senior Representative nor any other Senior Secured Party has made any express or implied representation or warranty, including with respect to the execution, validity, legality, completeness, collectibility or enforceability of any of the Senior Debt Documents, the ownership of any Shared Collateral or the perfection or priority of any Liens thereon. The Senior Secured Parties will be entitled to manage and supervise their respective loans and extensions of credit under the Senior Debt Documents in accordance with law and as they may otherwise, in their sole discretion, deem appropriate, and the Senior Secured Parties may manage their loans and extensions of credit without regard to any rights or interests that the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Debt Parties have in the Shared Collateral or otherwise, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement. Neither any Senior Representative nor any other Senior Secured Party shall have any duty to any Second Priority Representative or Second Priority Debt Party to act or refrain from acting in a manner that allows, or results in, the occurrence or continuance of an event of default or default under any agreement with the Borrowers or any Subsidiary (including the Second Priority Debt Documents), regardless of any knowledge thereof that they may have or be charged with. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Debt Parties have not otherwise made to each other, nor do they hereby make to each other, any warranties, express or implied, nor do they assume any liability to each other with respect to (a) the enforceability, validity, value or collectibility of any of the Senior Obligations, the Second Priority Debt Obligations or any guarantee or security which may have been granted to any of them in connection therewith, (b) any Grantor's title to or right to transfer any of the Shared Collateral or (c) any other matter except as expressly set forth in this Agreement.

SECTION 7.03. <u>Obligations Unconditional</u>. All rights, interests, agreements and obligations of the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Debt Parties hereunder shall remain in full force and effect irrespective of:

(a) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Senior Debt Document or any Second Priority Debt Document;

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(b) any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other terms of, all or any of the Senior Obligations or Second Priority Debt Obligations, or any amendment or waiver or other modification, including any increase in the amount thereof, whether by course of conduct or otherwise, of the terms of the Credit Agreement or any other Senior Debt Document or of the terms of any Second Priority Debt Document;

(c) any exchange of any security interest in any Shared Collateral or any other collateral or any amendment, waiver or other modification, whether in writing or by course of conduct or otherwise, of all or any of the Senior Obligations or Second Priority Debt Obligations or any guarantee thereof;

(d) the commencement of any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding in respect of any Borrower or any other Grantor; or

(e) any other circumstances that otherwise might constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, (i) any Borrower or any other Grantor in respect of the Senior Obligations (other than as set forth in <u>Section 5.06</u> hereof or other payments or performance) or (ii) any Second Priority Representative or Second Priority Debt Party in respect of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE VIII

#### Miscellaneous

SECTION 8.01. <u>Conflicts</u>. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any Senior Debt Document or any Second Priority Debt Document, the provisions of this Agreement shall govern. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the relative rights and obligations of the Senior Secured Collateral Agent, the Senior Representatives and the Senior Secured Parties (as amongst themselves) with respect to any Senior Collateral shall be governed by the terms of the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and in the event of any conflict between the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement and this Agreement with respect to such rights and obligations, the provisions of the First Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall control.

SECTION 8.02. <u>Continuing Nature of this Agreement; Severability</u>. Subject to <u>Section 6.04</u>, this Agreement shall continue to be effective until the Discharge of Senior Obligations shall\_have occurred. This is a continuing agreement of Lien subordination, and the Senior Secured Parties may continue, at any time and without notice to the Second Priority Representatives or any Second Priority Debt Party, to extend credit and other financial accommodations and lend monies to or for the benefit of the Borrowers or any Subsidiary constituting Senior Obligations in reliance hereon. The terms of this Agreement shall survive and continue in full force and effect in any Insolvency or Liquidation Proceeding. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction. The parties shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

## SECTION 8.03. <u>Amendments; Waivers</u>.

(a) No failure or delay on the part of any party hereto in exercising any right or power hereunder 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 parties hereto are cumulative and are not exclusive of any rights or remedies that they would otherwise have. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement or consent to any departure by any party therefrom shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be permitted by paragraph (b) of this Section, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the purpose for which given. No notice or demand on any party hereto in any case shall entitle such party to any other or further notice or demand in similar or other circumstances.

(b) This Agreement may be amended in writing signed by each Representative (in each case, acting in accordance with the documents governing the applicable Debt Facility) and the Grantors. Any such amendment, supplement or waiver shall be in writing and shall be binding upon the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of any Secured Party, any Representative may become a party hereto by execution and delivery of a Joinder Agreement in accordance with Section 8.09 of this Agreement and upon such execution and delivery, such Representative and the Secured Parties and Senior Obligations or Second Priority Debt Obligations of the Debt Facility for which such Representative is acting shall be subject to the terms hereof.

SECTION 8.04. <u>Information Concerning Financial Condition of the Company and the Subsidiaries</u>. The Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Secured Parties shall each be responsible for keeping themselves informed of (a) the financial condition of the Borrowers and the Subsidiaries of Holdings and all endorsers or guarantors of the Senior Obligations or the Second Priority Debt Obligations and (b) all other circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Senior Obligations or the Second Priority Debt Obligations. The Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Representatives and the Second Priority Debt Obligations or the Second Priority Debt Obligations. The Senior Representative, any Senior Secured Party, any Second Priority Representative or any Second Priority Debt Party, in its sole discretion, undertakes at any time or from time to time to provide any such information to any other party, it shall be under no obligation to (i) make, and the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Debt Parties shall not make or be deemed to have made, any express or implied representation or warranty, including with respect to the accuracy, completeness, truthfulness or validity of any such information so provided, (ii) provide any additional information or to provide any such information on any subsequent occasion, (iii) undertake any investigation or (iv) disclose any information that, pursuant to accepted or reasonable commercial finance practices, such party wishes to maintain confidential or is otherwise required to maintain confidential.

SECTION 8.05. <u>Subrogation</u>. Each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, hereby waives any rights of subrogation it may acquire as a result of any payment hereunder until the Discharge of Senior Obligations has occurred.

SECTION 8.06. <u>Application of Payments</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, all payments received by the Senior Secured Parties may be applied, reversed and reapplied, in whole or in part, to such part of the Senior Obligations as the Senior Secured Parties, in their sole discretion, deem appropriate, in accordance with the terms of the Senior Debt Documents. Each Second Priority Representative, on behalf of itself and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, assents to any such extension or postponement of the time of payment of the Senior Obligations or any part thereof and to any other indulgence with respect thereto, to any substitution, exchange or release of any security that may at any time secure any part of the Senior Obligations and to the addition or release of any other Person primarily or secondarily liable therefor.

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SECTION 8.07. Additional Grantors. The Grantors agree that, if any Subsidiary shall become a Grantor after the date hereof, it will promptly cause such Subsidiary to become party hereto by executing and delivering an instrument substantially in the form of <u>Annex II</u>. Upon such execution and delivery such Subsidiary will become a Grantor hereunder with the same force and effect as if originally named as a Grantor herein. The execution and delivery of such instrument shall not require the consent of any other party hereunder, and will be acknowledged by the Designated Second Priority Representative and the Designated Senior Representative. The rights and obligations of each Grantor hereunder shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the addition of any new Grantor as a party to this Agreement.

## SECTION 8.08. Reserved.

SECTION 8.09. Additional Debt Facilities. To the extent, but only to the extent, permitted by the provisions of the Senior Debt Documents and the Second Priority Debt Documents, the Borrowers may incur or issue and sell (and the Guarantors may guarantee) one or more series or classes of Second Priority Debt pursuant to clause (b) of the definition hereof and one or more series or classes of Additional Senior Debt. Any such additional class or series of Second Priority Debt pursuant to clause (b) of the definition hereof (the "Second Priority Class Debt") may be secured by a second priority, subordinated Lien on Shared Collateral, in each case under and pursuant to the relevant Second Priority Collateral Documents for such Second Priority Class Debt, if and subject to the condition that the Representative of any such Second Priority Class Debt (each, a "Second Priority Class Debt Representative"), acting on behalf of the holders of such Second Priority Class Debt (such Representative and holders in respect of any Second Priority Class Debt being referred to as the "Second Priority Class Debt Parties"), becomes a party to this Agreement by satisfying conditions (i) through (iii), as applicable, of the immediately succeeding paragraph. Any such additional class or series of Additional Senior Debt (the "Senior Class Debt"; and the Senior Class Debt and Second Priority Class Debt, collectively, the "Class Debt") may be secured by a Lien on Shared Collateral senior in priority to the Second Priority Debt Obligations, in each case under and pursuant to the relevant Senior Collateral Documents, if and subject to the condition that the Representative of any such Senior Class Debt (each, a "Senior Class Debt Representative"; and the Senior Class Debt Representatives and Second Priority Class Debt Representatives, collectively, the "Class Debt Representatives"), acting on behalf of the holders of such Senior Class Debt (such Representative and holders in respect of any such Senior Class Debt being referred to as the "Senior Class Debt Parties; and the Senior Class Debt Parties and Second Priority Class Debt Parties, collectively, the "Class Debt Parties"), becomes a party to this Agreement by satisfying the conditions set forth in clauses (i) through (iii), as applicable, of the immediately succeeding paragraph. In order for a Class Debt Representative to become a party to this Agreement:

(i) such Class Debt Representative shall have executed and delivered a Joinder Agreement substantially in the form of <u>Annex III</u> (if such Representative is a Second Priority Class Debt Representative) or <u>Annex IV</u> (if such Representative is a Senior Class Debt Representative) (with such changes as may be reasonably approved by the Designated Senior Representative and such Class Debt Representative) pursuant to which it becomes a Representative hereunder, and the Class Debt in respect of which such Class Debt Representative is the Representative and the related Class Debt Parties become subject hereto and bound hereby;

(ii) the Borrowers shall have delivered to the Designated Senior Representative an Officer's Certificate stating that the conditions set forth in this <u>Section 8.09</u> are satisfied (or waived) with respect to such Class Debt and, if requested, true and complete copies of each of the material Second Priority Debt Documents or material Senior Debt Documents, as applicable, relating to such Class Debt, certified as being true and correct in all material respects by an Authorized Officer of each Borrower; and identifying the obligations to be designated as Additional Senior Debt or Second Priority Debt, as applicable, and certifying that such obligations are permitted to be incurred and secured by a Lien on the applicable Collateral (I) in the case of Additional Senior Debt, on a basis senior in priority to the Second Priority Debt Obligations under each of the Second Priority Debt Documents; and

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(iii) the Second Priority Debt Documents or Senior Debt Documents, as applicable, relating to such Class Debt shall provide that each Class Debt Party with respect to such Class Debt will be subject to and bound by the provisions of this Agreement in its capacity as a holder of such Class Debt.

SECTION 8.10. <u>Consent to Jurisdiction; Waivers</u>. Each Representative, on behalf of itself and the Secured Parties of the Debt Facility for which it is acting, irrevocably and unconditionally:

(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Collateral Documents to which it is a party to the exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York or the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, in each case sitting in New York City in the Borough of Manhattan, and appellate courts from any thereof;

(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same or to commence or support any such action or proceeding in any other courts;

(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such Person at its address set forth in <u>Section 8.11</u>;

(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right of any other party hereto (or any Secured Party) to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or to commence legal proceedings or otherwise proceed against Holdings or any Borrower or any other Credit Party in any other jurisdiction; and

(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section 8.10 any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.

SECTION 8.11. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications provided for or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent:

(i) if to any Borrower or any Grantor, to the Borrower, at its address at: National Acquisition Holdings, Inc. c/o Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. L.P., 2800 Sand Hill Road, Suite 200, Menloa Park, California 94025, Attention: Adam Waglay, (Fax No.: (650) 233-6553); with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to: Vision Holding Corp. c/o National Vision, Inc., 296 Grayson Hwy., Lawrenceville, Georgia 30046, Attention: Mitchell Goodman, Senior Vice President and General Counsel (Fax No.: (770) 822-2027);

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(ii) if to the Initial Second Priority Representative to it at: Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., One New York Plaza, New York, New York 10004 Attention: Charles Ray (Fax No.: (917) 260-5329) (email: Michael.Ray@morganstanley.com);

(iii) if to the Administrative Agent, to it at: Goldman Sachs Bank USA, 200 West Street, New York, New York 10282, (e-mail: gs-sbdagency-borrowernotices@ny.email.gs.com);

(iv) if to any other Representative, to it at the address specified by it in the Joinder Agreement delivered by it pursuant to Section 8.09.

Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, any notice or other communication herein required or permitted to be given shall be in writing and, may be personally served, faxed, electronically mailed or sent by courier service or U.S. mail and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person or by courier service, upon receipt of a fax or electronic mail or upon receipt via U.S. mail (registered or certified, with postage prepaid and properly addressed). For the purposes hereof, the addresses of the parties hereto shall be as set forth above or, as to each party, at such other address as may be designated by such party in a written notice to all of the other parties. As agreed to in writing among each Representative from time to time, notices and other communications may also be delivered by e-mail to the e-mail address of a representative of the applicable person provided from time to time by such person.

SECTION 8.12. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Each Senior Representative, on behalf of itself and each Senior Secured Party under the Senior Debt Facility for which it is acting, each Second Party Representative, on behalf of itself, and each Second Priority Debt Party under its Second Priority Debt Facility, agrees that it will take such further action and shall execute and deliver such additional documents and instruments (in recordable form, if requested) as the other parties hereto may reasonably request to effectuate the terms of, and the Lien priorities contemplated by, this Agreement.

### SECTION 8.13. GOVERNING LAW; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.

#### (A) THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

#### (B) EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE (TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW) TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER CREDIT DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

SECTION 8.14. <u>Binding on Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Senior Representatives, the Senior Secured Parties, the Second Priority Representatives, the Second Priority Debt Parties, the Borrowers, the other Grantors party hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

SECTION 8.15. <u>Section Headings</u>. Section headings herein and in the other Credit Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Credit Document.

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SECTION 8.16. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 8.17. <u>Authorization</u>. By its signature, each Person executing this Agreement on behalf of a party hereto represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that it is duly authorized to execute this Agreement. The Administrative Agent represents and warrants that this Agreement is binding upon the Credit Agreement Secured Parties under the Credit Agreement Loan Documents. The Initial Second Priority Representative represents and warrants that this Agreement is binding upon the Initial Second Priority Debt Parties under the Second Priority Debt Documents.

SECTION 8.18. <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries; Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement and the rights and benefits hereof shall inure to the benefit of each of the parties hereto and its respective successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of and bind each of the Senior Secured Parties and the Second Priority Debt Parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall impair, as between the Bor-rowers, and the other Grantors and the Second Priority Debt Parties, the Second Priority Representatives, the Second Priority Debt Parties, the obligations of the Borrowers and the other Grantors, which are absolute and uncondi-tional, to pay principal, interest, fees and other amounts as provided in the Senior Debt Documents and the Second Priority Debt Documents respectively.

#### SECTION 8.19. <u>Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement shall become effective when executed and delivered by all parties hereto.

SECTION 8.20. <u>Administrative Agent and Representative</u>. It is understood and agreed that (a) the Administrative Agent is entering into this Agreement in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent under the Credit Agreement and the provisions of Section 12 of the Credit Agreement applicable to the Agents (as defined therein) thereunder shall also apply to the Administrative Agent hereunder and (b) Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc. is entering into this Agreement in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent under that certain Second Lien Credit Agreement dated as of March 13, 2014, among Holdings, the Initial Borrower, the Company, NVI and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and the other parties thereto and the provisions of Section 12 of such credit agreement applicable to the administrative agent thereunder shall also apply to it as Initial Second Priority Representative hereunder.

SECTION 8.21. <u>Relative Rights</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement is intended to or will (a) (except to the extent expressly contemplated herein amend, waive or otherwise modify the provisions of the Credit Agreement, any other Senior Debt Document or any Second Priority Debt Documents, or permit the Borrowers or any Grantor to take any action, or fail to take any action, to the extent such action or failure would otherwise constitute a breach of, or default under, the Credit Agreement or any other Senior Debt Documents on the Senior Obligations or the Liens granted under the Senior Collateral Documents on the Shared Collateral (or any other assets) as among the Senior Secured Parties, (c) otherwise change the relative rights of the Senior Secured Parties in respect of the Shared Collateral as among such Senior Secured Parties, or (d) obligate the Borrowers or any Grantor to take any action, or fail to take any action, that would otherwise constitute a breach of, or default under, the Credit Agreement or any other Senior Debt Documents or any other senior Secured Parties, or (d) obligate the Borrowers or any Grantor to take any action, or fail to take any action, that would otherwise constitute a breach of, or default under, the Credit Agreement or any other Senior Debt Document.

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SECTION 8.22. <u>Survival of Agreement</u>. All covenants, agreements, representations and warranties made by any party in this Agreement shall be considered to have been relied upon by the other parties hereto and shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent

By:

/s/ Robert Ehudin Name: Robert Ehudin Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of Intercreditor Agreement]

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Initial Second Priority Representative

By:

/s/ Julie Lilienfeld

Name: Julie Lilienfeld Title: Authorized Signatory

[signature page of Intercreditor Agreement]

# NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title:Vice President

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, INC.

By:

/s/ Adam Waglay Name: Adam Waglay Title:Vice President

#### VISION HOLDING CORP., INC.

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NATIONAL VISION, INC.

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### AMERICA'S BEST MCHENRY IL, LLC

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### CONSOLIDATED VISION GROUP, INC.

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### EYEGLASS WORLD, LLC

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### OPTI-VISION FINANCE SERVICES, LLC

By:

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/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.
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Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### ARLINGTON CONTACT LENS SERVICE, INC.

By:

/s/ Peter M. Clarkson Name: Peter M. Clarkson Title: President

#### VC IV, LLC

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### NVAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, INC.

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### INTERNATIONAL VISION ASSOCIATIONS, LTD.

By:

/s/ L. Reade Fahs, Jr.

Name: L. Reade Fahs, Jr. Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### ANNEX II

SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_], dated as of [\_\_], to the FIRST LIEN/SECOND LIEN INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT, dated as of [\_\_], 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement"), among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation ("Holdings"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Initial Borrower"), VISION HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("NVI"), certain subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company (each a "Grantor"), GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement, MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Initial Second Priority Representative, and the additional Representatives from time to time a party thereto.

A. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 1.02 contained in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is incorporated herein, mutatis mutandis, as if a part hereof.

B. The Grantors have entered into the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Pursuant to the Credit Agreement, certain Additional Senior Debt Documents and certain Second Priority Debt Documents, certain newly acquired or organized Subsidiaries of Holdings are required to enter into the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 8.07 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement provides that such Subsidiaries may become party to the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement by execution and delivery of an instrument in the form of this Supplement. The undersigned Subsidiary (the "New Grantor") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Credit Agreement, the Second Priority Debt Documents and Additional Senior Debt Documents.

Accordingly, the Designated Senior Representative and the New Subsidiary Grantor agree as follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 8.07 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the New Grantor by its signature below becomes a Grantor under the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement with the same force and effect as if originally named therein as a Grantor, and the New Grantor hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement applicable to it as a Grantor thereunder. Each reference to a "Grantor" in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall be deemed to include the New Grantor. The First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The New Grantor represents and warrants to the Designated Senior Representative and the other Secured Parties on the date hereof that this Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 3. This Supplement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Supplement shall become effective when the Designated Senior Representative shall have received a counterpart of this Supplement that bears the signature of the New Grantor. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Supplement by facsimile transmission or other electronic method shall be as effective as delivery of a manually signed counterpart of this Supplement.

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SECTION 4. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

# SECTION 5. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 6. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Supplement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, no party hereto shall be required to comply with such provision for so long as such provision is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, but the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 7. All communications and notices hereunder shall be in writing and given as provided in Section 8.11 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to the New Grantor shall be given to it in care of the Borrowers as specified in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement.

SECTION 8. The Borrowers agree to reimburse the Designated Senior Representative for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with this Supplement, including the reasonable fees, other charges and disbursements of counsel for the Designated Senior Representative to the extent reimbursable under the Senior Debt Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Grantor, and the Designated Senior Representative have duly executed this Supplement to the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

### [NAME OF NEW SUBSIDIARY GRANTOR]

By:

Name: Title:

Acknowledged by:

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Designated Senior Representative

By:

Name: Title:

MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Designated Second Priority Representative

By:

Name: Title:

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#### ANNEX III

[FORM OF] REPRESENTATIVE SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_], dated as of [\_\_], to the FIRST LIEN/SECOND LIEN INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT, dated as of [\_\_], 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement"), among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., a\_Delaware corporation ("Holdings"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Initial Borrower"), VISION HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>"), certain subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company (each a "<u>Grantor</u>"), GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement, MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Initial Second Priority Representative, and the additional Representatives from time to time a party thereto.

A. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 1.02 contained in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is incorporated herein, mutatis mutandis, as if a part hereof.

B. As a condition to the ability of the Borrower to incur Second Priority Debt and to secure such Second Priority Class Debt with the Second Priority Lien and to have such Second Priority Class Debt guaranteed by the Grantors on a subordinated basis, in each case under and pursuant to the Second Priority Collateral Documents, the Second Priority Class Representative in respect of such Second Priority Class Debt is required to become a Representative under, and such Second Priority Class Debt and the Second Priority Class Debt Parties in respect thereof are required to become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement provides that such Second Priority Class Debt Representative may become a Representative under, and such Second Priority Class Debt Parties may become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, pursuant to the execution and delivery by the Second Priority Class Debt Representative of an instrument in the form of this Representative Supplement and the satisfaction of the other conditions set forth in Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. The undersigned Second Priority Class Debt Representative") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Senior Debt Documents and the Second Priority Debt Documents.

Accordingly, the Designated Senior Representative and the New Representative agree as

follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the New Representative by its signature below becomes a Representative under, and the related Second Priority Class Debt and Second Priority Class Debt Parties become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement with the same force and effect as if the New Representative had originally been named therein as a Representative, and the New Representative, on behalf of itself and such Second Priority Class Debt Parties, hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement applicable to it as a Second Priority Representative and to the Second Priority Class Debt Parties that it represents as Second Priority Debt Parties. Each reference to a "<u>Representative</u>" or "<u>Second Priority Representative</u>" in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall be deemed to include the New Representative. The First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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SECTION 2. The New Representative represents and warrants to the Designated Senior Representative and the other Secured Parties that (i) it has full power and authority to enter into this Representative Supplement, in its capacity as [agent] [trustee under [describe new facility]], (ii) this Representative Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms of such Agreement and (iii) the Second Priority Debt Documents relating to such Second Priority Class Debt provide that, upon the New Representative's entry into this Agreement, the Second Priority Class Debt Parties in respect of such Second Priority Class Debt will be subject to and bound by the provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement as Second Priority Debt Parties.

SECTION 3. This Representative Supplement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Representative Supplement shall become effective when the Designated Senior Representative shall have received a counterpart of this Representative Supplement that bears the signature of the New Representative. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Representative Supplement by facsimile transmission or other electronic method shall be effective as delivery of a manually signed counterpart of this Representative Supplement.

SECTION 4. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall remain in full force and

effect.

# SECTION 5. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 6. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Representative Supplement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, no party hereto shall be required to comply with such provision for so long as such provision is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, but the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 7. All communications and notices hereunder shall be in writing and given as provided in Section 8.11 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to the New Representative shall be given to it at the address set forth below its signature hereto.

SECTION 8. The Borrowers agree to reimburse the Designated Senior Representative for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with this Representative Supplement, including the reasonable fees, other charges and disbursements of counsel for the Designated Senior Representative to the extent reimbursable under the Senior Debt Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Representative and the Designated Senior Representative have duly executed this Representative Supplement to the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

as [	] for the holders of [	
By:		_
Name: Title:		
Addres	s for notices:	
		-
	Attention of:	_
	Telecopy:	-
	MAN SACHS BANK USA, gnated Senior Representative	
By:		
	Name: Title:	

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Acknowledged by:

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC.

By:

Name: Title:

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC

By:

Name:

Title:

# VISION HOLDING CORP.

By:

Name: Title:

THE GRANTORS LISTED ON SCHEDULE I HERETO

By:

Name: Title:

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#### ANNEX IV

[FORM OF] REPRESENTATIVE SUPPLEMENT NO. [\_\_], dated as of [\_\_], to the FIRST LIEN/SECOND LIEN INTERCREDITOR AGREEMENT, dated as of [], 2014 (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement</u>"), among NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC., a\_Delaware corporation ("<u>Holdings</u>"), NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Initial Borrower</u>"), VISION HOLDING CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), NATIONAL VISION, INC., a Georgia corporation ("<u>NVI</u>") certain subsidiaries and affiliates of the Company (each a "<u>Grantor</u>"), GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as Administrative Agent under the Credit Agreement, MORGAN STANLEY SENIOR FUNDING, INC., as Initial Second Priority Representative, and the additional Representatives from time to time a party thereto.

A. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings assigned to such terms in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 1.02 contained in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is incorporated herein, mutatis mutandis, as if a part hereof.

B. As a condition to the ability of the Borrower to incur Senior Class Debt after the date of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement and to secure such Senior Class Debt with the Senior Lien and to have such Senior Class Debt guaranteed by the Grantors on a senior basis, in each case under and pursuant to the Senior Class Debt and the Senior Class Debt Representative in respect of such Senior Class Debt is required to become a Representative under, and such Senior Class Debt and the Senior Class Debt Parties in respect thereof are required to become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement provides that such Senior Class Debt Representative may become a Representative under, and such Senior Class Debt and such Senior Class Debt Parties may become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, pursuant to the execution and delivery by the Senior Class Debt Representative of an instrument in the form of this Representative Supplement and the satisfaction of the other conditions set forth in Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. The undersigned Senior Class Debt Representative (the "New Representative") is executing this Supplement in accordance with the requirements of the Senior Debt Documents.

Accordingly, the Designated Senior Representative and the New Representative agree as

follows:

SECTION 1. In accordance with Section 8.09 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement, the New Representative by its signature below becomes a Representative under, and the related Senior Class Debt and Senior Class Debt Parties become subject to and bound by, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement with the same force and effect as if the New Representative had originally been named therein as a Representative, and the New Representative, on behalf of itself and such Senior Class Debt Parties, hereby agrees to all the terms and provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement applicable to it as a Senior Representative and to the Senior Class Debt Parties that it represents as Senior Debt Parties. Each reference to a "Representative" or "Senior Representative" in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall be deemed to include the New Representative. The First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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SECTION 2. The New Representative represents and warrants to the Designated Senior Representative and the other Secured Parties that (i) it has full power and authority to enter into this Representative Supplement, in its capacity as [agent] [trustee under [describe new facility]], (ii) this Representative Supplement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by it and constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with the terms of such Agreement and (iii) the Senior Debt Documents relating to such Senior Class Debt provide that, upon the New Representative's entry into this Agreement, the Senior Class Debt Parties in respect of such Senior Class Debt will be subject to and bound by the provisions of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement as Secured Parties.

SECTION 3. This Representative Supplement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Representative Supplement shall become effective when the Designated Senior Representative shall have received a counterpart of this Representative Supplement that bears the signature of the New Representative. Delivery of an executed signature page to this Representative Supplement by facsimile transmission or other electronic method shall be effective as delivery of a manually signed counterpart of this Representative Supplement.

SECTION 4. Except as expressly supplemented hereby, the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall remain in full force and

### effect.

# SECTION 5. THIS SUPPLEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 6. In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Representative Supplement should be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, no party hereto shall be required to comply with such provision for so long as such provision is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, but the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein and in the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement shall not in any way be affected or impaired. The parties hereto shall endeavor in good-faith negotiations to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provisions.

SECTION 7. All communications and notices hereunder shall be in writing and given as provided in Section 8.11 of the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement. All communications and notices hereunder to the New Representative shall be given to it at the address set forth below its signature hereto.

SECTION 8. The Borrowers agree to reimburse the Designated Senior Representative for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in connection with this Representative Supplement, including the reasonable fees, other charges and disbursements of counsel for the Designated Senior Representative to the extent reimbursable under the Senior Debt Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the New Representative and the Designated Senior Representative have duly executed this Representative Supplement to the First Lien/Second Lien Intercreditor Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

[NAME OF NEW REPRESENTATIVE],	
as [ ] for the holders of [	]
By:	
Name:	
Title:	
Address for notices:	
Attention of:	
Telecopy:	
[],	
as Designated Senior Representative	
Ву:	
Name:	
Title:	
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Acknowledged by:

NAUTILUS ACQUISITION HOLDINGS, INC

By:

Name: Title:

NAUTILUS MERGER SUB, LLC

By:

Name:

Title:

# VISION HOLDING CORP.

By:

Name: Title:

THE GRANTORS

# LISTED ON SCHEDULE I HERETO

By:

Name: Title:

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# Exhibit 21.1

Entity Name	Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization
Nautilus Acquisition Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
National Vision, Inc. (dba Eyeglass World, America's Best Contacts and Eyeglasses, Vision Center and Vista Optical)	Georgia
Arlington Contact Lens Service, Inc. (dba AC Lens)	Ohio
NVAL Healthcare Systems, Inc.	Georgia
FirstSight Vision Services, Inc. (dba FirstSight)	California
Vision Administrators, Inc.	California
International Vision Associates, Ltd.	Georgia
Opti-Vision Finance Services, LLC	Delaware
VC IV, LLC	Georgia
Czech Vision Associates, s.r.o.	Czech Republic
Slovak Vision Associates, s.r.o.	Slovakia