UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 14, 2024

Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) Maryland 000-56133 84-3613224 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 375 Park Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10152 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 478-9200 430 Park Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022 (Registrant's former address) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered NCDL Common Stock, par value \$0.01 NYSE

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

Emerging growth company **☑**

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

CLO-III Closing

On March 14, 2024 (the "Closing Date"), Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. (the "Company") completed a \$296,970,000 term debt securitization (the "2024 Debt Securitization"). The term debt securitization is also known as a collateralized loan obligation and is a form of secured financing incurred by the Company.

The notes offered in the 2024 Debt Securitization (the "2024 Notes") were issued by Churchill NCDLC CLO-III, LLC (formerly known as Nuveen Churchill BDC SPV III, LLC) (the "2024 Issuer"), a direct, wholly owned, consolidated subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to an indenture (the "Indenture") dated as of the Closing Date. The 2024 Notes consist of \$2 million of AAA Class X 2024 Notes, which bear interest at the three-month Term SOFR plus 1.40%; \$175.5 million of AAA Class A 2024 Notes, which bear interest at the three-month Term SOFR plus 2.65%; and \$81.97 million of Subordinated 2024 Notes, which do not bear interest. The Company directly retained all of the Subordinated 2024 Notes.

The 2024 Notes are backed by a diversified portfolio of senior secured and second lien loans. The Indenture contains certain conditions pursuant to which loans can be acquired by the 2024 Issuer, in accordance with rating agency criteria or as otherwise agreed with certain institutional investors who purchased the 2024 Notes. Through April 20, 2028, all principal collections received on the underlying collateral may be used by the 2024 Issuer to purchase new collateral under the direction of the Company, in its capacity as collateral manager of the 2024 Issuer and in accordance with the Company's investment strategy, allowing the Company to maintain the initial leverage in the 2024 Debt Securitization. The 2024 Notes are due on April 20, 2036.

The 2024 Notes are the secured obligation of the 2024 Issuer, and the Indenture governing the 2024 Notes includes customary covenants and events of default. The 2024 Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state "blue sky" laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission or applicable exemption from registration.

The Company serves as collateral manager to the 2024 Issuer under a collateral management agreement (the "Collateral Management Agreement") and will waive any management fee due to it in consideration for providing these services.

Amendment to Wells Fargo Financing Facility

Also, on March 14, 2024 (the "Amendment Date"), Nuveen Churchill BDC SPV V, LLC ("SPV V"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into the Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement (the "Amendment"), amending the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2019 (as previously amended by that certain Omnibus Amendment to Transaction Documents, dated as of October 28, 2020, and as amended by the Second Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of March 31, 2022, the "Loan Agreement" and the credit facility related thereto, the "Wells Fargo Financing Facility"), by and among SPV V, as borrower, the Company, as the collateral manager, the lenders from time to time party thereto (the "Lenders"), Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "Administrative Agent"), as administrative agent, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as cultateral agent, and U.S. Bank National Association, as custodian.

The Amendment, among other changes, decreases the maximum facility amount available under the Loan Agreement from \$275 million to \$150 million, which facility amount may be increased, with the consent of the Administrative Agent and each applicable Lender, to up to \$250 million during the reinvestment period, which is scheduled to end on March 31, 2025. Under the Loan Agreement, as amended by the Amendment, the Company pays a fee on daily undrawn amounts under the Wells Fargo Financing Facility of 0.25% per annum during the first three months following the Amendment Date, 0.50% per annum for the next six months and thereafter, 0.50% per annum on undrawn amounts of up to 40% of the maximum facility amount and 1.50% per annum on undrawn amounts in excess of 40% of the maximum facility amount. Advances under the Loan Agreement are secured by a pool of broadly-syndicated and middle-market loans subject to eligibility criteria and advance rates specified in the Loan Agreement. Advances under the Loan Agreement may be prepaid and reborrowed at any time during the reinvestment period.

The descriptions of the Indenture governing the 2024 Notes, the Collateral Management Agreement and the Amendment contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Indenture governing the 2024 Notes, the Collateral Management Agreement and the Amendment, attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, respectively, and incorporated into this Current Report on Form 8-K by reference.

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

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

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Indenture, dated as of March 14, 2024, by and between Churchill NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, as issuer, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee
10.2	Collateral Management Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2024, by and between Churchill NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, as issuer, and Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., as collateral manager
10.3	Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2024, by and amongNuveen Churchill BDC SPV V, LLC, as borrower, Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp as the collateral manager and the equity investor, and Wells Fargo Bank National Association, as administrative agent and lender.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

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

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP.

Date: March 20, 2024 By: /s/ Kenneth J. Kencel

Name: Kenneth J. Kencel

Title: Chief Executive Officer and President

INDENTURE

by and between

CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, Issuer

and

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Trustee

Dated as of March 14, 2024

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Schedules and Exhibits

Schedule 2 S&P Industry Classifications Schedule 3 Moody's Rating Definitions Schedule 4 S&P Recovery Rate Tables

Exhibit A Forms of Notes

- A-1 Form of Global Secured Note
- A-2 Form of Certificated Secured Note
- A-3 Form of Certificated Subordinated Note

Exhibit B Forms of Transfer and Exchange Certificates

- B-1 Form of Transferor Certificate for Transfer of Rule 144A Global Note or Certificated Note to Regulation S Global Note
- B-2 Form of Purchaser Representation Letter for the Class X Notes, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes issued in the form of Certificated Notes
- B-3 Form of Purchaser Representation Letter for Subordinated Notes issued in the form of Certificated Notes
- B-4 Form of Transferor Certificate for Transfer of Regulation S Global Note or Certificated Note to Rule 144A Global Note
- B-5 Form of ERISA Certificate
- B-6 Form of Transferee Certificate for Rule 144A Global Note
- B-7 Form of Transferee Certificate for Regulation S Global Note

Exhibit C Form of Contribution Notice

Exhibit D Form of Note Owner Certificate

INDENTURE, dated as of March 14, 2024, between CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with its permitted successors and assigns, the "<u>Issuer</u>") and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as trustee (herein, together with its permitted successors and assigns in the trusts hereunder, the "<u>Trustee</u>").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

The Issuer is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Indenture to provide for the Notes issuable as provided herein. The Issuer and the Trustee are entering into this Indenture for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged.

All things necessary to make this Indenture a valid agreement of the Issuer in accordance with the agreement's terms have been done.

GRANTING CLAUSES

The Issuer hereby Grants to the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the Holders of the Secured Notes, the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator, the Collateral Manager, the Bank and U.S. Bank National Association in each of their other capacities under the Transaction Documents (collectively, the "Secured Parties"), all of the Issuer's right, title and interest in, to and under, in each case, whether now owned or existing on the Closing Date, or hereafter acquired or arising,

- (a) the Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Restructured Loans and Specified Equity Securities and all payments thereon or with respect thereto;
- (b) each of the Accounts, and any Eligible Investments on deposit in any of the Accounts, and all income from the investment of funds therein,
 - (c) each Transaction Document,
 - (d) all Cash or Money owned by the Issuer,
 - (e) any Equity Securities received by the Issuer,
- (f) all accounts (including health-care-insurance receivables), chattel paper (whether tangible or electronic), commercial tort claims, deposit accounts, documents (including, if applicable, electronic documents), financial assets, general intangibles (including all payment intangibles), goods (including inventory and equipment), instruments, investment property, letters of credit, letter-of-credit rights (whether or not the letter of credit is evidenced by a writing), promissory notes and other supporting obligations relating to the foregoing (in each case as defined in the UCC),
 - (g) any other property of the Issuer (whether or not constituting Collateral Obligations or Eligible Investments), and
- (h) all proceeds with respect to the foregoing (the assets referred to in (a) through (h) are collectively referred to as the "Assets").

The above Grant is made to secure the Secured Notes and certain other amounts payable by the Issuer as described herein. Except as set forth in the Priority of Payments and <u>Article XIII</u> of this Indenture, the Secured Notes are secured by the Grant equally and ratably

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without prejudice, priority or distinction between any Secured Notes and any other Secured Notes by reason of difference in time of issuance or otherwise. The Grant is made to secure, in accordance with the priorities set forth in the Priority of Payments and Article XIII of this Indenture, (i) the payment of all amounts due on the Secured Notes in accordance with its terms, (ii) the payment of all other sums (other than in respect of the Subordinated Notes) payable under this Indenture, (iii) the payment of amounts owing by the Issuer under the Collateral Management Agreement, the Securities Account Control Agreement and the Collateral Administration Agreement and (iv) compliance with the provisions of this Indenture, all as provided herein. The foregoing Grant shall, for the purpose of determining the property subject to the lien of this Indenture, be deemed to include any securities and any investments granted to the Trustee by or on behalf of the Issuer, whether or not such securities or investments satisfy the criteria set forth in the definitions of "Collateral Obligation" or "Eligible Investments", as the case may be.

The Trustee acknowledges such Grant and agrees to perform the duties herein in accordance with the terms hereof.

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 <u>Definitions</u>. Except as otherwise specified herein or as the context may otherwise require, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below for all purposes of this Indenture, and the definitions of such terms are equally applicable both to the singular and plural forms of such terms and to the masculine, feminine and neuter genders of such terms. The word "including" shall mean "including without limitation". All references herein to designated "Articles", "Sections", "sub-sections" and other subdivisions are to the designated articles, sections, sub-sections and other subdivisions of this Indenture. The words "herein", "hereof", "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular article, section, sub-section or other subdivision.

"17g-5 Information": The meaning specified in Section 14.16.

"17g-5 Website": A password-protected website which shall initially be located at https://www.structuredfn.com. Any change of the 17g-5 Website shall only occur after notice has been delivered by the Issuer to the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator, the Initial Purchaser and S&P setting the date of change and new location of the 17g-5 Website.

"1940 Act": The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time.

"25% Limitation": The meaning specified in Section 2.5(b).

"Accountants' Effective Date Comparison AUP Report": The meaning specified in Section 7.18(c).

"Accountants' Effective Date Recalculation AUP Report": The meaning specified in Section 7.18(c).

"Accountants' Report": A certificate of the firm or firms appointed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.11(a).

"Accounts": (i) The Payment Account, (ii) the Collection Account, (iii) the Ramp-Up Account, (iv) the Revolver Funding Account, (v) the Custodial Account, (vi) the Expense Reserve Account, (vii) the Interest Reserve Account and (viii) the Permitted Use Account.

"Accredited Investor": The meaning specified in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act.

"Act": The meaning specified in Section 14.2.

"Adjusted Class Break-even Default Rate": The rate equal to (a)(i) the Class Break-even Default Rate multiplied by (ii)(x) the Target Initial Par Amount divided by (y) the S&P Collateral Principal Amount *plus* (b)(i)(x) the S&P Collateral Principal Amount *minus* (y) the Target Initial Par Amount, divided by (ii)(x) the S&P Collateral Principal Amount multiplied by (y) 1 *minus* the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate.

"Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount": As of any date of determination:

- (a) the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations, Deferring Obligations (other than Permitted Deferrable Obligations), Discount Obligations and Long Dated Obligations), plus
- (b) without duplication, the amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and the Ramp-Up Account (including Eligible Investments therein) representing Principal Proceeds, plus
 - (c) the aggregate of the Defaulted Obligation Balances for each Defaulted Obligation (except for Deferring Obligations), plus
- (d) the aggregate of the purchase prices for each Discount Obligation, excluding accrued interest, expressed as a percentage of par and multiplied by the Principal Balance thereof, for such Discount Obligation, *plus*
- (e) the sum of, with respect to each Deferring Obligation (other than a Permitted Deferrable Obligation), the S&P Collateral Value for such Deferring Obligation; *plus*
- (f) with respect to each Long Dated Obligation, the product of 70% multiplied by the Principal Balance thereof, for such Long Dated Obligation; *minus*
 - (g) the Excess CCC Adjustment Amount;

<u>provided</u> that, with respect to any Collateral Obligation that satisfies more than one of the definitions of Defaulted Obligation, Deferring Obligation, Discount Obligation or Long Dated Obligation or any asset that falls into the Excess CCC Adjustment Amount, such Collateral Obligation shall, for the purposes of this definition, be treated as belonging to the category of Collateral Obligations which results in the lowest Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount on any date of determination.

"Administrative Excess Amount": An amount equal on any Payment Date to (i) the Administrative Expense Cap (disregarding the proviso in such definition) on such Payment Date *minus* (ii) the aggregate amount of any Administrative Expenses paid pursuant to clause (A)(2) of Section 11.1(a)(i) on such Payment Date.

"Administrative Expense Cap": An amount equal on any Payment Date (when taken together with any Administrative Expenses paid during the period since the preceding Payment Date or in the case of the first Payment Date, the period since the Closing Date), to the sum of (a) 0.025% per annum (prorated for the related Interest Accrual Period on the basis of a 360-day year and the actual number of days elapsed) of the Fee Basis Amount on the Determination Date relating to the immediately preceding Payment Date (or, in the case of the first Payment Date, the Closing Date) and (b) U.S.\$200,000 per annum (prorated for the related Interest Accrual Period on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30 day months); provided that (1) in respect of any Payment Date after the third Payment Date following the Closing Date, if the aggregate amount of Administrative Expenses paid pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i)(A), Section 11.1(a)(ii)(A) and Section 11.1(a)(iii)(A)(2) (including any excess applied in accordance with this proviso) on the three immediately preceding Payment Dates and during the related Collection Periods is less than the stated Administrative Expense Cap (without regard to any excess applied in accordance with this proviso) in the aggregate for such three preceding Payment Dates, then the excess may be applied to the Administrative Expense Cap with respect to the then-current Payment Date; and (2) in respect of the third Payment Date following the Closing Date, such excess amount shall be calculated based on the Payment Dates preceding such Payment Date.

"Administrative Expenses": The fees, expenses (including indemnities) and other amounts due or accrued with respect to any Payment Date (including, with respect to any Payment Date, any such amounts that were due and not paid on any prior Payment Date in accordance with the Priority of Payments) and payable in the following order by the Issuer: *first*, to the Trustee pursuant to Section 6.7 and the other provisions of this Indenture, *second*, to the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and any of their respective Affiliates in any of their respective other capacities under the Transaction Documents, *third*, on a *pro rata* basis, the following amounts (excluding indemnities) to the following parties:

- (i) the Independent Review Party, if any, Independent accountants (including tax accountants), agents (other than the Collateral Manager) and counsel of the Issuer for fees and expenses;
- (ii) S&P for fees and expenses (including any annual fee, amendment fees and surveillance fees) in connection with any rating of the Notes or in connection with the rating of (or provision of credit estimates in respect of) any Collateral Obligations;
- (iii) the Collateral Manager under this Indenture and the Collateral Management Agreement, including without limitation reasonable expenses of the Collateral Manager (including fees for its accountants, agents and counsel) incurred in connection with the purchase or sale of any Collateral Obligations, any other expenses incurred in connection with the Collateral Obligations and any other amounts payable pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement but excluding the Aggregate Collateral Management Fees;
 - (iv) the independent manager of the Issuer for fees and expenses;
 - (v) any person in respect of any governmental fee, charge or tax; and
- (vi) any other Person in respect of any other fees or expenses permitted under this Indenture and the documents delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Indenture (including without limitation the payment of all legal and other fees and expenses incurred in connection with the purchase or sale of any Collateral Obligations and any other expenses incurred in connection with the Collateral Obligations) and the Notes, including but not limited to, amounts owed to the Issuer pursuant to this Indenture, any amounts due in respect of the

listing of the Notes on any stock exchange or trading system, any Re-Pricing, redemption, Refinancing or additional issuance of Notes;

and *fourth*, on a *pro rata* basis, indemnities payable to any Person pursuant to any Transaction Document or the Warehouse Agreement; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, (x) amounts due in respect of actions taken on or before the Closing Date (other than indemnities payable under the Warehouse Agreement or amounts payable with respect to actions taken under the Posting Agent Letter Agreement) shall not be payable as Administrative Expenses but shall be payable only from the Expense Reserve Account pursuant to Section 10.3(d) and (y) amounts that are expressly payable to any Person under the Priority of Payments in respect of an amount that is stated to be payable as an amount other than as Administrative Expenses (including, without limitation, interest and principal in respect of the Notes) shall not constitute Administrative Expenses.

"Affected Class": Any Class of Notes that, as a result of the occurrence of a Tax Event, has not received or will not receive 100% of the aggregate amount of principal and interest that would otherwise be due and payable to such Class on any Payment Date.

"Affiliate": With respect to a Person, (i) any other Person who, directly or indirectly, is in control of, or controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person or (ii) any other Person who is a director, Officer, employee or general partner (a) of such Person, (b) of any subsidiary or parent company of such Person or (c) of any Person described in clause (i) above. For the purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person shall mean the power, direct or indirect, (x) to vote more than 50% (or, solely for purposes of determining control in connection with a Portfolio Company, 35%) of the securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors of such Person or (y) to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person whether by contract or otherwise. For purposes of this definition, Obligors in respect of Collateral Obligations shall be deemed not to be Affiliates if they have distinct corporate family ratings and/or distinct issuer ratings.

"Agent Members": Members of, or participants in, DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream.

"Aggregate Collateral Management Fee": Without duplication, all accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fees, Current Deferred Management Fees, Cumulative Deferred Management Fees and Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts (including accrued interest).

"Aggregate Coupon": As of any Measurement Date, the sum of the products obtained by *multiplying*, in the case of each Fixed Rate Obligation (including, for any Permitted Deferrable Obligation, only the required current cash interest required by the Underlying Documents thereon), (i) the stated coupon on such Collateral Obligation expressed as a percentage and (ii) the principal balance of such Collateral Obligation.

"Aggregate Funded Spread": As of any Measurement Date, the sum of: (a) in the case of each Floating Rate Obligation (other than a Defaulted Obligation) that bears interest at a spread over a Reference Rate-based index (including, for any Permitted Deferrable Obligation, only the excess of the required current cash pay interest required by the Underlying Documents thereon over the applicable index and excluding the unfunded portion of any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation and Revolving Collateral Obligation), (i) the stated interest rate spread on such Collateral Obligation above such index multiplied by (ii) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation; provided that, with respect to any Reference Rate Floor Obligation, the stated interest rate spread on such Collateral Obligation over the applicable index shall be deemed to be equal to the sum of (x) the stated interest rate spread over the applicable

index and (y) the excess, if any, of the specified "floor" rate relating to such Collateral Obligation over the applicable Reference Rate; and (b) in the case of each Floating Rate Obligation (other than a Defaulted Obligation) (including, for any Permitted Deferrable Obligation, only the required current cash pay interest required by the Underlying Documents thereon and excluding the unfunded portion of any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation and Revolving Collateral Obligation) that bears interest at a spread over an index other than a Reference Rate-based index, (i) the excess of the sum of such spread and such index over the Reference Rate as of the immediately preceding Interest Determination Date (which spread or excess may be expressed as a negative percentage) *multiplied by* (ii) the outstanding principal balance of each such Collateral Obligation.

"Aggregate Outstanding Amount": With respect to any of the Notes as of any date, the aggregate unpaid principal amount of such Notes Outstanding on such date.

"Aggregate Principal Balance": When used with respect to all or a portion of the Collateral Obligations or the Assets, the sum of the Principal Balances of all or of such portion of the Collateral Obligations or Assets, respectively.

"Aggregate Unfunded Spread": As of any Measurement Date, the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) for each Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation and Revolving Collateral Obligation (other than Defaulted Obligations), the related commitment fee rate then in effect as of such date and (ii) the undrawn commitments of each such Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation and Revolving Collateral Obligation as of such date.

"Alternative Method": The meaning specified in Section 7.17(m).

"Alternative Rate": The Fallback Rate or Benchmark Replacement Rate selected by the Collateral Manager to replace the then current Reference Rate pursuant to a Reference Rate Amendment.

"ARRC": The Alternative Reference Rates Committee.

"Asset-backed Commercial Paper": Commercial paper or other short-term obligations of a program that primarily issues externally rated commercial paper backed by assets or exposures held in a bankruptcy-remote, special purpose entity.

"Assets": The meaning specified in the Granting Clauses.

"Assumed Reinvestment Rate": The Term SOFR Rate (as determined on the most recent Interest Determination Date relating to an Interest Accrual Period beginning on a Payment Date or the Closing Date) minus 0.25% per annum; provided that the Assumed Reinvestment Rate shall not be less than 0.00%.

"Authenticating Agent": With respect to the Notes or a Class of the Notes, the Person designated by the Trustee to authenticate such Notes on behalf of the Trustee pursuant to Section 6.14 hereof.

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

"Balance": On any date, with respect to Cash or Eligible Investments in any account, the aggregate of the (i) current balance of Cash, demand deposits, time deposits, certificates of deposit and federal funds; (ii) principal amount of interest-bearing corporate and government securities, money market accounts and repurchase obligations; and (iii) purchase price (but not greater than the face amount) of non-interest-bearing government and corporate securities and commercial paper.

"Bank": U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in its individual capacity and not as Trustee, or any successor thereto.

"Bankruptcy Code": The federal Bankruptcy Code, Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time.

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes": With respect to the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement Rate, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including, but not limited to, changes to the definition of "Interest Accrual Period") that the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement Rate in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement Rate exists, in such other manner as the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) determines is reasonably necessary).

"Benchmark Replacement Date": The earlier to occur of the following events with respect to the Reference Rate and each date thereafter designated by the Collateral Manager following the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (vii) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of (x) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (y) the date on which the administrator of the Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Reference Rate;
- (viii) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein; or
- (ix) in the case of clause (d) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date on which the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion has notified the Trustee and the Calculation Agent that a "Benchmark Replacement Date" has occurred.

"Benchmark Replacement Rate": The reference rate that the Collateral Manager determines in its sole discretion as a replacement for the base rate component applicable to the Secured Notes as of the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date meets each of clauses (i) and (ii) below:

- (x) the first applicable alternative set forth in the order below that also meets clause (ii) below:
- (1) the sum of: (a) Daily Simple SOFR and (b) in the case of an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement Rate, the Benchmark Replacement Rate Adjustment;
- (2) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body or the LSTA as the replacement for then current Reference Rate for the applicable Corresponding Tenor with respect to quarterly pay

floating rate Loans of the type included in the Assets and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Rate Adjustment; and

- (3) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest identified by the Collateral Manager as expected to be used in a majority of the quarterly pay Floating Rate Obligations included in the Assets or a majority of the new issue collateralized loan obligation transactions priced in the six months prior to the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (b) in the case of an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement Rate, the Benchmark Replacement Rate Adjustment; and
- (xi) used in a majority of the quarterly pay Floating Rate Obligations included in the Assets or a majority of the new issue collateralized loan obligation transactions priced in the six months prior to the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date as determined by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion.

"Benchmark Replacement Rate Adjustment": With respect to any replacement of the Reference Rate with an Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement Rate, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Collateral Manager in the following order: (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the Reference Rate with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement Rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or the LSTA or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the Reference Rate with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement Rate for Dollar-denominated collateralized loan obligation securitization transactions at such time.

"Benchmark Transition <u>Event</u>": The occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Collateral Manager:

- (a) public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Reference Rate announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide such Reference Rate, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such Reference Rate;
- (b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Reference Rate, the Federal Reserve System, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Reference Rate, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Reference Rate or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Reference Rate, which states that the administrator of the Reference Rate has ceased or will cease to provide the Reference Rate permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Reference Rate;
- (c) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Reference Rate announcing that the Reference Rate is no longer representative; or
- (d) if at any time after the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event set forth in clauses (a) (c) the Reference Rate is a rate that does not satisfy clause (ii) of the definition of Benchmark Replacement Rate, the Collateral Manager determines in its sole

discretion to replace the then current Reference Rate with a rate that satisfies clause (ii) of the definition of Benchmark Replacement Rate.

"Beneficial Ownership Certificate": The meaning specified in Section 14.2(e).

"Benefit Plan Investor": A "benefit plan investor" as defined in 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101 and Section 3(42) of ERISA, which includes (a) any employee benefit plan (as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) that is subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of Title I of ERISA, (b) any plan (as defined in Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code) to which Section 4975 of the Code applies and (c) any entity whose underlying assets include "plan assets" by reason of such an employee benefit plan's or plan's investment in such entity.

"Bond": A debt security (that is not a Loan) that is issued by a partnership, trust or any other entity.

"Book Value": "Book value" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv), adjusted (to the extent permitted under Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f)) as necessary to reflect the relative economic interests of the beneficial owners of the Subordinated Notes (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes).

"Bridge Loan": Any loan or other obligation that (i) is incurred in connection with a merger, acquisition, consolidation, or sale of all or substantially all of the assets of a Person or similar transaction and (ii) by its terms, is required to be repaid within one year of the incurrence thereof with proceeds from additional borrowings or other refinancings (it being understood that any such loan or debt security that has a nominal maturity date of one year or less from the incurrence thereof but has a term-out or other provision whereby (automatically or at the sole option of the Obligor thereof) the maturity of the indebtedness thereunder may be extended to a later date is not a Bridge Loan).

"Business Day": Any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which commercial banks are authorized or required by applicable law, regulation or executive order to close in New York, New York or in the city in which the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee is located or, for any final payment of principal, in the relevant place of presentation.

"Calculation Agent": The meaning specified in Section 7.16.

"Cash": Such funds denominated in currency of the United States as at the time shall be legal tender for payment of all public and private debts, including funds standing to the credit of an Account.

"CCC Collateral Obligation": A Collateral Obligation (other than a Defaulted Obligation or a Deferring Obligation) with an S&P Rating of "CCC+" or lower.

"CCC Excess": An amount equal to the excess of the Principal Balance of all CCC Collateral Obligations over an amount equal to 20.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount as of such date of determination; provided that, in determining which of the CCC Collateral Obligations shall be included in the CCC Excess, the CCC Collateral Obligations with the lowest Market Value (expressed as a percentage of the outstanding Principal Balance of such Collateral Obligations as of such date of determination) shall be deemed to constitute such CCC Excess.

"Certificate of Authentication": The meaning specified in Section 2.1.

"Certificate of Formation": The certificate of formation the Issuer.

- "Certificated Note": Any Certificated Secured Note or Certificated Subordinated Note.
- "Certificated Secured Note": The meaning specified in Section 2.2(b)(iv).
- "Certificated Security": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(4) of the UCC.
- "Certificated Subordinated Note": A definitive, fully registered note without coupons substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-3 hereto.
- "Class": In the case of (i) the Secured Notes, all of the Secured Notes having the same Interest Rate, Stated Maturity and class designation and (ii) the Subordinated Notes, all of the Subordinated Notes; provided that, solely for purposes of calculating the Interest Coverage Ratio and the Overcollateralization Ratio, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes shall be treated as a single Class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Class X Notes constitute a separate Class from the Class A Notes, including for purposes of exercising any rights to consent, give direction or otherwise vote (and any determination relating to whether a proposed supplemental indenture would have a material and adverse effect on a Class).
- "Class A/B Coverage Tests": The Overcollateralization Ratio Test and the Interest Coverage Test, each as applied with respect to the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes.
- "Class A Notes": The Class A Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture and having the characteristics specified in Section 2.3.
- "Class B Notes": The Class B Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture and having the characteristics specified in Section 2.3.
 - "Class Break-even Default Rate": With respect to the Highest Ranking S&P Class:
 - (e) prior to the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the rate equal to (a) -0.014771 plus (b) the product of (x) 3.662991 and (y) the Weighted Average Floating Spread plus (c) the product of (x) 1.395821 and (y) the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate; or
 - (f) on and after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the maximum percentage of defaults, at any time, that the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, can sustain, as determined through application of the applicable S&P CDO Monitor chosen by the Collateral Manager in accordance with this Indenture that is applicable to the portfolio of Collateral Obligations, which, after giving effect to the assumptions on recoveries, defaults and timing and to the Priority of Payments, will result in sufficient funds remaining for the payment of the Highest Ranking S&P Class in full. After the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, S&P will provide the Collateral Manager with the Class Break-even Default Rates for each S&P CDO Monitor input file based upon the S&P Minimum Floating Spread and the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate to be associated with such S&P CDO Monitor input file as selected by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the definition of "S&P CDO Monitor".

"Class Default Differential": With respect to the Highest Ranking S&P Class, the rate calculated by subtracting the Class Scenario Default Rate at such time from (x) prior to the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the Adjusted Class Break-even Default Rate or (y) on and

after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the Class Break-even Default Rate, in each case, at such time.

"Class Scenario Default Rate": With respect to the Highest Ranking S&P Class:

- (g) prior to the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the rate at such time equal to (i) 0.247621 plus (ii) (x) the S&P Weighted Average Rating Factor divided by (y) 9162.65 minus (iii) (x) the Default Rate Dispersion divided by (y) 16757.20 minus (iv)(x) the Obligor Diversity Measure divided by (y) 7677.80 minus (v)(x) the Industry Diversity Measure divided by (y) 2177.56 minus (vi)(x) the Regional Diversity Measure divided by (y) 34.0948 plus (vii)(x) the S&P Weighted Average Life divided by (y) 27.3896; or
- (h) on and after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, an estimate of the cumulative default rate for the Current Portfolio or the Proposed Portfolio, as applicable, consistent with the Initial Rating of such Class or Classes of Notes, determined by application by the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator of the S&P CDO Monitor at such time.
- "Class X Note Payment Amount": An amount equal to (i) for each of the second through the ninth Payment Dates after the Closing Date, \$250,000, and (ii) for each Payment Date thereafter, the Aggregate Outstanding Amount, if any, of the Class X Notes as of such Payment Date.
- "Class X Notes": The Class X Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture and having the characteristics specified in Section 2.3.
 - "Clean-Up Call Purchase Price": The meaning specified in Section 9.8(b).
 - "Clean-Up Call Redemption": The meaning specified in Section 9.8(a).
 - "Clearing Agency": An organization registered as a "clearing agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act.
- "Clearing Corporation": (i) Clearstream, (ii) DTC, (iii) Euroclear and (iv) any entity included within the meaning of "clearing corporation" under Section 8-102(a)(5) of the UCC.
- "Clearing Corporation Security": Securities which are in the custody of or maintained on the books of a Clearing Corporation or a nominee subject to the control of a Clearing Corporation and, if they are Certificated Securities in registered form, properly endorsed to or registered in the name of the Clearing Corporation or such nominee.
- "Clearstream": Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, a corporation organized under the laws of the Duchy of Luxembourg (formerly known as Cedelbank, société anonyme).
 - "Closing Date": March 14, 2024.
 - "Closing Date Certificate": The closing certificate of the Issuer and the Collateral Manager dated as of the Closing Date.
 - "Code": The United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Collateral Administration Agreement": An agreement, dated as of the Closing Date, among the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator, as amended from time to time, in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Collateral Administrator": U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, in its capacity as collateral administrator under the Collateral Administration Agreement, and any successor thereto.

"Collateral Interest Amount": As of any date of determination, without duplication, the aggregate amount of Interest Proceeds that has been received or that is expected to be received (other than Interest Proceeds expected to be received from Defaulted Obligations or the deferring portion of a Permitted Deferrable Obligation, but including Interest Proceeds actually received from Defaulted Obligations or the deferring portion of a Permitted Deferrable Obligation), in each case during the Collection Period in which such date of determination occurs (or after such Collection Period but on or prior to the related Payment Date if such Interest Proceeds would be treated as Interest Proceeds with respect to such Collection Period).

"Collateral Management Agreement": The agreement dated as of the Closing Date, between the Issuer and the Collateral Manager relating to the management of the Collateral Obligations and the other Assets by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Collateral Management Fee": The fee payable to the Collateral Manager in arrears on each Payment Date (prorated for the related Interest Accrual Period) pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Collateral Management Agreement and Section 11.1 of this Indenture, in an amount equal to 0.20% per annum (calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the applicable Interest Accrual Period divided by 360) of the Fee Basis Amount at the beginning of the Collection Period relating to such Payment Date.

"Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount": To the extent the Collateral Management Fee is not paid on a Payment Date due to insufficient Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds (and such fee was not voluntarily deferred or waived by the Collateral Manager), the Collateral Management Fee due on such Payment Date (or the unpaid portion thereof, as applicable), which shall be automatically deferred for payment on the succeeding Payment Date, with interest at the rate specified in the Collateral Management Agreement, as certified to the Trustee by the Collateral Manager, in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

"Collateral Manager": Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., a Maryland corporation, until a successor Person shall have become the Collateral Manager pursuant to the provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement, and thereafter "Collateral Manager" shall mean such successor Person.

"Collateral Manager Standard": The standard of care applicable to the Collateral Manager set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement.

"Collateral Obligation": A Senior Secured Loan (including, but not limited to, interests in middle market loans acquired by way of a purchase or assignment) or Participation Interest therein, a Second Lien Loan or Participation Interest therein, or a DIP Collateral Obligation or a Participation Interest therein, that as of the date of acquisition by the Issuer:

- (i) is Dollar denominated and is neither convertible by the Obligor thereof into, nor payable in, any other currency;
- (ii) is not (A) a Defaulted Obligation or (B) a Credit Risk Obligation;

- (iii) is not a lease;
- (iv) if it is a Deferrable Obligation, it is a Permitted Deferrable Obligation;
- (v) provides for a fixed amount of principal payable in Cash on scheduled payment dates and/or at maturity and does not by its terms provide for earlier amortization or prepayment at a price of less than par;
 - (vi) does not constitute Margin Stock;
- (vii) gives rise only to payments that are not subject to withholding tax, other than withholding tax imposed on commitment fees and other similar fees, withholding imposed pursuant to FATCA and withholding tax as to which the Obligor must make additional payments so that the net amount received by the Issuer after satisfaction of such tax is the amount due to the Issuer before the imposition of any withholding tax;
 - (viii) has an S&P Rating;
- (ix) is not a debt obligation whose repayment is subject to substantial non-credit related risk as determined by the Collateral Manager;
- (x) except for Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations, is not an obligation pursuant to which any future advances or payments to the borrower or the Obligor thereof may be required to be made by the Issuer; provided that the Issuer may be required, as a lender under the Underlying Documents, to make customary protective advances or provide customary indemnities to the agent of the Collateral Obligation (for which the Issuer may receive a participation interest or other right of repayment);
- (xi) is not a repurchase obligation, a Bond, a Zero Coupon Bond, an Unsecured Loan, a Bridge Loan, a Commercial Real Estate Loan, a Structured Finance Obligation, a Step-Down Obligation, a Step-Up Obligation or a note;
 - (xii) will not require the Issuer or the pool of Assets to be registered as an investment company under the 1940 Act;
 - (xiii) is not an Equity Security or by its terms convertible into or exchangeable for an Equity Security;
- (xiv) is not the subject of an Offer of exchange, or tender by its Obligor, for cash, securities or any other type of consideration other than a Permitted Offer;
 - (xv) does not have an S&P Rating that is below "CCC-";
- (xvi) does not have an "f," "p," "pi," "sf' or "t" subscript assigned by S&P or an "sf" subscript assigned by any other NRSRO;
 - (xvii) does not mature after the earliest Stated Maturity of the Notes;
- (xviii) other than in the case of a Fixed Rate Obligation, accrues interest at a floating rate determined by reference to (a) the Dollar prime rate, federal funds rate or SOFR or (b) a similar interbank offered rate, commercial deposit rate or any other index in respect of which the S&P Rating Condition is satisfied;

- (xix) if it is a "registration-required obligation" within the meaning of the Code, is Registered;
- (xx) is not a Synthetic Security;
- (xxi) does not pay interest less frequently than semi-annually;
- (xxii) is not a letter of credit and does not support a letter of credit;
- (xxiii) is not an interest in a grantor trust;
- (xxiv) is purchased at a price at least equal to 65% of its outstanding principal balance;
- (xxv) is not issued by an Obligor Domiciled in Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Portugal or Spain;
- (xxvi) is issued by a Non-Emerging Market Obligor Domiciled in the United States, Canada, a Group I Country, a Group II Country, or a Group III Country;
- (xxvii) if it is a Participation Interest, the Third Party Credit Exposure Limits are satisfied with respect to the acquisition thereof;
 - (xxviii)is not an obligation of a Portfolio Company;
 - (xxix) does not have attached equity warrants;
 - (xxx) is not a commodity forward contract;
- (xxxi) is issued by an Obligor with a most-recently calculated (in accordance with the related Underlying Documents) EBITDA of at least \$5,000,000;
 - (xxxii) is not an ESG Collateral Obligation; and
 - (xxxiii)is not an infrastructure or a project finance loan;

<u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Indenture, any Workout Loan designated as a Collateral Obligation by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the terms specified in the definition of "Workout Loan" shall constitute a Collateral Obligation (and not a Workout Loan) following such designation.

"Collateral Principal Amount": As of any date of determination, the sum of (a) the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations except as otherwise expressly set forth herein), (b) without duplication, the amounts on deposit in the Collection Account and the Ramp-Up Account (including Eligible Investments therein) representing Principal Proceeds and (c) unpaid Principal Financed Accrued Interest (other than in respect of Defaulted Obligations); provided that for purposes of calculating the Concentration Limitations, Defaulted Obligations shall be included in the Collateral Principal Amount with a Principal Balance equal to the Defaulted Obligation Balance thereof.

"Collateral Quality Test": A test satisfied, as of the Effective Date and any other date thereafter on which such test is required to be determined hereunder if, in the aggregate, the Collateral Obligations owned (or in relation to a proposed purchase of a Collateral Obligation, proposed to be owned) by the Issuer satisfy each of the tests set forth below (or, after the

Effective Date, if not in compliance at the time of reinvestment, the relevant requirements must be maintained or improved as described in the Investment Criteria):

(xxxiv)the S&P CDO Monitor Test;

(xxxv) at any time on or after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the Minimum Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate Test;

(xxxvi)the Minimum Floating Spread Test;

(xxxvii) the Minimum Weighted Average Coupon Test;

(xxxviii) the Weighted Average Life Test; and

(xxxix)the Maximum S&P Equivalent Rating Factor Test.

"Collection Account": The account established pursuant to Section 10.2 which consists of the Principal Collection Subaccount and the Interest Collection Subaccount.

"Collection Period": (i) With respect to the first Payment Date, the period commencing on the Closing Date and ending at the close of business on the seventh day of the calendar month in which the first Payment Date occurs; and (ii) with respect to any other Payment Date, the period commencing on the day immediately following the prior Collection Period and ending (a) in the case of the final Collection Period preceding the latest Stated Maturity of any Class of Notes, on the day of such Stated Maturity, (b) in the case of the final Collection Period preceding an Optional Redemption, Clean-Up Call Redemption or Tax Redemption in whole of the Notes, on the Redemption Date and (c) in any other case, at the close of business on the seventh day of the calendar month in which such Payment Date occurs; provided, that, in each case, if such seventh day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day.

"Commercial Real Estate Loan": Any Loan for which the underlying collateral consists primarily of real property owned by the Obligor and is evidenced by a note or other evidence of indebtedness.

"Competent Authority": A competent authority of any Holder or a competent authority of any potential investor in the Notes (as determined under the Securitization Regulations).

"Concentration Limitations": Limitations satisfied on each Measurement Date on or after the Effective Date and during the Reinvestment Period if, in the aggregate, the Collateral Obligations owned (or in relation to a proposed purchase of a Collateral Obligation, proposed to be owned) by the Issuer comply with all of the requirements set forth below (or in relation to a proposed purchase after the Effective Date, if not in compliance, the relevant requirements must be maintained or improved after giving effect to the purchase), calculated in each case as required by Section 1.3 herein:

- (xl) not less than 95.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Senior Secured Loans, Cash and Eligible Investments:
 - (xli) not more than 2.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of First-Lien Last-Out Loans;

- (xlii) not more than 2.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Second Lien Loans;
- (xliii) not more than 2.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of obligations issued by a single Obligor and its Affiliates, except that, without duplication, Collateral Obligations issued by up to three Obligors and their respective Affiliates may each constitute up to 2.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount; provided, that one Obligor shall not be considered an Affiliate of another Obligor solely because they are controlled by the same financial sponsor; provided, further, that not more than 1.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of First-Lien Last-Out Loans and Second Lien Loans issued by a single Obligor and its Affiliates;
 - (xliv) not more than 17.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of CCC Collateral Obligations;
 - (xlv) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Fixed Rate Obligations;
 - (xlvi) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Current Pay Obligations;
- (xlvii) not more than 10.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist, in the aggregate, of unfunded commitments under Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and unfunded and funded commitments under Revolving Collateral Obligations;
- (xlviii)(a) not more than 10.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Participation Interests and (b) each such Participation Interest shall satisfy the Third Party Credit Exposure Limits;
- (xlix) not more than 10.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may have an S&P Rating derived from a Moody's Rating as provided in clause (c)(i) of the definition of the term "S&P Rating";
- (l) no more than the percentage listed below of the Collateral Principal Amount may be issued by Obligors Domiciled in the country or countries set forth opposite such percentage:

% Limit	Country or Countries
10.0%	All countries (in the aggregate) other than the United States;
5.0%	Canada;
5.0%	all countries (in the aggregate) other than the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom;
5.0%	any individual Group I Country;
2.5%	all Group II Countries in the aggregate;
2.5%	any individual Group II Country;
1.5%	all Group III Countries in the aggregate; and
1.5%	any individual country other than the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, the Netherlands, any Group II Country or any Group III Country;

- (li) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that pay interest at least semi-annually, but less frequently than quarterly;
- (lii) not more than 10.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are Discount Obligations;
- (liii) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are Permitted Deferrable Obligations;
 - (liv) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of DIP Collateral Obligations;
- (Iv) not more than 12.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are issued by Obligors that belong to any single S&P Industry Classification Group, except that (a) the two largest S&P Industry Classification Groups may each represent up to 17.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount and (b) the next two largest S&P Industry Classification Groups may each represent up to 15.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount;
- (lvi) not more than 12.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are Cov-Lite Loans; provided, that not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are Cov-Lite Loans that are issued by an Obligor with a most-recently calculated EBITDA as of the date such Collateral Obligation was acquired by the Issuer (in accordance with the related Underlying Documents) of less than \$40,000,000;
- (lvii) not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are issued by an Obligor with a most-recently calculated (in accordance with the related Underlying Documents) EBITDA of less than \$10,000,000; and
- (Iviii) not more than 7.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount may consist of Collateral Obligations that are issued by Obligors that belong to the S&P Industry Classifications of Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels, Electric Utilities, Water Utilities, Multi-Utilities or Gas Utilities.

"Confidential Information": The meaning specified in Section 14.15(b).

"Contribution": The meaning specified in Section 10.6.

"Contributor": The meaning specified in Section 10.6.

"Controlling Class": The Class A Notes so long as any Class A Notes are Outstanding; then the Class B Notes so long as any Class B Notes are Outstanding; and then the Subordinated Notes if no Secured Notes are Outstanding; provided that the Class X Notes shall not constitute the Controlling Class at any time.

"Controlling Person": A Person (other than a Benefit Plan Investor) who has discretionary authority or control with respect to the assets of an entity or any Person who provides investment advice for a fee (direct or indirect) with respect to such assets or any affiliate of any such Person. For this purpose, an "affiliate" of a Person includes any Person, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Person. "Control," with respect to a Person other than an individual, means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of such Person, and "Controlling" shall have the meaning correlative to the foregoing.

"Corporate Trust Office": The principal corporate trust office of the Trustee at which this Indenture is administered, currently located at (a) for Note transfer purposes and for presentment and surrender of the Notes for final payment thereon, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, 111 Fillmore Avenue East, St. Paul, Minnesota 55107, Attention: Bondholder Services – EP-MN-WS2N, and (b) for all other purposes, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attention: Global Corporate Trust – Churchill NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, Email: curchill.custody@usbank.com, with a copy to jennifer.maldonado3@usbank.com, or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders, the Collateral Manager and the Issuer or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee.

"Corresponding Tenor": With respect to the Reference Rate or a Benchmark Replacement Rate, a tenor having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as the applicable tenor for the then current Reference Rate (which shall initially be three months).

"Cov-Lite Loan": A Senior Secured Loan the Underlying Documents for which do not (i) contain any financial covenants or (ii) require the borrower thereunder to comply with any Maintenance Covenant (regardless of whether compliance with one or more Incurrence Covenants is otherwise required by such Underlying Documents); provided that, for all purposes other than the determination of the S&P Recovery Rate for such Collateral Obligation, a loan which either contains a cross-default or cross-acceleration provision to, or is pari passu with, another loan or debt obligation of the underlying Obligor that requires the underlying Obligor to comply with a Maintenance Covenant will be deemed not to be a Cov-Lite Loan. For the avoidance of doubt, for all purposes other than determining an S&P Recovery Rate, a Senior Secured Loan that is capable of satisfying the foregoing definition (not including the proviso thereto) only (x) until the expiration of a certain period of time after the initial issuance thereof or (y) for so long as there is no funded balance in respect thereof, in each case as set forth in the related Underlying Documents, shall be deemed not to be a Cov-Lite Loan.

"Coverage Tests": The Overcollateralization Ratio Test and the Interest Coverage Test, each as applied to each specified Class or Classes of Secured Notes (other than the Class X Notes). No Coverage Tests will be applicable to the Class X Notes.

"Covered Audit Adjustment": The meaning specified in Section 7.17(m).

"Credit Amendment": The meaning specified in Section 7.20.

"Credit Improved Criteria": The criteria that will be met if, with respect to any Collateral Obligation, any of the following occur:

- (a) such Collateral Obligation has experienced a reduction in its credit spread of 10% or more compared to the credit spread in effect as of the Cut-Off Date for such Collateral Obligation, such reduction in spread being determined by reference to an Eligible Loan Index; or
- (b) such Collateral Obligation has a Market Value above the higher of (i) par and (ii) the initial purchase price paid by the Issuer for such Collateral Obligation.

"Credit Improved Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation, which in the Collateral Manager's reasonable commercial judgment (which judgment shall not be called into question as a result of subsequent events), has significantly improved in credit quality after it was acquired by the Issuer, which may (but need not) be based on one or more of the Credit Improved Criteria; provided that, if a Restricted Trading Period is in effect, (i) such Collateral Obligation satisfies at

least one of the Credit Improved Criteria or (ii) the Collateral Manager must obtain the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class.

"Credit Risk Criteria": The criteria that will be met if, with respect to any Collateral Obligation, any of the following occur:

- (c) the spread over the Reference Rate or other Eligible Loan Index for such Collateral Obligation has been increased since the date of purchase by the Issuer by (A) 0.25% or more (in the case of a Collateral Obligation with a spread over the applicable reference rate selected by the Collateral Manager in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment (prior to such increase) less than or equal to 2.00%), (B) 0.375% or more (in the case of a Collateral Obligation with a spread over the applicable reference rate selected by the Collateral Manager in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment (prior to such increase) greater than 2.00% but less than or equal to 4.00%) or (C) 0.5% or more (in the case of a Collateral Obligation with a spread over the applicable reference rate selected by the Collateral Manager in the exercise of its reasonable business judgment (prior to such increase) greater than 4.00%) due, in each case, to a deterioration in the related Obligor's financial ratios or financial results in accordance with the Underlying Documents relating to such Collateral Obligation; or
- (d) the Market Value of such Collateral Obligation has decreased by at least 2.5% of the price paid by the Issuer for such Collateral Obligation due to a deterioration in the related Obligor's financial ratios or financial results in accordance with the Underlying Documents relating to such Collateral Obligation.

"Credit Risk Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation that, in the Collateral Manager's reasonable commercial judgment (which judgment shall not be called into question as a result of subsequent events), has a significant risk of declining in credit quality or price, which may (but need not) be based on one or more of the Credit Risk Criteria; provided that, if a Restricted Trading Period is in effect, (i) such Collateral Obligation satisfies at least one of the Credit Risk Criteria or (ii) the Collateral Manager must obtain the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class.

"Cumulative Deferred Management Fee": All or a portion of the previously deferred Collateral Management Fees or Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts (including accrued interest prior to the Payment Date on which the payment of such Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount was deferred by the Collateral Manager), which may be declared due and payable by the Collateral Manager on any Payment Date.

"Current Deferred Management Fee": With respect to a Payment Date, all or a portion of the Collateral Management Fees or Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts (including accrued interest), due and owing to the Collateral Manager the payment of which is voluntarily deferred (for payment on a subsequent Payment Date), without interest, by the Collateral Manager.

"Current Pay Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation (other than a DIP Collateral Obligation) that would otherwise be treated as a Defaulted Obligation but as to which no payments are due and payable that are unpaid and with respect to which the Collateral Manager has certified to the Trustee in writing that it believes, in its reasonable business judgment, that (a) the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation is current on all interest payments, principal payments and other amounts due and payable thereunder and will continue to make scheduled payments of interest thereon and will pay the principal thereof and all other amounts due and payable thereunder by maturity or as otherwise contractually due, (b) if the Obligor is subject to a bankruptcy proceeding, it has been the subject of an order of a bankruptcy court that permits it

to make the scheduled payments on such Collateral Obligation and all interest payments, principal payments and other amounts due and payable thereunder have been paid in Cash when due, (c) the Collateral Obligation has a Market Value of at least 80% of its par value and (d) if the Notes are then rated by S&P, (A) has an S&P Rating of at least "CCC+" and a Market Value of at least 80% of its par value or (B) has an S&P Rating of at least "CCC" and its Market Value is at least 85% of its par value (Market Value being determined, solely for the purposes of clauses (c) and (d), without taking into consideration clause (iii) of the definition of the term "Market Value").

"Current Portfolio": At any time, the portfolio of Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments representing Principal Proceeds (determined in accordance with the assumptions in this Indenture to the extent applicable) then held by the Issuer.

"Custodial Account": The custodial account established pursuant to Section 10.3(b).

"Custodian": The meaning specified in the first sentence of Section 3.3(a) with respect to items of collateral referred to therein, and each entity with which an Account is maintained, as the context may require, each of which shall be a Securities Intermediary.

"Cut-Off Date": Each date on or after the Closing Date on which a Collateral Obligation is transferred to the Issuer.

"<u>Daily Simple SOFR</u>": For any day, SOFR, with the conventions for this rate (which will include a lookback) being established by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining "Daily Simple SOFR" for leveraged loans; <u>provided</u> that, if the Collateral Manager decides that any such convention is not administratively feasible for the Collateral Manager, then the Collateral Manager may establish another convention in its reasonable discretion.

"<u>Default</u>": Any Event of Default or any occurrence that is, or with notice or the lapse of time or both would become, an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate Dispersion</u>": As of any date of determination, the number obtained by (a) summing the products for each Collateral Obligation (other than Defaulted Obligations) of (i) the absolute value of (x) the S&P Rating Factor of such Collateral Obligation minus (y) the S&P Weighted Average Rating Factor by (ii) the outstanding principal balance at such time of such Collateral Obligation and (b) dividing such sum by the aggregate outstanding principal balance on such date of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations).

"Defaulted Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation included in the Assets as to which:

- (e) a default as to the payment of principal and/or interest has occurred and is continuing with respect to such Collateral Obligation (without regard to any grace period applicable thereto (except as otherwise provided in this clause (a)), or waiver or forbearance thereof, after the passage (in the case of a default that in the Collateral Manager's judgment, as certified to the Trustee in writing, is not due to credit-related causes) of five Business Days or seven calendar days, whichever is greater, but in no case beyond the passage of any grace period applicable thereto);
- (f) a default known to a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager as to the payment of principal and/or interest has occurred and is continuing on another debt obligation of the same Obligor which is senior or *pari passu* in right of payment to such

Collateral Obligation (without regard to any grace period applicable thereto (except as otherwise provided in this clause (b)), or waiver or forbearance thereof, after the passage (in the case of a default that in the Collateral Manager's judgment, as certified to the Trustee in writing, is not due to credit-related causes) of five Business Days or seven calendar days, whichever is greater, but in no case beyond the passage of any grace period applicable thereto; <u>provided</u> that both the Collateral Obligation and such other debt obligation are full recourse obligations of the applicable Obligor or secured by the same collateral);

- (g) the Obligor or others have instituted proceedings to have the Obligor adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent or placed into receivership and such proceedings have not been stayed or dismissed for a period of 60 consecutive days or such Obligor has filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (h) such Collateral Obligation has an S&P Rating of "SD" or "CC" or lower or, in either case, had such rating immediately before such rating was withdrawn;
- (i) such Collateral Obligation is *pari passu* in right of payment as to the payment of principal and/or interest to another debt obligation of an Obligor which has an S&P Rating of "SD" or "CC" or lower or, in each case, had such rating immediately before such rating was withdrawn; <u>provided</u> that both the Collateral Obligation and such other debt obligation are full recourse obligations of the applicable Obligor or secured by the same collateral;
- (j) a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager has received written notice or has actual knowledge that a default has occurred under the Underlying Documents and any applicable grace period has expired and the holders of such Collateral Obligation have accelerated the repayment of the Collateral Obligation (but only until such acceleration has been rescinded) in the manner provided in the Underlying Documents;
- (k) the Collateral Manager has in its reasonable commercial judgment otherwise declared such debt obligation to be a "Defaulted Obligation";
 - (l) [reserved];
- (m) such Collateral Obligation is a Participation Interest in a Loan that would, if such Loan were a Collateral Obligation, constitute a "Defaulted Obligation" or with respect to which the Selling Institution has an S&P Rating of "SD", "D" or "CC" or lower or had such rating before such rating was withdrawn;
 - (n) such Collateral Obligation is a Deferring Obligation (other than a Permitted Deferrable Obligation); or
- (o) such Collateral Obligation has, since the date it was acquired by the Issuer, become subject to an amendment, waiver or modification that had the effect of reducing the principal amount of such Collateral Obligation;

provided that a Collateral Obligation shall not constitute a Defaulted Obligation pursuant to (1) clauses (b) through (e) above if such Collateral Obligation (or, in the case of a Participation Interest, the underlying Loan) is a Current Pay Obligation (provided that the Aggregate Principal Balance of Current Pay Obligations exceeding 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount will be treated as Defaulted Obligations), (2) clauses (b), (c), (e) and (i) above if such Collateral Obligation (or, in the case of a Participation Interest, the

underlying Loan) is a DIP Collateral Obligation and (3) clause (k) if, since the effective date of such amendment, waiver or modification, such Collateral Obligation has received a new rating or credit estimate (or a confirmation of a prior rating or credit estimate) assigned by S&P, which rating or credit estimate must be at least "CCC".

Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the Collateral Manager shall give the Trustee prompt written notice should any Collateral Obligation become a Defaulted Obligation. Until so notified or until a Responsible Officer of the Trustee obtains or reasonably should have obtained actual knowledge that a Collateral Obligation has become a Defaulted Obligation, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have any notice or knowledge that a Collateral Obligation has become a Defaulted Obligation.

"<u>Defaulted Obligation Balance</u>": For any Defaulted Obligation, the S&P Collateral Value of such Defaulted Obligation; provided that the Defaulted Obligation Balance will be zero if the Issuer has owned such Defaulted Obligation for more than three years after its default date.

"<u>Deferrable Obligation</u>": A Collateral Obligation (including any Permitted Deferrable Obligation) that by its terms permits the deferral or capitalization of payment of accrued, unpaid interest; <u>provided</u> that a loan that requires, by the terms of its applicable Underlying Documents, interest to be paid in cash at a rate of (in the case of a Permitted Deferrable Obligation that is a Fixed Rate Obligation) at least 5.00% and (in the case of a Permitted Deferrable Obligation that is a Floating Rate Obligation) at least the Reference Rate plus 4.00% per annum shall be deemed not to be a Deferrable Obligation.

"Deferring Obligation": A Deferrable Obligation that is not a Permitted Deferrable Obligation and that is deferring the payment of such cash interest due thereon and has been so deferring the payment of cash interest due thereon (i) with respect to Collateral Obligations that have an S&P Rating of at least "BBB-", for the shorter of two consecutive accrual periods or one year, and (ii) with respect to Collateral Obligations that have an S&P Rating of "BB+" or below, for the shorter of one accrual period or six consecutive months, which deferred capitalized interest has not, as of the date of determination, been paid in Cash; provided, that such Deferring Obligation will cease to be a Deferring Obligation at such time as it (i) ceases to defer or capitalize the payment of interest, (ii) pays in cash all accrued and unpaid interest, including all deferred amounts, and (iii) commences payment of all current interest in cash.

"Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation": A Collateral Obligation that (a) requires the Issuer to make one or more future advances to the borrower under the Underlying Documents relating thereto, (b) specifies a maximum amount that can be borrowed on one or more fixed borrowing dates, and (c) does not permit the re-borrowing of any amount previously repaid by the borrower thereunder; but any such Collateral Obligation will be a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation only until all commitments by the Issuer to make advances to the borrower expire or are terminated or are reduced to zero.

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

- (i) in the case of each Certificated Security (other than a Clearing Corporation Security), Instrument and Participation Interest in which the underlying loan is represented by an Instrument,
 - (a) causing the delivery of such Certificated Security or Instrument to the Custodian by registering the same in the name of the Custodian or its affiliated nominee or by endorsing the same to the Custodian or in blank;

- (b) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Certificated Security or Instrument is credited to the applicable Account; and
 - (c) causing the Custodian to maintain continuous possession of such Certificated Security or Instrument;
- (ii) in the case of each Uncertificated Security (other than a Clearing Corporation Security),
- (a) causing such Uncertificated Security to be continuously registered on the books of the issuer thereof to the Custodian; and
- (b) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Uncertificated Security is credited to the applicable Account;
- (iii) in the case of each Clearing Corporation Security,
- (a) causing the relevant Clearing Corporation to credit such Clearing Corporation Security to the securities account of the Custodian; and
- (b) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Clearing Corporation Security is credited to the applicable Account;
- (iv) in the case of each security issued or guaranteed by the United States or agency or instrumentality thereof and that is maintained in book-entry records of a Federal Reserve Bank (each such security, a "Government Security"),
 - (a) causing the creation of a Security Entitlement to such Government Security by the credit of such Government Security to the securities account of the Custodian at such Federal Reserve Bank; and
 - (b) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Government Security is credited to the applicable Account;
 - (v) in the case of each Security Entitlement not governed by clauses (i) through (iv) above,
 - (a) causing a Securities Intermediary (x) to indicate on its books and records that the underlying Financial Asset has been credited to the Custodian's securities account, (y) to receive a Financial Asset from a Securities Intermediary or acquire the underlying Financial Asset for a Securities Intermediary, and in either case, accepting it for credit to the Custodian's securities account or (z) to become obligated under other law, regulation or rule to credit the underlying Financial Asset to a Securities Intermediary's securities account;
 - (b) causing such Securities Intermediary to make entries on its books and records continuously identifying such Security Entitlement as belonging to the Custodian and continuously indicating on its books and records that such Security Entitlement is credited to the Custodian's securities account; and

- (c) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Security Entitlement (or all rights and property of the Custodian representing such Security Entitlement) is credited to the applicable Account;
- (vi) in the case of Cash or Money,
 - (a) causing the delivery of such Cash or Money to the Trustee for credit to the applicable Account or to the Custodian;
- (b) if delivered to the Custodian, causing the Custodian to treat such Cash or Money as a Financial Asset maintained by such Custodian for credit to the applicable Account in accordance with the provisions of Article 8 of the UCC or causing the Custodian to deposit such Cash or Money to a deposit account over which the Custodian has control (within the meaning of Section 9-104 of the UCC); and
- (c) causing the Custodian to indicate continuously on its books and records that such Cash or Money is credited to the applicable Account; and
- (vii) in the case of each general intangible (including any Participation Interest in which neither the Participation Interest nor the underlying loan is represented by an Instrument), causing the filing of a Financing Statement in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of the State of Delaware.

In addition, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer will obtain any and all consents required by the Underlying Documents relating to any general intangibles for the transfer of ownership and/or pledge hereunder (except to the extent that the requirement for such consent is rendered ineffective under Section 9-406 of the UCC).

"Designated Base Rate" The quarterly reference or base rate (and, if applicable, the methodology for calculating such reference rate) determined by the Collateral Manager (in its commercially reasonable discretion), which may be based on the rate acknowledged as a standard replacement in the leveraged loan market for the Term SOFR Rate by the LSTA and which may include a modifier, as determined by the Collateral Manager, applied to a reference or base rate in order to cause such rate to be comparable to the three month Term SOFR Rate, which modifier is recognized or acknowledged as being the industry standard by the LSTA and which modifier may include an addition or subtraction to such unadjusted rate.

"<u>Designated Deposit Cap</u>": The meaning specified in <u>Section 10.3(c)</u>.

"Designated Excess Par": The meaning specified in Section 9.2(1).

"Designated Principal Proceeds": The meaning specified in Section 10.3(c).

"<u>Designated Ramp-Up Proceeds</u>": The meaning specified in <u>Section 10.3(c)</u>.

"Determination Date": The last day of each Collection Period.

"<u>DIP Collateral Obligation</u>": A loan made to a debtor-in-possession pursuant to Section 364 of the Bankruptcy Code having the priority allowed by either Section 364(c) or 364(d) of the Bankruptcy Code and fully secured by senior liens.

"Discount Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation forming part of the Assets which:

- (a) if such Collateral Obligation is a Senior Secured Loan and was purchased (as determined without averaging prices of purchases on different dates) for less than (x) 85.0% of its outstanding principal balance, if such Collateral Obligation has an S&P Rating lower than "B-," or (y) 80.0% of its outstanding principal balance, if such Collateral Obligation has an S&P Rating of "B-" or higher; provided that such Collateral Obligation shall cease to be a Discount Obligation at such time as the Market Value (expressed as a percentage of the par amount of such Collateral Obligation) determined for such Collateral Obligation on each day during any period of 30 consecutive days since the acquisition by the Issuer of such Collateral Obligation, equals or exceeds 90% on each such day; or
- (b) if such Collateral Obligation is not a Senior Secured Loan and was purchased (as determined without averaging prices of purchases on different dates) for less than (x) 80.0% of its outstanding principal balance, if such Collateral Obligation has an S&P Rating lower than "B-," or (y) 75.0% of its outstanding principal balance, if such Collateral Obligation has an S&P Rating of "B-" or higher; provided that such Collateral Obligation shall cease to be a Discount Obligation at such time as the Market Value (expressed as a percentage of the par amount of such Collateral Obligation) determined for such Collateral Obligation on each day during any period of 30 consecutive days since the acquisition by the Issuer of such Collateral Obligation, equals or exceeds 85% on each such day;

provided that (i) any Collateral Obligation that would otherwise be considered a Discount Obligation, but that is purchased in accordance with the Investment Criteria with the proceeds of a sale of a Collateral Obligation that was not a Discount Obligation at the time of its purchase will not constitute a Discount Obligation, so long as such purchased Collateral Obligation (A) is purchased or committed to be purchased within 20 Business Days of such sale, (B) is purchased at a purchase price (expressed as a percentage of the par amount of such Collateral Obligation) equal to or greater than the sale price of the sold Collateral Obligation, (C) is purchased at a purchase price (expressed as a percentage of the par amount of such Collateral Obligation) not less than 65.0% of its outstanding principal balance and (D) has both (x) an S&P Rating equal to or greater than the S&P Rating of the sold Collateral Obligation and (y) a stated maturity that is the same or shorter than that of the sold Collateral Obligation; and (ii) clause (i) above in this proviso shall not apply to any such Collateral Obligation at any time on or after the acquisition by the Issuer of such Collateral Obligation if, as determined at the time of such acquisition, such application would result in (x) the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations to which such clause (i) has been applied to exceed 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount as of any date of determination.

"<u>Dissolution Expenses</u>": The amount of expenses reasonably likely to be incurred in connection with the discharge of this Indenture, the liquidation of the Assets and the dissolution of the Issuer, as reasonably calculated by the Collateral Manager or the Issuer, based in part on expenses incurred by the Trustee and reported to the Collateral Manager or Issuer.

"Distribution Report": The meaning specified in Section 10.8(b).

"<u>Diversity Score</u>": A single number that indicates collateral concentration in terms of both issuer and industry concentration, calculated as set forth in <u>Schedule 3</u>.

"Dodd-Frank Act": The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, as amended.

"Dollar" or "U.S.\$": A dollar or other equivalent unit in such coin or currency of the United States as at the time shall be legal tender for all debts, public and private.

"Domicile" or "Domiciled": With respect to any Obligor with respect to a Collateral Obligation:

- (a) except as provided in clause (b) or (c) below, its country of organization;
- (b) if it is organized in a Tax Jurisdiction, each of such jurisdiction and the country in which, in the Collateral Manager's good faith estimate, a substantial portion of its operations are located or from which a substantial portion of its revenue is derived, in each case directly or through subsidiaries (which shall be any jurisdiction and country known at the time of designation by the Collateral Manager to be the source of the majority of revenues, if any, of such Obligor); or
- (c) if its payment obligations in respect of such Collateral Obligation are guaranteed by a person or entity that is organized in the United States or Canada, then the United States or Canada; provided that, such guarantee satisfies the Domicile Guarantee Criteria.

"Domicile Guarantee Criteria": The following criteria: (i) the guarantee is one of payment and not of collection; (ii) the guarantee provides that the guarantor agrees to pay the guaranteed obligations on the date due and waives demand, notice and marshaling of assets; (iii) the guarantee provides that the guarantor's right to terminate or amend the guarantee is appropriately restricted; (iv) the guarantee is unconditional, irrespective of value, genuineness, validity or enforceability of the guaranteed obligations; (v) the guarantee provides that the guarantor waives any other circumstance or condition that would normally release a guarantor from its obligations; (vi) the guarantor also waives the right of set-off and counterclaim; (vii) the guarantee provides that it reinstates if any guaranteed payment made by the primary obligor is recaptured as a result of the primary obligor's bankruptcy or insolvency and (viii) the then-current applicable S&P guarantee criteria.

"DTC": The Depository Trust Company, its nominees, and their respective successors.

"Due Date": Each date on which any payment is due on an Asset in accordance with its terms.

"EBITDA": With respect to the last four full fiscal quarters with respect to any Collateral Obligation, the meaning of "EBITDA", "Adjusted EBITDA" or any comparable definition in the Underlying Documents for each such Collateral Obligation, and in any case that "EBITDA", "Adjusted EBITDA" or such comparable definition is not defined in such Underlying Documents, an amount, for the Obligor on such Collateral Obligation and any parent that is obligated pursuant to the Underlying Documents for such Collateral Obligation (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) equal to earnings from continuing operations for such period plus (a) interest expense, (b) income taxes, (c) depreciation and amortization for such four fiscal quarter period (to the extent deducted in determining earnings from continuing operations for such period), (d) amortization of intangibles (including, but not limited to, goodwill, financing fees and other capitalized costs), other noncash charges and organization costs, (e) extraordinary losses in accordance with GAAP, (f) onetime, non-recurring or non-cash charges consistent with the applicable compliance statements and financial reporting packages provided by such Obligor, and (g) any other item the Collateral Manager deems to be appropriate; provided that with respect to any Obligor for which four full

fiscal quarters of economic data are not available, EBITDA shall be determined for such Obligor based on annualizing the economic data from the reporting periods actually available.

"Effective Date": The earlier to occur of (i) June 20, 2024 and (ii) the first date on which the Collateral Manager certifies to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator that the Target Initial Par Condition has been satisfied.

"Effective Date Condition": The conditions that are satisfied if (A) in connection with the Effective Date, the S&P CDO Monitor Test is being calculated in accordance with the Effective Date S&P CDO Monitor Assumptions, (B) the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) certifies to S&P that, as of the Effective Date, the S&P CDO Monitor Test and the Target Initial Par Condition are satisfied and (C) the Issuer causes the Collateral Manager to make available to S&P (i) the Effective Date Report showing satisfaction of the S&P CDO Monitor Test and the Target Initial Par Condition and (ii) the Excel Default Model Input File.

"Effective Date Report": The meaning specified in Section 7.18(c).

"Effective Date S&P CDO Monitor Assumptions": If the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date has not occurred prior to the Effective Date, then, for purposes of determining compliance with the S&P CDO Monitor Test in connection with the Effective Date Conditions, the following rules of construction: (a) the Adjusted Class Break-even Default Rate will be calculated by excluding from the Collateral Principal Amount any amounts in the Ramp-Up Account and any Principal Proceeds, in each case, designated as Interest Proceeds or that may be designated as Interest Proceeds as described in Section 10.3(c) and (b) notwithstanding the definition thereof, the Aggregate Funded Spread of the Collateral Obligations will be calculated without taking into account any applicable "floor" rate specified in the related Underlying Documents.

"Effective Date Specified Tested Items": The Collateral Quality Test, the Overcollateralization Ratio Tests, the Concentration Limitations and the Target Initial Par Condition.

"Eligible Investment Required Ratings": With respect to any obligation, a rating of "A-1" or better (or, in the absence of a short-term credit rating, "A+" or better) from S&P.

"Eligible Investments": Either Cash or any Dollar investment that, at the time it is Delivered to the Trustee (directly or through an intermediary or bailee), (x) matures not later than the earlier of (A) the date that is 60 days after the date of Delivery thereof and (B) the Business Day immediately preceding the Payment Date immediately following the date of Delivery thereof (provided that Eligible Investments issued by the Trustee or any Affiliate of the Trustee in its capacity as a banking institution may mature on such Payment Date), and (y) is one or more of the following obligations or securities:

- (i) direct Registered obligations of, and Registered obligations the timely payment of principal and interest on which is fully and expressly guaranteed by, the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States the obligations of which are expressly backed by the full faith and credit of the United States and which satisfy the Eligible Investment Required Ratings;
- (ii) demand and time deposits in, certificates of deposit of, bank deposit products of, trust accounts with, bankers' acceptances issued by, or federal funds sold by any depository institution or trust company incorporated under the laws of the United States (including the Bank and its Affiliates) or any state thereof and subject to supervision and examination by federal and/or state banking authorities, in each case payable within 183 days

after issuance, so long as the commercial paper and/or the debt obligations of such depository institution or trust company at the time of such investment or contractual commitment providing for such investment have the Eligible Investment Required Ratings;

- (iii) commercial paper (other than extendible commercial paper or Asset-backed Commercial Paper) with the Eligible Investment Required Ratings and that either bears interest or is sold at a discount from the face amount thereof and has a maturity of not more than 183 days from its date of issuance; and
 - (iv) registered money market funds that have, at all times, credit ratings of "AAAm" by S&P;

provided that (1) Eligible Investments purchased with funds in the Accounts shall be held until maturity except as otherwise specifically provided herein and shall include only such obligations or securities as mature (or are putable at par to the issuer thereof) no later than the earlier of 60 days and the Business Day prior to the next Payment Date unless such Eligible Investments are issued by the Trustee or any Affiliate of the Trustee in its capacity as a banking institution, in which event such Eligible Investments may mature on such Payment Date; and (2) none of the foregoing obligations or securities shall constitute Eligible Investments if (a) all, or substantially all, of the remaining amounts payable thereunder consist of interest and not principal payments, (b) payments with respect to such obligations or securities or proceeds of disposition are subject to withholding taxes by any jurisdiction (other than withholding imposed pursuant to FATCA) unless the payor is required to make "gross-up" payments that cover the full amount of any such withholding tax on an after-tax basis, (c) such obligation or security is secured by real property, (d) such obligation or security is purchased at a price greater than 100% of the principal or face amount thereof, (e) such obligation or security is subject of a tender offer, voluntary redemption, exchange offer, conversion or other similar action, (f) in the Collateral Manager's judgment, such obligation or security is subject to material non-credit related risks, (g) such obligation is a Structured Finance Obligation or (h) such obligation or security has an "f," "r," "p," "i," "q," "sf" or "t" subscript assigned by S&P. Eligible Investments may include those investments issued by or made with the Bank or an Affiliate of the Bank or for which the Bank or the Trustee or an Affiliate of the Bank or the Trustee acts as offeror or provides services and receives compensation; provided that such investments meet the foregoing requirements of this definition.

"Eligible Loan Index": With respect to each Collateral Obligation that is a Senior Secured Loan or a Second Lien Loan, one of the following indices as selected by the Collateral Manager in writing delivered to the Trustee upon acquisition of such Collateral Obligation: CS Leveraged Loan Index (formerly CSFB Leveraged Loan Index), the Deutsche Bank Leveraged Loan Index, the Goldman Sachs/Loan Pricing Corporation Liquid Leveraged Loan Index, the Banc of America Securities Leveraged Loan Index, the S&P/LSTA Leveraged Loan Indices or any other loan index for which the S&P Rating Condition has been obtained.

"Enforcement Event": The meaning specified in Section 11.1(a)(iii).

"Entitlement Order": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(8) of the UCC.

"Equity Security": Any security (other than Workout Loans or Restructured Loans) that by its terms does not provide for periodic payments of interest at a stated coupon rate and repayment of principal at a stated maturity and any other security or loan asset that is not eligible for purchase by the Issuer as a Collateral Obligation and is not an Eligible Investment; it being understood that Equity Securities may not be purchased by the Issuer (other than (i) Equity Securities acquired in connection with the exercise of any warrant or other similar right pursuant to Section 12.1(k), and (ii) Specified Equity Securities acquired pursuant to Section 12.2(g)), but may be received by the Issuer in exchange for a Collateral Obligation or a portion thereof in

connection with an insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, debt restructuring or workout of the Obligor thereof and thus is received in lieu of a debt previously contracted.

"ERISA": The United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"ERISA Restricted Notes": The Subordinated Notes.

"ESG Collateral Obligation": Any debt obligation or debt security where the consolidated group to which the relevant obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is any of the following:

- (i) the Obligor (A) produces, uses, stores, trades or ensures the maintenance, transportation and financing of controversial weapons or components specifically designed for those types of controversial weapons (including antipersonnel landmines, cluster weapons, chemical and biological weapons, depleted uranium, nuclear weapons and white phosphorus) including any products which are prohibited under applicable international treaties or conventions (including (1) the Ottawa Convention on anti-personnel landmines, which entered into force on March 1, 1999, (2) the Oslo convention on cluster munitions, which entered into force on August 1, 2010, (3) the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction (BTWC), which entered into force on March 26, 1975, (4) the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC), which entered into force in 1997, (5) the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), rigorously controlled by the United Nations that entered into force on March 5, 1975 and (6) the Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 of October 15, 2018 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons), (B) supports or provides assistance, research and technology dedicated only to the companies described in clause (A), (C) is in breach of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) or (D) owns 50% or more of a company described in clause (A), (B) or (C);
 - (ii) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is firearms;
 - (iii) the Obligor is classified as in the "tobacco" sector (based on Bloomberg sector definitions);
- (iv) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is opioid drug manufacturing and distribution;
- (v) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is the production of or trade in pornography, adult entertainment or prostitution;
- (vi) (i) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is the extraction of thermal coal, fossils fuels from unconventional sources (including artic drilling, tar sands, shale oil and shale gas) or other fracking activities, or coal mining and/or coal based power generation, (ii) the Obligor is a power generation company that (A) has 15% or more of electricity generation capacities powered by coal or (B) plans to expand coal power generation capacity by more than 300 megawatts in the medium run; or (iii) the Obligor (A) derives 30% or more of its revenues from coal or (B) is a mining company that extracts more than 20 million tons of coal per year;

- (vii) (i) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is the upstream production of palm oil and palm fruits products or (ii) the Obligor is engaged in the production of palm oil and (A) has not achieved or committed to achieve Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil certification or other internationally recognized certification with respect to palm oil production, (B) has unresolved land rights conflicts, (C) is unable to prove the legality of its operations, (D) has not undertaken social and environmental impact assessments, (E) has not consulted with stakeholders prior to commencing operations or (F) has undertaken illegal logging;
- (viii) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is the provision of services relating to payday lending;
- (ix) the consolidated group to which the relevant Obligor belongs is a group whose Primary Business Activity is the trade in endangered or protected wildlife;
- (x) the Collateral Manager has determined in its reasonable discretion that the Obligor is severely in breach of the UN's Global Compact Principles, International Labor Organization's (ILO) Conventions, OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises or the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs);
- (xi) the Obligor derives 10% or more of its production from fields located in the Arctic as defined by the Arctic Monitoring & Assessment Program (AMAP) or produces more than 5% of the total Arctic production, in each case excluding Norwegian operations;
- (xii) the Obligor is (A) in any sector facing "high" and "severe" controversies related to "land use and biodiversity", (B) produces soy, cattle and timber and is facing "significant" "land use and biodiversity" controversies and is found to have a "critical" impact on deforestation; or
- (xiii) the Obligor participates in (A) short-term instruments (such as a commodity futures or ETFs) based on food ("soft") commodities or (B) speculative transactions that may contribute to price inflation in basic agricultural or marine commodities (for example, wheat, rice, meat, soy, sugar, dairy, fish or corn).
 - "EU Securitization Regulation": Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- "EU/UK Retention Agreement": The agreement entered into among the Issuer, the EU/UK Retention Holder, the Trustee and the Initial Purchaser, dated on or about the Closing Date, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.
- "EU/UK Retention Basis Amount": On any date of determination, an amount equal to the Collateral Principal Amount on such date with the following adjustments: (i) the proviso to the definition of "Principal Balance" shall be disregarded, (ii) Defaulted Obligations shall be included in the Collateral Principal Amount and the Principal Balances thereof shall be deemed to equal their respective outstanding principal amounts, and (iii) any Equity Security owned by the Issuer shall be included in the Collateral Principal Amount with the Principal Balance determined as follows: (a) in the case of a debt obligation or other debt security, the principal amount outstanding of such obligation or security, (b) in the case of an equity security received upon a "debt for equity swap" in relation to a restructuring or other similar event, the principal amount outstanding of the debt which was swapped for the equity security and (c) in

the case of any other equity security, the nominal value thereof as determined by the Collateral Manager.

"EU/UK Retention Deficiency": As of any date of determination, an event which occurs if the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Subordinated Notes held by the EU/UK Retention Holder is less than five percent of the EU/UK Retention Basis Amount and the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements are not or would not be complied with as a result.

"<u>EU/UK Retention Holder</u>": Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., a Maryland corporation, in its capacity as EU/UK retention holder.

"EU/UK Retention Interest": The portion of Subordinated Notes, which shall have an aggregate outstanding amount equal to not less than 5% of the EU/UK Retention Basis Amount, that the EU/UK Retention Holder intends to purchase on the Closing Date and is required to retain pursuant to the terms of the EU/UK Retention Agreement.

"EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements": Article 6 of the applicable Securitization Regulation, including any implementing regulation, technical standards and official guidance related thereto.

"EU/UK Transparency Requirements": The European Transparency Requirements and/or the UK Transparency Requirements.

"Euroclear": Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.

"European Transparency Requirements": The transparency requirements under Article 7 of the EU Securitization Regulation, including Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1225 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224 and any relevant guidance and policy statements relating to the application of such Regulations published by the European Banking Authority, the European Securities and Markets Authority, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (or any of their successors) or by the European Commission, as may be amended, varied or substituted from time to time.

"Event of Default": The meaning specified in Section 5.1.

"Excel Default Model Input File": An electronic spreadsheet file in Microsoft Excel format to be provided to S&P, by the Collateral Manager and which file shall include the following information (if available) with respect to each Collateral Obligation: (a) the name of the issuer thereof, the country of domicile of the issuer thereof and the particular issue held by the Issuer, (b) the CUSIP, LoanX ID or other applicable identification number associated with such Collateral Obligation, (c) the par value of such Collateral Obligation, (d) the type of issue (including, by way of example, whether such Collateral Obligation is a Senior Secured Loan, Second Lien Loan, Cov-Lite Loan, First-Lien Last-Out Loan, etc.), using such abbreviations as may be selected by the Collateral Administrator, (e) a description of the index or other applicable benchmark upon which the interest payable on such Collateral Obligation is based (including, by way of example, fixed rate, step-up rate, zero coupon and the Term SOFR Rate) and whether such Collateral Obligation is a Reference Rate Floor Obligation and the specified "floor" rate per annum related thereto, (f) the coupon (in the case of a Collateral Obligation which bears interest at a fixed rate) or the spread over the applicable index (in the case of a Collateral Obligation which bears interest at a floating rate), (g) the S&P Industry Classification for such Collateral Obligation, (h) the stated maturity of such Collateral Obligation, (i) the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation or the issuer thereof, as applicable, (j) the trade date and settlement date of each Collateral Obligation and (k) in the case of any purchase which has not settled, the purchase price thereof. In addition, such file shall include a description of any Balance of Cash and other

Eligible Investments. In respect of the file provided to S&P in connection with the Issuer's request to S&P to confirm its Initial Ratings of each Class of Notes pursuant to Section 7.18, such file shall include a separate breakdown of the Aggregate Principal Balance and identity of all Collateral Obligations with respect to which the Issuer has entered into a binding commitment to acquire but with respect to which no settlement has occurred.

"Excepted Property": The meaning assigned in the Granting Clauses hereof.

"Excess CCC Adjustment Amount": As of any date of determination, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations included in the CCC Excess; over (b) the sum of the Market Values of all Collateral Obligations included in the CCC Excess.

"Excess Par Amount": The amount, as of any date of determination, equal to the greater of (a) zero and (b)(i) the Collateral Principal Amount less (ii) the Reinvestment Target Par Balance.

"Excess Weighted Average Coupon": A percentage equal as of any date of determination to a number obtained by *multiplying* (a) the excess, if any, of the Weighted Average Coupon over the Minimum Weighted Average Coupon by (b) the number obtained by dividing the aggregate principal balance of all Fixed Rate Obligations by the aggregate principal balance of all Floating Rate Obligations.

"Excess Weighted Average Floating Spread": A percentage equal as of any date of determination to a number obtained by multiplying (a) the excess, if any, of the Weighted Average Floating Spread over the S&P Minimum Floating Spread by (b) the number obtained by dividing the aggregate principal balance of all Floating Rate Obligations by the aggregate principal balance of all Fixed Rate Obligations.

"Exchange": The meaning specified in Section 2.12(g)(iii).

"Exchange Act": The United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exercise Notice": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(c).

"Expense Reserve Account": The account established pursuant to Section 10.3(d).

"Fallback Rate": The rate determined by the Collateral Manager as follows: (a) the sum of (i) the quarterly-pay rate associated with the reference rate applicable to the largest percentage of the floating rate Collateral Obligations (as determined by the Collateral Manager as of the applicable Interest Determination Date) plus (ii) the average of the daily difference between the last available three-month Term SOFR Rate and the rate determined pursuant to clause (i) above during the 20 Business Day period immediately preceding the applicable Interest Determination Date, as calculated by the Collateral Manager, which may consist of an addition to or subtraction from such unadjusted rate and (b) if a rate cannot be determined using clause (a), the Designated Base Rate. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fallback Rate shall not be the Term SOFR Rate; provided, further, that in no case shall the Fallback Rate be based on the London interbank offered rate.

"FATCA": Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, any agreement entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b) of the Code, any intergovernmental agreement entered into in connection with such

sections of the Code, any U.S. or non-U.S. fiscal or regulatory legislation, rules, guidance notes or practices adopted pursuant to any such intergovernmental agreement or any analogous provisions of non-U.S. law.

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

"Federal Reserve Board": The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

"Fee Basis Amount": As of any date of determination, the sum of (a) the Collateral Principal Amount, (b) the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Defaulted Obligations and (c) the aggregate amount of all Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest.

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

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

"First-Lien Last-Out Loan": A Collateral Obligation that is a Senior Secured Loan (other than for purposes of the Concentration Limitations and the S&P Recovery Rate, for which purposes First-Lien Last-Out Loans shall not be treated as Senior Secured Loans) that, prior to an event of default under the applicable Underlying Documents, is entitled to receive payments *pari passu* with other senior secured loans of the same Obligor and secured by the same collateral, but following an event of default under the applicable Underlying Documents, such Collateral Obligation becomes fully subordinated to Non-Super-Priority Senior Secured Loans of the same Obligor and secured by the same collateral and is not entitled to any payments until such other senior secured loans are paid in full; provided, that a Collateral Obligation will not be treated as a First-Lien Last-Out Loan solely as a result of customary exceptions for Collateral Obligations secured by a first-priority perfected security interest, including a Super-Priority Revolving Facility.

"Fitch": Fitch Ratings, Inc. and any successor in interest.

"Fitch Rating": As of any date of determination, the Fitch Rating of any Collateral Obligation, determined as follows:

- (a) if Fitch has issued an issuer default rating with respect to the issuer of such Collateral Obligation, or the guaranter which unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees such Collateral Obligation, then the Fitch Rating will be such issuer default rating (regardless of whether there is a published rating by Fitch on the Collateral Obligations of such issuer held by the Issuer);
- (b) if Fitch has not issued an issuer default rating with respect to the issuer or guarantor of such Collateral Obligation but Fitch has issued an outstanding long-term financial strength rating with respect to such issuer, the Fitch Rating of such Collateral Obligation will be one subcategory below such rating;
 - (c) if a Fitch Rating cannot be determined pursuant to clause (a) or (b), but:
 - (i) Fitch has issued a senior unsecured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation, then the Fitch Rating of such Collateral Obligation will equal such rating; or

- (ii) Fitch has not issued a senior unsecured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation but Fitch has issued a senior rating, senior secured rating or a subordinated secured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation, then the Fitch Rating of such Collateral Obligation will (x) equal such rating if such rating is "BBB-" or higher and (y) be one subcategory below such rating if such rating is "BB+" or lower; or
- (iii) Fitch has not issued a senior unsecured rating or a senior rating, senior secured rating or a subordinated secured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation but Fitch has issued a subordinated, junior subordinated or senior subordinated rating on any obligation or security of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation, then the Fitch Rating of such Collateral Obligation will be (x) one subcategory above such rating if such rating is "B+" or higher and (y) two subcategories above such rating if such rating is "B" or lower;

provided that on the Closing Date, if any rating described above is (i) on rating watch negative or negative credit watch, the rating will be the Fitch Rating as determined above adjusted down by one subcategory or (ii) on rating watch positive, positive credit watch or outlook negative, the rating will not be adjusted; provided further that after the Closing Date, if any rating described above is on rating watch negative or negative credit watch, the rating will be adjusted down by one subcategory; provided further that the Fitch Rating may be updated by Fitch from time to time as indicated in the "Global Rating Criteria for CLOs and Corporate CDOs" report issued by Fitch and available at www.fitchratings.com. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fitch Rating takes into account adjustments for assets that are on rating watch negative or negative credit watch, as well as negative outlook prior to determining the issue rating or in the determination of the lower of the Moody's and S&P public ratings.

"Fixed Rate Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation that bears a fixed rate of interest.

"Floating Rate Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation that bears a floating rate of interest.

"Flowthrough Entity": The meaning specified in Section 2.12(g)(i).

"GAAP": The meaning specified in Section 6.3(j).

"Global Note": Any Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note.

"Governmental Authority": Whether U.S. or non-U.S., (i) any national, state, county, municipal or regional government or quasi-governmental authority or political subdivision thereof; (ii) any agency, regulator, arbitrator, board, body, branch, bureau, commission, corporation, department, master, mediator, panel, referee, system or instrumentality of any such government or quasi-government entity, or political subdivision thereof; and (iii) any court.

"Grant" or "Granted": To grant, bargain, sell, convey, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, create and grant a security interest in and right of setoff against, deposit, set over and confirm. A Grant of the Assets, or of any other instrument, shall include all rights, powers and options (but none of the obligations) of the granting party thereunder, including, the immediate continuing right to claim for, collect, receive and receipt for principal and interest payments in respect of the Assets, and all other Monies payable thereunder, to give and receive notices and other communications, to make waivers or other agreements, to exercise all rights and options, to

bring Proceedings in the name of the granting party or otherwise, and generally to do and receive anything that the granting party is or may be entitled to do or receive thereunder or with respect thereto.

"Group I Country": The Netherlands, Australia, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

"Group II Country": Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

"Group III Country": Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg and Norway.

"Hedge Agreement": The meaning specified in Section 12.5.

"Highest Ranking S&P Class": Any Outstanding Class rated by S&P with respect to which there is no Priority Class; provided that the Class X Notes shall not constitute the Highest Ranking S&P Class at any time.

"Holder" or "holder": With respect to any Note, the Person whose name appears in the Note Register as the registered holder of such Note; except where the context otherwise requires, "Holder" or "holder" will include the beneficial owner of such security.

"IAI": An Institutional Accredited Investor.

"<u>IAI/QP</u>": Any Person that, at the time of its acquisition, purported acquisition or proposed acquisition of Notes is both an Institutional Accredited Investor and a Qualified Purchaser.

"Incurrence Covenant": A covenant by any borrower to comply with one or more financial covenants only upon the occurrence of certain actions of the borrower, including a debt issuance, dividend payment, share purchase, merger, acquisition or divestiture.

"Indenture": This instrument as originally executed and, if from time to time supplemented or amended by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof, as so supplemented or amended.

"Independent": As to any Person, any other Person (including, in the case of an accountant or lawyer, a firm of accountants or lawyers, and any member thereof, or an investment bank and any member thereof) who (i) does not have and is not committed to acquire any material direct or any material indirect financial interest in such Person or in any Affiliate of such Person, and (ii) is not connected with such Person as an Officer, employee, promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, partner, manager, director or Person performing similar functions. "Independent" when used with respect to any accountant may include an accountant who audits the books of such Person if in addition to satisfying the criteria set forth above, the accountant is independent with respect to such Person within the meaning of Rule 101 of the Code of Professional Conduct of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. For purposes of this definition, no manager, director or independent review party of any Person will fail to be Independent solely because such Person acts as an independent manager, independent director or independent review party thereof or of any such Person's affiliates.

Any pricing service, certified public accountant or legal counsel that is required to be Independent of another Person under this Indenture must satisfy the criteria above with respect to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and their Affiliates.

"Independent Director": The meaning specified in Section 7.8(d).

"Independent Review Party": The meaning set forth in the Collateral Management Agreement.

"Industry Diversity Measure": As of any date of determination, the number obtained by dividing (a) 1 by (b) the sum of the squares of the quotients, for each S&P Industry Classification Group, obtained by dividing (i) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations) issued by Obligors that belong to such S&P Industry Classification Group by (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations).

"Initial Purchaser": Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, in its capacity as initial purchaser of the Secured Notes under the Purchase Agreement.

"Initial Rating": With respect to the Secured Notes, the rating or ratings, if any, indicated in Section 2.3.

"Institutional Accredited Investor": The meaning specified in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act.

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

"Interest Accrual Period": (i) With respect to the initial Payment Date (or, in the case of a Re-Priced Class or a Class that is subject to Refinancing, the first Payment Date following the Re-Pricing Date or the Refinancing, respectively), the period from and including the Closing Date (or, in the case of (x) a Re-Pricing, the Re-Pricing Date and (y) a Refinancing, the date of issuance of the replacement notes or debt obligations) to but excluding such Payment Date; and (ii) with respect to each succeeding Payment Date, the period from and including the immediately preceding Payment Date to but excluding the following Payment Date until the principal of the Notes is paid or made available for payment.

"Interest Collection Subaccount": The account established pursuant to Section 10.2(a).

"Interest Coverage Effective Date": The Determination Date immediately preceding the second Payment Date.

"Interest Coverage Ratio": For any designated Class or Classes of Secured Notes, as of any date of determination, the percentage derived from the following equation: (A - B) / C, where:

A = The Collateral Interest Amount as of such date of determination;

B = Amounts payable (or expected as of the date of determination to be payable) on the following Payment Date as set forth in clauses (A) and (B) in Section 11.1(a)(i); and

C = Interest due and payable on the Notes of such Class or Classes and each Class of Notes that ranks senior to or *pari passu* with such Class or Classes (excluding the Class X Notes) on such Payment Date.

For the purposes of calculating the Interest Coverage Ratio, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes shall be treated as a single Class.

"Interest Coverage Test": A test that is satisfied with respect to any Class or Classes of Notes (other than the Class X Notes) as of the Interest Coverage Effective Date and any other date thereafter on which such test is required to be determined hereunder, if (i) the Interest Coverage Ratio for such Class or Classes on such date is at least equal to the Required Interest Coverage Ratio for such Class or Classes or (ii) such Class or Classes of Notes are no longer outstanding.

"Interest Determination Date": The second U.S. Government Securities Business Day preceding the first day of each Interest Accrual Period.

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

- (i) all payments of interest and delayed compensation (representing compensation for delayed settlement) received in cash by the Issuer during the related Collection Period on the Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments, including the accrued interest received in connection with a sale thereof during the related Collection Period, less any such amount that represents Principal Financed Accrued Interest or Principal Financed Capitalized Interest;
- (ii) all principal and interest payments received by the Issuer during the related Collection Period on Eligible Investments purchased with Interest Proceeds;
- (iii) unless otherwise designated by the Collateral Manager, all amendment and waiver fees, late payment fees and other fees received by the Issuer during the related Collection Period, except for those in connection with (a) the lengthening of the maturity of the related Collateral Obligation or (b) the reduction of the par amount of the related Collateral Obligation, as determined by the Collateral Manager with notice to the Trustee;
- (iv) commitment fees and other similar fees received by the Issuer during such Collection Period in respect of Revolving Collateral Obligations and Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations;
- (v) any amounts deposited in the Collection Account from the Expense Reserve Account or the Interest Reserve Account that are designated as Interest Proceeds in the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager pursuant hereto in respect of the related Determination Date;
 - (vi) any Designated Ramp-Up Proceeds and any Designated Principal Proceeds; and
 - (vii) any Designated Excess Par;

provided that:

(a) (x) any amounts received in respect of any Defaulted Obligation (including the assets described in clause (3) in the proviso of the definition thereof) will constitute Principal Proceeds (and not Interest Proceeds) until the aggregate of all collections in respect of such Defaulted Obligation and, if such Defaulted Obligation is a Revolving Collateral Obligation or a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation, any amounts transferred from the Revolver Funding Account to the Principal Collection Subaccount with respect thereto, since it became a Defaulted Obligation equals, the outstanding Principal Balance of such Collateral Obligation at the time it became a Defaulted Obligation and (y) any amounts received in respect of any Restructured Loan.

Equity Security and Specified Equity Security will constitute Principal Proceeds (and not Interest Proceeds) until the aggregate of all collections in respect of such Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Specified Equity Security since it was received or purchased by the Issuer equals the outstanding Principal Balance of the related Collateral Obligation or Defaulted Obligation, as applicable, at the time the Obligor thereof underwent insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, debt restructuring or workout (or, in the case of a related Defaulted Obligation, at the time it became a Defaulted Obligation);

- (b) capitalized interest shall not constitute Interest Proceeds;
- (c) any amounts relating to Maturity Amendments that are required to be treated as Principal Proceeds under this Indenture shall not constitute Interest Proceeds; and
- (d) subject to clause (a) above, any amounts (including any Sale Proceeds) received in respect of any Workout Loan will be allocated, without duplication, (1) if Principal Proceeds were used to acquire such Workout Loan, such amounts will constitute Principal Proceeds until both (x) the aggregate of all recoveries in respect of such Workout Loan, and the Collateral Obligation with respect to which such Workout Loan was acquired, equals the sum of (i) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation or Defaulted Obligation, as applicable, at the time the related Workout Loan was acquired (or, in the case of a Defaulted Obligation, at the time such Collateral Obligation became a Defaulted Obligation), (ii) the S&P Collateral Value of such Workout Loan and (iii) the amount of Principal Proceeds used to acquire such Workout Loan and (y) the Overcollateralization Ratio Test is satisfied, (2) if Interest Proceeds were used to acquire such Workout Loan, such amounts shall (x) first, constitute Principal Proceeds until the aggregate of all recoveries in respect of such Workout Loan equals the greatest of (A) the S&P Collateral Value of such Workout Loan and (y) thereafter, constitute Interest Proceeds and (3) in the case of any Workout Loan acquired using amounts on deposit in the Permitted Use Account or Contributions, such amounts shall constitute Principal Proceeds until the aggregate of all recoveries in respect of such Workout Loan equals the greatest of (A) the S&P Collateral Value of such Workout Loan, (B) the Market Value of such Workout Loan and (C) 70% multiplied by the outstanding principal balance of such Workout Loan, (B) the Market Value of such Workout Loan, the Collateral Proceeds, Interest Proceeds and/or amounts available for a Permitted Use were used to acquire such Workout Loan, the Collateral Manager shall ensure satisfaction of clauses (1), (2) and (3) on a *pro rata* basis to the extent able in its commercially reasonable discretion).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the Collateral Manager's sole discretion (to be exercised on or before the related Determination Date), Interest Proceeds in any Collection Period may be classified as Principal Proceeds <u>provided</u> that such designation would not result in a non-payment of interest on any Class of Secured Notes.

"Interest Rate": With respect to each Class of Secured Notes, the per annum stated interest rate payable on such Class with respect to each Interest Accrual Period, which rate shall be equal to the rate specified for such Class in Section 2.3; provided that with respect to any Interest Accrual Period during which a Re-Pricing has occurred, the applicable Interest Rate of any Re-Priced Class shall reflect the applicable Re-Pricing Rate from, and including, the applicable Re-Pricing Date.

"Interest Reserve Account": The account established pursuant to Section 10.5.

"Interest Reserve Amount": U.S.\$0.

"Investment Criteria": The criteria specified in Section 12.2.

"Investor Information Services": Initially, Intex Solutions, Inc. and Bloomberg Finance L.P., and thereafter any third-party vendor that compiles and provides access to information regarding CLO transactions and is selected by the Collateral Manager (with notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator) to receive copies of the Monthly Report and Distribution Report.

"Investor Reports": The quarterly investor reports in the form prescribed pursuant to and in accordance with the EU/UK Transparency Requirements.

"IRS": The United States Internal Revenue Service.

"Issuer": The Person named as such on the first page of this Indenture until a successor Person shall have become the Issuer pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Issuer" shall mean such successor Person.

"Issuer Order" and "Issuer Request": A written order or request (which may be a standing order or request) dated and signed in the name of the Issuer or by an Officer of the Issuer or, to the extent permitted herein, by the Collateral Manager by an Officer thereof, on behalf of the Issuer. For the avoidance of doubt, an order or request provided in an email or other electronic communication by an Officer of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer shall constitute an Issuer Order, unless the Trustee otherwise requests that such Issuer Order be in writing. For purposes of Section 10.10 and Article XII of this Indenture and the release, sale or acquisition of any Assets thereunder, "Issuer Order" or "Issuer Request" shall also mean delivery to the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf), by email or otherwise in writing, of a trade ticket, confirmation of trade, trade blotter, instruction to post or to commit to the trade, "SWIFT" message, message via Markit Loan Settlement Custodial Services (Markit CIDD) or any other electronic communication or language, which shall constitute a direction and certification that the transaction is in compliance with and satisfies all applicable provisions of Section 10.10 and Article XII of this Indenture.

"Issuer Resolution": A resolution of the members or the designated manager of the Issuer.

"Junior Class": With respect to a particular Class of Notes, each Class of Notes that is subordinated to such Class, as indicated in Section 2.3.

"Junior Mezzanine Notes": The meaning specified in Section 2.13(a).

"Knowledgeable Employee": Any "knowledgeable employee" as defined in Rule 3c-5 under the Investment Company Act.

"Lien": Any grant of a security interest in, mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing (including any UCC financing statement or any similar instrument filed against a Person's assets or properties).

- "<u>Limited Liability Company Agreement</u>": The Issuer's limited liability company agreement, as may be amended from time to time.
 - "Listed Notes": Each Class of Notes specified as such in Section 2.3.
- "Loan": Any obligation for the payment or repayment of borrowed money that is documented by a term loan agreement, revolving loan agreement or other similar credit agreement.
- "Loan Report": The ongoing quarterly portfolio level disclosure in the form prescribed pursuant to and in accordance with the EU/UK Transparency Requirements.
- "Long Dated Obligation": A Collateral Obligation, the stated maturity date of which is extended to occur after the earliest Stated Maturity pursuant to an amendment or modification of its terms following its acquisition by the Issuer; provided that, in determining the scheduled distributions on any Collateral Obligation occurring after the earliest Stated Maturity of the Secured Notes, such Collateral Obligation will be deemed to have a maturity and amortization schedule based on zero unscheduled prepayments.
 - "LSTA": The Loan Syndications and Trading Association®.
- "Maintenance Covenant": A covenant by any borrower to comply with one or more financial covenants (including without limitation any covenant relating to a borrowing base, asset valuation or similar asset-based requirement) during each reporting period, whether or not such borrower has taken any specified action; provided that a covenant which otherwise satisfies the definition hereof but only applies when amounts are outstanding under the related loan shall constitute a Maintenance Covenant.
- "Majority": With respect to any Classes of Notes, the Holders of more than 50% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Class or Classes, as applicable.
 - "Mandatory Redemption": A redemption of the Notes in accordance with Section 9.1.
- "Margin Stock": "Margin Stock" as defined under Regulation U issued by the Federal Reserve Board, including any debt security which is by its terms convertible into "Margin Stock".
- "Market Value": With respect to any loans or other assets, the amount (determined by the Collateral Manager) equal to the product of the outstanding principal balance thereof and the price (expressed as a percentage of par) determined in the following manner:
- (i) the bid price, reflective of actual trading activity of such asset within the past 30 days, determined by the Loan Pricing Corporation, LoanX Inc. or Markit Group Limited; or
 - (ii) if a price described in clause (i) is not available,
 - (a) the average of the bid prices determined by three broker-dealers reflective of actual trading of such asset that are Independent (without giving effect to the last sentence in the definition thereof) from each other and the Issuer and the Collateral Manager;

- (b) if only two such bids can be obtained, the lower of the bid prices of such two bids; or
- (c) if only one such bid can be obtained, and such bid was obtained from a Qualified Broker/Dealer (which Qualified Broker/Dealer is Independent (without giving effect to the last sentence in the definition thereof) from the Issuer and the Collateral Manager), such bid; or
- (iii) if a value cannot be obtained by the Collateral Manager exercising reasonable efforts pursuant to the means contemplated by clauses (i) or (ii), the value (determined as the bid side market value) of such Collateral Obligation as reasonably determined by the Collateral Manager (so long as the Collateral Manager is a Registered Investment Adviser) consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard and certified by the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Administrator and the Trustee; provided, that solely with respect to the calculation of the CCC Excess and the Excess CCC Adjustment Amount, the Market Value of each CCC Collateral Obligation shall be the lower of (x) the amount calculated in accordance with this clause (iii) and (y) the higher of (I) 70% multiplied by the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation and (II) if such valuation has been provided, the value determined by an Independent third-party; provided further, that if such Collateral Obligation has a public rating from S&P, the Market Value of such Collateral Obligation for a period of 30 days after such date of determination shall be the lower of:
 - (a) the bid side market value thereof as reasonably determined by the Collateral Manager consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard and certified by the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Administrator and the Trustee; and
 - (b) the higher of (I) 70% multiplied by the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation and (II) if such valuation has been provided, the value determined by an Independent third-party,
 - and, if such Collateral Obligation has a public rating from S&P and if a value cannot be obtained by the Collateral Manager exercising reasonable efforts pursuant to the means contemplated by clauses (i) or (ii), following such 30-day period, the Market Value of such Collateral Obligation shall be zero; or
- (iv) if the Market Value of an asset is not determined in accordance with clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above, then such Market Value shall be deemed to be zero (or, with respect to clause (iii) above, the value determined by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the valuation policies that it applies to similar assets it holds for its own account) until such determination is made in accordance with clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above.
- "Master Transfer Agreement": That certain loan sale and contribution agreement dated as of the Closing Date, between the Collateral Manager, as seller, and the Issuer, as purchaser, as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.
- "Material Covenant Default": A default by an Obligor with respect to any Collateral Obligation, and subject to any grace periods contained in the related Underlying Document, that gives rise to the right of the lender(s) thereunder to accelerate the principal of such Collateral Obligation.
- "Maturity": With respect to any Notes, the date on which the unpaid principal of such Notes becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise.

"Maturity Amendment": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, any waiver, modification, amendment or variance that would extend the stated maturity date of such Collateral Obligation. For the avoidance of doubt, a waiver, modification, amendment or variance that would extend the stated maturity date of the credit facility of which a Collateral Obligation is part, but would not extend the stated maturity date of the Collateral Obligation held by the Issuer, does not constitute a Maturity Amendment.

"Maximum S&P Equivalent Rating Factor Test": The test that will be satisfied on any Measurement Date if the Weighted Average S&P Equivalent Rating Factor of the Collateral Obligations is less than or equal to 4000.

"Measurement Date": (i) Any day on which a purchase of a Collateral Obligation occurs, (ii) any Determination Date, (iii) the date as of which the information in any Monthly Report prepared hereunder is calculated, (iv) with five Business Days' prior written notice to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator and the Trustee, any Business Day requested by S&P and (v) the Effective Date.

"Member State": Any member state of the European Union.

"Merging Entity": The meaning specified in Section 7.10.

"Minimum Denomination": With respect to (x) the Secured Notes, U.S.\$250,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1 in excess thereof and (y) the Subordinated Notes, U.S.\$1,000,000 and integral multiples of U.S.\$1 in excess thereof.

"Minimum Floating Spread Test": The test that will be satisfied on any date of determination if the Weighted Average Floating Spread plus the Excess Weighted Average Coupon equals or exceeds the S&P Minimum Floating Spread.

"Minimum Weighted Average Coupon": (i) If any of the Collateral Obligations are Fixed Rate Obligations, 7.0% and (ii) otherwise, 0.0%.

"Minimum Weighted Average Coupon Test": The test that will be satisfied on any date of determination as of which the Collateral Obligations include any Fixed Rate Obligations if the Weighted Average Coupon plus the Excess Weighted Average Floating Spread equals or exceeds the Minimum Weighted Average Coupon.

"Minimum Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate Test": The test that will be satisfied on any date of determination on and after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date if the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate for the Highest Ranking S&P Class equals or exceeds the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate of such Class of Secured Notes selected by the Collateral Manager in connection with the definition of "S&P CDO Monitor".

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

"Monthly Report": The meaning specified in Section 10.8(a).

"Monthly Report Determination Date": The meaning specified in Section 10.8(a).

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

"Moody's Rating": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, the rating determined pursuant to Schedule 3 hereto.

- "Non-Call Period": The period from the Closing Date to but excluding March 14, 2026.
- "Non-Emerging Market Obligor": An Obligor that is Domiciled in (a) the United States or (b) any other country that has a foreign currency government bond rating of at least "AA" by S&P.
 - "Non-Permitted ERISA Holder": The meaning specified in Section 2.11(c).
 - "Non-Permitted Holder": The meaning specified in Section 2.11(b).
- "Non-Super-Priority Senior Secured Loan": A Senior Secured Loan other than a revolving credit facility that is customarily referred to as super-priority revolver.
- "Note Interest Amount": With respect to any Class of Secured Notes and any Payment Date, the amount of interest for the related Interest Accrual Period payable in respect of each U.S.\$100,000 of outstanding principal amount of such Class of Secured Notes.
- "Note Payment Sequence": The application, in accordance with the Priority of Payments, of Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds, as applicable, in the following order:
- (v) to the payment, *pro rata* based on the Aggregate Outstanding Amounts thereof, of principal of the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes, until the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes have been paid in full; and
 - (vi) to the payment of principal of the Class B Notes until the Class B Notes have been paid in full.
 - "Note Register": The meaning specified in Section 2.5(a).
 - "Note Registrar": The meaning specified in Section 2.5(a).
- "Notes": Collectively, the Class X Notes, the Class A Notes, the Class B Notes and the Subordinated Notes authorized by, and authenticated and delivered under, this Indenture (as specified in Section 2.3) together with any additional Notes issued pursuant to and accordance with this Indenture.
- "NRSRO Certification": A certification executed by an NRSRO in favor of the Issuer that states that such NRSRO has provided the Issuer with the appropriate certifications under Exchange Act Rule 17g-5(a)(3)(iii)(B) and that such NRSRO has access to the 17g-5 Website.
 - "NRSRO": Any nationally-recognized statistical rating organization, other than S&P.
- "Obligor": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, any Person or Persons obligated to make payments pursuant to or with respect to such Collateral Obligation, including any guarantor thereof, but excluding, in each case, any such Person that is an obligor or guarantor that is in addition to the primary obligors or guarantors with respect to the assets, cash flows or credit on which the related Collateral Obligation is principally underwritten.
- "Obligor Diversity Measure": As of any date of determination, the number obtained by dividing (a) 1 by (b) the sum of the squares of the quotients, for each Obligor, obtained by dividing (i) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral

Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations) issued by such Obligor by (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations).

"Offer": The meaning specified in Section 10.10(c).

"Offering": The offering of any Notes pursuant to the relevant Offering Circular.

"Offering Circular": Each offering circular relating to the offer and sale of the Notes, including any supplements thereto.

"Officer": (a) With respect to any corporation, the Chairman of the Board of Directors (or, with respect to the Issuer, its members or its designated manager), the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer of such entity and (b) with respect to the Issuer and any limited liability company, any managing member or manager thereof or any person to whom the rights and powers of management thereof are delegated in accordance with the limited liability company agreement of such limited liability company.

"Opinion of Counsel": A written opinion addressed to the Trustee, the Issuer, if applicable, and, if required by the terms hereof, S&P, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (and, if so addressed, S&P), of an attorney admitted to practice, or a nationally or internationally recognized and reputable law firm one or more of the partners of which are admitted to practice, before the highest court of any State of the United States or the District of Columbia, which attorney or law firm, as the case may be, may, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, be counsel for the Issuer and which attorney or law firm, as the case may be, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee. Whenever an Opinion of Counsel is required hereunder, such Opinion of Counsel may rely on opinions of other counsel who are so admitted and so satisfactory, which opinions of other counsel shall accompany such Opinion of Counsel and shall be addressed to the Trustee (and, if required by the terms hereof, S&P) shall be entitled to rely thereon.

"Optional Redemption": A redemption of the Notes in accordance with Section 9.2.

"Other Plan Law": Any state, local, other federal or non-U.S. laws or regulations that are substantially similar to the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code.

"Outstanding": With respect to the Notes or the Notes of any specified Class, as of any date of determination, all of the Notes or all of the Notes of such Class, as the case may be, theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

- (vii) Notes theretofore canceled by the Note Registrar or delivered to the Note Registrar for cancellation in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.9</u> hereof;
- (viii) Notes or portions thereof for whose payment or redemption funds in the necessary amount have been theretofore irrevocably deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent for the Holders of such Notes pursuant to <u>Section 4.1(a)(ii)</u> hereof; <u>provided</u> that if such Notes or portions thereof are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made;
- (ix) Notes in exchange for or in lieu of which other Notes have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, unless proof satisfactory to the Trustee is

presented that any such Notes are held by a "protected purchaser" (within the meaning of Section 8-303 of the UCC); and

(x) Notes alleged to have been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen for which replacement Notes have been issued as provided in Section 2.6;

provided that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite Aggregate Outstanding Amount have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, (a) Notes owned by the Issuer or (only in the case of a vote on (x) the removal of the Collateral Manager for "cause" and (y) the waiver of any event constituting "cause") Notes owned by the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor, an Affiliate thereof, or an account, fund, client or portfolio established and controlled by the Collateral Manager the Sub-Advisor, or an Affiliate thereof or for which the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor, or an Affiliate thereof acts as the investment adviser or with respect to which it, the Sub-Advisor or an Affiliate exercises discretionary authority shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding; provided that such disregarded Notes shall not include any Notes held by an entity managed by the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor or an Affiliate thereof if such entity has retained discretionary voting authority over matters in connection with which such Notes would be disregarded for purposes of determining whether the Holders of the requisite Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under this Indenture or the Collateral Management Agreement, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Notes that a Trust Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded and (b) Notes so owned that have been pledged in good faith shall be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Notes and that the pledgee is not one of the Persons specified above.

"Overcollateralization Ratio": With respect to any specified Class or Classes of Secured Notes as of any date of determination, the percentage derived from: (i) the Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount on such date divided by (ii) the Aggregate Outstanding Amount on such date of the Notes of such Class or Classes, and each Priority Class of Notes (excluding, in each case, the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Class X Notes). For the purposes of calculating the Overcollateralization Ratio, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes shall be treated as a single Class.

"Overcollateralization Ratio Test": A test that is satisfied with respect to any Class or Classes of Notes (other than the Class X Notes) as of the Effective Date (and any other date thereafter on which such test is required to be determined hereunder), if (i) the Overcollateralization Ratio for such Class or Classes on such date is at least equal to the Required Overcollateralization Ratio for such Class or Classes of Notes is no longer outstanding.

"Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds": In connection with a Refinancing of one or more Classes of Secured Notes, with respect to each such Class, Interest Proceeds up to the amount of accrued and unpaid interest on such Class, but only to the extent that such Interest Proceeds would be available under the Priority of Payments to pay accrued and unpaid interest on such Class on the Redemption Date (or, in the case of a Refinancing occurring on a date other than a Payment Date, only to the extent that such Interest Proceeds would be available under the Priority of Payments to pay accrued and unpaid interest on such Class on the next Payment Date, taking into account scheduled distributions on the Assets that are expected to be received prior to the next Determination Date).

"Participation Interest": A participation interest in a loan that, at the time of acquisition, or the Issuer's commitment to acquire the same, satisfies each of the following criteria: (i) such loan would constitute a Collateral Obligation were it acquired directly, (ii) the Selling Institution is the lender on the loan, (iii) the aggregate participation in the loan does not exceed the principal amount or commitment of such loan, (iv) such participation does not grant, in the aggregate, to the participant in such participation a greater interest than the Selling Institution holds in the loan or commitment that is the subject of the participation, (v) the entire purchase price for such participation is paid in full at the time of its acquisition (or, in the case of a participation in a Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation, at the time of the funding of such loan) without the benefit of financing from the Selling Institution or its affiliates, (vi) the participation provides the participant all of the economic benefit and risk of the whole or part of the loan or commitment that is the subject of the loan participation, and (vii) such participation is documented under a LSTA, Loan Market Association or similar agreement standard for loan participation transactions among institutional market participants. For the avoidance of doubt, a Participation Interest shall not include a sub-participation interest in any loan.

"Partnership Tax Audit Rules": The meaning specified in Section 7.17(m).

"Partnership Representative": The meaning specified in Section 7.17(f).

"Paying Agent": Any Person authorized by the Issuer to pay the principal of or interest on any Notes on behalf of the Issuer as specified in Section 7.2.

"Payment Account": The payment account of the Trustee established pursuant to Section 10.3(a).

"Payment Date": (a) The 20th day of January, April, July and October of each year (or, if such day is not a Business Day), then the next succeeding Business Day), commencing on the Payment Date in July 2024, except that the final scheduled Payment Date (subject to any earlier redemption or payment of the Notes) shall be the Payment Date in April 2036, and (b) any other date not specified in clause (a) that is a Redemption Date in connection with a redemption of the Secured Notes in whole but not in part; provided that, at any time there are no Secured Notes Outstanding, Payment Dates shall be on such dates as determined by the Collateral Manager in its reasonable discretion (as acceptable to the Trustee and with five Business Days' prior written notice to the Trustee but in no event less frequently than quarterly).

"PBGC": The United States Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"<u>Permitted Deferrable Obligation</u>": Any Deferrable Obligation that, in accordance with its related Underlying Documents, carries a current cash pay interest rate of not less than (a) in the case of a Floating Rate Obligation, the Reference Rate or (b) in the case of a Fixed Rate Obligation, the zero-coupon swap rate in a fixed/floating interest rate swap with a term equal to five years.

"Permitted Liens": With respect to the Assets: (i) security interests, liens and other encumbrances created pursuant to the Transaction Documents, (ii) with respect to agented Collateral Obligations, security interests, liens and other encumbrances in favor of the lead agent, the collateral agent or the paying agent on behalf of all holders of indebtedness of such Obligor under the related facility, (iii) with respect to any Equity Security, any security interests, liens and other encumbrances granted on such Equity Security to secure indebtedness of the related Obligor and/or any security interests, liens and other rights or encumbrances granted under any governing documents or other agreement between or among or binding upon the Issuer as the holder of equity in such Obligor and (iv) security interests, liens and other encumbrances, if any,

which have priority over first priority perfected security interests in the Collateral Obligations or any portion thereof under the UCC or any other applicable law.

"Permitted Offer": An Offer (i) pursuant to the terms of which the offeror offers to acquire a debt obligation (including a Collateral Obligation) in exchange for consideration consisting solely of Cash in an amount equal to or greater than the full face amount of such debt obligation *plus* any accrued and unpaid interest and (ii) as to which the Collateral Manager has determined in its reasonable commercial judgment that the offeror has sufficient access to financing to consummate the Offer.

"Permitted Use": With respect to (a) the proceeds of an additional issuance of additional Subordinated Notes and/or Junior Mezzanine Notes designated for a Permitted Use, (b) any amounts designated for deposit into the Permitted Use Account pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i) or (c) any Contribution received into the Permitted Use Account, any of the following:

- (xi) except with respect to any Contribution deposited into the Permitted Use Account, the transfer of the applicable portion of such amount to the Interest Collection Subaccount for application as Interest Proceeds;
- (xii) the transfer of the applicable portion of such amount to the Principal Collection Subaccount for application as Principal Proceeds;
 - (xiii) to designate such amount as Refinancing Proceeds for use in connection with a Refinancing;
- (xiv) the transfer of the applicable portion of such amount to pay any costs or expenses associated with a Refinancing, a Re-Pricing or an additional issuance of Notes;
 - (xv) the purchase of Collateral Obligations, Restructured Loans, Workout Loans or Specified Equity Securities;
- (xvi) the purchase of securities or other obligations resulting from the exercise of an option, warrant, right of conversion or similar right, in each case, received in connection with a workout or restructuring of a Collateral Obligation, in accordance with the documents governing any Equity Security without regard to the Investment Criteria and to make any payments required in connection with a workout or restructuring of a Collateral Obligation provided that the Collateral Manager certifies to the Trustee (which certification will be deemed to be provided upon delivery of an issuer order in respect of such exercise) that in its reasonable business judgment, exercising the option, warrant, right of conversion or similar right is necessary for the Issuer to realize the value of the workout or restructuring of the Collateral Obligation with respect to which such instrument was received; and
- (xvii) subject to the limitation described in clause (i) above, for any other use of funds permitted hereunder, in each case subject to the limitations set forth herein;

provided, that once funds in the Permitted Use Account have been designated for a particular Permitted Use, such designation may not be changed.

"Permitted Use Account": The account established pursuant to Section 10.3(e).

"Person": An individual, corporation (including a business trust), partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, association, joint stock company, statutory trust, trust (including any beneficiary thereof), unincorporated association or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Portfolio Company": Any company that is controlled by the Collateral Manager, an Affiliate thereof, or an account, fund, client or portfolio established and controlled by the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate thereof.

"Posting Agent Letter Agreement": The EU/UK RR Website Direction Letter Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2024, among the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as posting agent.

"Post-Reinvestment Period Settlement Obligation": The meaning specified in Section 12.2(a).

"Primary Business Activity": In relation to a consolidated group of companies, for the purposes of determining whether a debt obligation or debt security is an ESG Collateral Obligation, where such group derives more than 50% of its revenues from the relevant business, trade or production (as applicable) at the time of purchase of the ESG Collateral Obligation, as determined by the Collateral Manager.

"Principal Balance": Subject to Section 1.3, with respect to (a) any Asset other than a Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount of such Asset (excluding any capitalized interest) and (b) any Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation, as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal amount of such Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation (excluding any capitalized interest), plus (except as expressly set forth herein) any undrawn commitments that have not been irrevocably reduced or withdrawn with respect to such Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation; provided that for all purposes the Principal Balance of (1) any Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Specified Equity Security or interest only strip shall be deemed to be zero and (2) any Defaulted Obligation that is not sold or terminated within three years after becoming a Defaulted Obligation shall be deemed to be zero.

"Principal Collection Subaccount": The account established pursuant to Section 10.2(a).

"Principal Financed Accrued Interest": The amount of Principal Proceeds, if any, applied towards the purchase of accrued interest on a Collateral Obligation.

"Principal Financed Capitalized Interest": The amount of Principal Proceeds, if any, applied towards the purchase of capitalized interest on a Permitted Deferrable Obligation.

"<u>Principal Proceeds</u>": With respect to any Collection Period or Determination Date, all amounts received by the Issuer during the related Collection Period that do not constitute Interest Proceeds, Refinancing Proceeds or Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds and any other amounts that have been designated as Principal Proceeds pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

"Priority Class": With respect to any specified Class of Notes, each Class of Notes that ranks senior to such Class, as indicated in Section 2.3.

"Priority of Partial Refinancing Proceeds": The meaning specified in Section 11.1(a)(iv).

"Priority of Payments": The meaning specified in Section 11.1(a).

"Proceeding": Any suit in equity, action at law or other judicial or administrative proceeding.

"Proceeds": The aggregate of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds.

"Proposed Portfolio": The portfolio of Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments resulting from the proposed purchase, sale, maturity or other disposition of a Collateral Obligation or a proposed reinvestment in an additional Collateral Obligation, as the case may be.

"Purchase Agreement": The purchase and placement agreement dated as of February 9, 2024 among the Issuer and the Initial Purchaser, as amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"OIB": A Qualified Institutional Buyer.

"<u>QIB/QP</u>": Any Person that, at the time of its acquisition, purported acquisition or proposed acquisition of Notes is both a Qualified Institutional Buyer and a Qualified Purchaser.

"OP": A Qualified Purchaser.

"Qualified Broker/Dealer": Any of Antares Capital; Ares Capital Corporation; Bank of America/Merrill Lynch; The Bank of Montreal; The Bank of New York Mellon; Barclays Bank plc; BNP Paribas; Broadpoint Securities; Calyon; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce; Capital One; Citibank, N.A.; Credit Agricole S.A.; Credit Suisse; Deutsche Bank AG; Dresdner Bank AG; Goldman Sachs & Co.; Golub Capital; Guggenheim; HSBC Bank; Imperial Capital LLC; Jefferies & Company, Inc.; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; KeyBank National Association; Lloyds TSB Bank; Madison Capital; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; Morgan Stanley & Co.; Natixis; Northern Trust Company; NXT Capital, Inc.; Royal Bank of Canada; The Royal Bank of Scotland plc; Société Générale; SunTrust Banks, Inc.; The Toronto-Dominion Bank; UBS AG; U.S. Bank National Association; and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association.

"Qualified Institutional Buyer": The meaning specified in Rule 144A.

"Qualified Purchaser": The meaning specified in Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act and Rule 2a51-2 or 2a51-3 under the 1940 Act.

"Ramp-Up Account": The account established pursuant to Section 10.3(c).

"Record Date": With respect to the Global Notes the Business Day before the applicable Payment Date and with respect to the Certificated Notes, the date 15 days prior to the applicable Payment Date.

"Redemption Date": Any Business Day specified for a redemption of Notes pursuant to Section 9.2 or any Payment Date specified for a Tax Redemption of the Notes pursuant to Section 9.3.

"Redemption Price": (a) For any Secured Notes to be redeemed or re-priced (x) 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of such Secured Notes, *plus* (y) accrued and unpaid interest thereon (including defaulted interest and interest thereon) to the Redemption Date or Re-Pricing Date, as applicable, and (b) for each Subordinated Note, (i) if such Subordinated Note is being redeemed in connection with a liquidation of the Assets, its proportional share

(based on the outstanding principal amount of such Subordinated Notes) of the amounts distributed with respect to the Subordinated Notes pursuant to the Priority of Payments on the Payment Date that is the Redemption Date therefor after redemption or repayment of the Secured Notes in full and after payment in full of (and/or creation of a reserve for) all fees, expenses and indemnities of the Issuer (including, without limitation, any Collateral Management Fees) and (ii) if such Subordinated Note is being redeemed upon the occurrence of a Refinancing of all of the Secured Notes, its proportional share (based on the outstanding principal amount of such Subordinated Notes) of the price, as determined by the Collateral Manager on or about the date of a Refinancing, equal to the following: (a) amounts on deposit in the Principal Collection Subaccount, the Interest Collection Subaccount and the Revolver Funding Account immediately prior to such Refinancing plus (b) an amount equal to the sum of the products of (x) the average of the "bid" and "ask" price for each Collateral Obligation held by the Issuer (as determined in the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager) and (y) the principal balance of each such Collateral Obligation (excluding solely for purposes of this definition the unfunded commitments under any Revolving Collateral Obligation or Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation) plus (c) an amount equal to the sum of the products of (x) the average of the "bid" and "ask" price of each Revolving Collateral Obligation and Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation minus 100% and (y) the unfunded commitments under each Revolving Collateral Obligation and Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation plus (d) an amount equal to the accrued interest on the Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations) held by the Issuer immediately prior to such Refinancing plus (e) the sum of the "fair market values" (as determined in the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager) of each Asset not included in clauses (a) through (d) above minus (f) the Redemption Prices of the Secured Notes minus (g) any fees and expenses incurred in connection with such Refinancing and the associated supplemental indenture that are allocable to the redemption of the applicable Notes as determined by the Collateral Manager; provided that, in connection with any Tax Redemption, Clean-Up Call Redemption or Optional Redemption of the Secured Notes in whole, Holders of 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any Class of Secured Notes may elect to receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price that would otherwise be payable to the Holders of such Class of Secured Notes by notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing prior to such Redemption Date or Re-Pricing Date, as applicable, of such election.

"Reference Rate": (a) Initially the Term SOFR Rate, (b) following a Benchmark Replacement Date, a Benchmark Replacement Rate or (c) if the Reference Rate cannot be determined pursuant to clause (a) or (b) above, the Fallback Rate; provided that if the Reference Rate with respect to the Secured Notes: brovided further, that if at any time when the Fallback Rate is effective the Collateral Manager notifies the Issuer, the Trustee and the Calculation Agent that any Benchmark Replacement Rate can be determined by the Collateral Manager, then such Benchmark Replacement Rate shall be the Reference Rate commencing with the Interest Accrual Period immediately succeeding the Interest Accrual Period during which the Collateral Manager provides such notification. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, if at any time while any Secured Notes are outstanding, a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Reference Rate, then the Collateral Manager shall provide notice of such event to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent and the Trustee (which notice the Trustee shall forward to the Holders and post to its website) and shall cause the then current Reference Rate to be replaced with an Alternative Rate proposed by the Collateral Manager pursuant to a Reference Rate Amendment. With respect to any Collateral Obligation, when used in the context of such Collateral Obligation, "Reference Rate" means the London interbank offered rate, the forward-looking rate based on SOFR or the applicable benchmark rate currently in effect for such Collateral Obligation and determined in accordance with the related Underlying Documents.

"Reference Rate Amendment": The meaning specified in Section 8.1(xxiii).

"Reference Rate Floor Obligation": As of any date of determination, a Floating Rate Obligation (a) the interest in respect of which is paid based on the Reference Rate and (b) that provides that such rate is (in effect) calculated as the greater of (i) a specified "floor" rate per annum and (ii) the Reference Rate for the applicable interest period for such Collateral Obligation.

"Refinancing": A loan or an issuance of replacement securities, whose terms in each case will be negotiated by the Issuer or, upon request of the Issuer, by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, from one or more financial institutions or purchasers to refinance the Notes in connection with an Optional Redemption.

"Refinancing Obligation": Each loan or replacement security issued in connection with a Refinancing.

"Refinancing Proceeds": The net Cash proceeds from a Refinancing.

"Regional Diversity Measure": As of any date of determination, the number obtained by dividing (a) 1 by (b) the sum of the squares of the quotients, for each S&P Region Classification, obtained by dividing (i) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations) issued by Obligors that belong to such S&P Region Classification by (ii) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations (other than Defaulted Obligations).

"Registered": In registered form for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

"Registered Investment Adviser": A Person duly registered as an investment adviser in accordance with and pursuant to Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

"Regulation S": Regulation S, as amended, under the Securities Act.

"Regulation S Global Note": The meaning specified in Section 2.2(b)(i).

"Reinvestment Period": The period from and including the Closing Date to and including the earliest of (i) the Payment Date occurring in April 2028 (ii) the date of the acceleration of the Maturity of any Class of Notes pursuant to Section 5.2 and (iii) the date on which the Collateral Manager delivers written notice to the Trustee and S&P that it has reasonably determined that it can no longer reinvest in additional Collateral Obligations in accordance with the terms hereof or the Collateral Management Agreement. The Reinvestment Period may be reinstated in the case of clause (ii) and (iii) above, with the consent of the Collateral Manager, upon written notice to S&P, and, in the case of a reinstatement following a termination under clause (ii), (x) such acceleration has been subsequently rescinded and (y) no other event that would terminate the Reinvestment Period has occurred and is continuing.

"Reinvestment Target Par Balance": As of any date of determination, the Target Initial Par Amount *minus* (i) the amount of any reduction in the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes (other than the Class X Notes) through the payment of Principal Proceeds *plus* (ii) the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any additional Notes issued under and in accordance with Sections 2.13 and 3.2, or, if greater, the aggregate amount of Principal Proceeds that result from the issuance of such additional Notes.

"Relevant Governmental Body": The Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal

Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, including the ARRC or any successor thereto.

"Relevant Recipients": The meaning specified in Section 10.9(a).

"Reporting Agent": An entity, other than the Collateral Administrator, that shall be appointed by the Issuer to prepare and/or make available certain reports pursuant to the EU/UK Transparency Requirements.

"Reporting Entity": The meaning specified in Section 10.9(a).

"Reporting Website": The meaning specified in Section 10.9(a).

"Re-Priced Class": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(a).

"Re-Pricing": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(a).

"Re-Pricing Date": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(b).

"Re-Pricing Eligible Notes": With respect to any Class of Notes, the Notes specified as such in Section 2.3.

"Re-Pricing Intermediary": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(a).

"Re-Pricing Rate": The meaning specified in Section 9.7(b)(i).

"Required Interest Coverage Ratio": For the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes, 120.00%.

"Required Overcollateralization Ratio": For the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes, 130.85%.

"Required S&P Credit Estimate Information": S&P's "Credit FAQ: Anatomy of A Credit Estimate: What It Means And How We Do It", dated January 14, 2021 and any other available information S&P reasonably requests in order to produce a credit estimate for a particular asset.

"Requisite Voting Percentage": The percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the relevant Notes required to satisfy the relevant voting threshold, such as consents for a proposed supplemental indenture.

"Responsible Officer": With respect to any Person, any duly authorized director, officer or manager of such Person with direct responsibility for the administration of the applicable agreement and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other duly authorized director, officer or manager of such Person to whom such matter is referred because of such director's, officer's or manager's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject. Each party may receive and accept a certification of the authority of any other party as conclusive evidence of the authority of any Person to act, and such certification may be considered as in full force and effect until receipt by such other party of written notice to the contrary.

"Restricted Trading Period": The period during which (a) the S&P rating of the Class A Notes is one or more subcategories below its rating on the Closing Date or (b) the S&P rating of the Class B Notes is two or more subcategories below its rating on the Closing Date; provided, that such period will not be a Restricted Trading Period (i) if (x) the Aggregate

Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations *plus* Eligible Investments constituting Principal Proceeds is greater than or equal to the Reinvestment Target Par Balance and (y) the Coverage Tests, the Minimum Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate Test and the Minimum Floating Spread Test are satisfied or (ii) so long as the S&P rating of any Class of Notes has not been further downgraded, withdrawn or put on watch for potential downgrade, upon the direction of the Issuer with the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u> that no Restricted Trading Period shall restrict any sale of a Collateral Obligation entered into by the Issuer at a time when a Restricted Trading Period is not in effect regardless of whether such sale has settled.

"Restructured Loan": A bank loan acquired by the Issuer resulting from, or received in connection with, the workout or restructuring of a Collateral Obligation, which for the avoidance of doubt is not a Bond or equity security. The acquisition of Restructured Loans will not be required to satisfy the Investment Criteria.

"Retention Holder": The U.S. Retention Holder and/or EU/UK Retention Holder, as applicable.

"Revised Templates": Such templates as shall be introduced for the purposes of the European Transparency Requirements by way of amendments to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1225 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1224.

"Revolver Funding Account": The meaning specified in Section 10.4.

"Revolving Collateral Obligation": Any Collateral Obligation (other than a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation) that is a loan (including, without limitation, revolving loans), including funded and unfunded portions of revolving credit lines (including any portions thereof that may be drawn by the borrower relating to its letter of credit facilities), unfunded commitments under specific facilities and other similar loans that by its terms may require one or more future advances to be made to the borrower by the Issuer; provided that any such Collateral Obligation will be a Revolving Collateral Obligation only until all commitments to make advances to the borrower expire or are terminated or irrevocably reduced to zero.

"Risk Retention Issuance": The meaning specified in Section 2.13(a)(i).

"Risk Retention Rules": The U.S. Risk Retention Rules and/or the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements, as applicable.

"Rolled Senior Uptier Debt": The meaning specified in the definition of "Uptier Priming Transaction".

"Rule 144A": Rule 144A, as amended, under the Securities Act.

"Rule 144A Global Note": The meaning specified in Section 2.2(b)(ii).

"Rule 144A Information": The meaning specified in Section 7.15.

"Rule 17g-5": The meaning specified in Section 14.16.

"S&P": S&P Global Ratings, a nationally recognized statistical rating organization comprised of: (a) a separately identifiable business unit within Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a Delaware limited liability company wholly owned by S&P Global Inc.; and (b) the credit ratings business operated by various other subsidiaries that are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by S&P Global Inc.; and, in each case, any successor thereto.

"S&P CDO Monitor": The dynamic, analytical computer model developed by S&P and used to calculate the default frequency in terms of the amount of debt assumed to default as a percentage of the original principal amount of the Collateral Obligations consistent with a specified benchmark rating level based upon certain assumptions (including the applicable Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate) and S&P's proprietary corporate default studies, as may be amended by S&P from time to time upon notice to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator. Each S&P CDO Monitor shall be chosen by the Collateral Manager (with notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator) and associated with an S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate and an S&P Minimum Floating Spread chosen by the Collateral Manager; provided, that as of any date of determination the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate for the Highest Ranking S&P Class equals or exceeds the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate for such Class chosen by the Collateral Manager and the Weighted Average Floating Spread equals or exceeds the S&P Minimum Floating Spread chosen by the Collateral Manager.

"<u>S&P CDO Monitor Benchmarks</u>": The S&P Weighted Average Rating Factor, the Default Rate Dispersion, the Obligor Diversity Measure, the Industry Diversity Measure, the Regional Diversity Measure and the S&P Weighted Average Life.

"S&P CDO Monitor Election Date": The date specified by the Collateral Manager, at any time after the Closing Date upon at least 5 Business Days' prior written notice to S&P, the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator, evidencing the Collateral Manager's election to utilize the S&P CDO Monitor in determining compliance with the S&P CDO Monitor Test; provided that for the avoidance of doubt, only one such election may be made.

"S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate": As of any date of determination, the weighted average recovery rate for the Highest Ranking S&P Class.

"S&P CDO Monitor Test": A test that will be satisfied on any date of determination (following receipt, at any time on or after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator of the Class Breakeven Default Rates for each S&P CDO Monitor input file (in accordance with the definition of "Class Break-even Default Rate")) if, after giving effect to a proposed sale or purchase of an additional Collateral Obligation, the Class Default Differential of the Highest Ranking S&P Class of the Proposed Portfolio is positive. The S&P CDO Monitor Test will be considered to be improved if the Class Default Differential of the Highest Ranking S&P Class of the Proposed Portfolio is greater than the corresponding Class Default Differential of the Current Portfolio.

"S&P CLO Specified Assets": The Collateral Obligations with an S&P Rating equal to or higher than "CCC-".

"S&P Collateral Principal Amount": As of any date of determination, the Collateral Principal Amount (calculated without including the Aggregate Principal Balance of any Defaulted Obligations) plus the S&P Collateral Value of all Defaulted Obligations that have been Defaulted Obligations for less than three years.

"S&P Collateral Value": With respect to any Defaulted Obligation, Long Dated Obligation or Deferring Obligation as of any Measurement Date, the lesser of (i) the S&P Recovery Amount of such Defaulted Obligation, Long Dated Obligation or Deferring Obligation, respectively, as of the relevant Measurement Date and (ii) the Market Value of such Defaulted Obligation, Long Dated Obligation or Deferring Obligation, respectively, as of the relevant Measurement Date.

"S&P Equivalent Rating Factor": For each Collateral Obligation, the number set forth to the right of the applicable S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation:

S&P Rating	S&P Rating Factor
AAA	1
AA+	10
AA	20
AA-	40
A+	70
A	120
A-	180
BBB+	260
BBB	360
BBB-	610
BB+	940
BB	1350
BB-	1766
B+	2220
В	2720
В-	3490
CCC+	4770
CCC	6500
CCC-	8070
CC	10000

[&]quot;S&P Industry Classification Group": Each classification in the table set forth in Schedule 2 hereto.

"S&P Minimum Floating Spread": As of any date of determination, either (x) a weighted average floating spread from Section 2 of Schedule 4 or (y) a weighted average floating spread chosen by the Collateral Manager and confirmed by S&P.

"S&P Rating": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, as of any date of determination, the rating determined in accordance with the following methodology:

(a) with respect to a Collateral Obligation that is not a DIP Collateral Obligation or a Current Pay Obligation (i) if there is an issuer credit rating of the issuer of such Collateral Obligation by S&P as published by S&P, or the guarantor (subject to the then-current S&P guarantee criteria) which unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees such Collateral Obligation then the S&P Rating will be such rating (regardless of whether there is a published rating by S&P on the Collateral Obligations of such issuer held by the Issuer) or (ii) if there is no issuer credit rating of the issuer by S&P but (A) if there is a senior unsecured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer, the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation will equal such rating; (B) if there is a senior secured rating on any obligation or security of the issuer, then the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation

will be one subcategory below such rating; and (C) if there is a subordinated rating on any obligation or security of the issuer, then the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation will be one subcategory above such rating;

- (b) with respect to any Collateral Obligation that is a DIP Collateral Obligation, the S&P Rating thereof will be the credit rating assigned to such issue by S&P, or if such DIP Collateral Obligation was assigned a point-in-time rating by S&P that was withdrawn, such withdrawn rating may be used for 12 months after the assignment of such rating (provided, that, if the Collateral Manager is or becomes aware of a Specified Amendment with respect to the DIP Collateral Obligation that, in the Collateral Manager's reasonable judgment, would have a material adverse impact on the value of the DIP Collateral Obligation, such withdrawn rating may not be used unless S&P otherwise confirms the rating or provides an updated one; provided, further, that if any such Collateral Obligation that is a DIP Collateral Obligation is newly issued and the Collateral Manager expects an S&P credit rating within 90 days, the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation shall be "CCC-" until such credit rating is obtained from S&P); provided further still, that the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) shall notify S&P of, with respect to any DIP Collateral Obligation, (i) any modifications to the amortization schedule thereof, (ii) extensions of the maturity thereof, (iii) any reduction in the principal amount owed thereof and (iv) non-payment of timely interest or principal due thereon;
- (c) if there is not a rating by S&P on the issuer or on an obligation of the issuer, then the S&P Rating may be determined pursuant to clauses (i) through (iv) below:
 - (i) if an obligation of the issuer is not a DIP Collateral Obligation or a Current Pay Obligation and is publicly rated by Moody's and/or Fitch, then the S&P Rating will be determined in accordance with the methodologies for establishing such Moody's Rating and/or Fitch Rating except that the S&P Rating of such obligation will be the lower of (x) (A) one subcategory below the S&P equivalent of the Moody's Rating if such Moody's Rating is "Baa3" or higher and (B) two subcategories below the S&P equivalent of the Moody's Rating is "Bab-" or higher and (B) two subcategories below the S&P equivalent of the Fitch Rating if such Fitch Rating is "BBb-" or higher and (B) two subcategories below the S&P equivalent of the Fitch Rating if such Fitch Rating is "BB+" or lower; provided, that the aggregate principal balance of the Collateral Obligations that may have an S&P Rating derived from a Moody's Rating and/or a Fitch Rating as set forth in this subclause (i) may not exceed 10.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount;
 - (ii) excluding Current Pay Obligations and DIP Collateral Obligations, the S&P Rating may be based on a credit estimate provided by S&P, and in connection therewith, the Issuer, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer or the issuer of such Collateral Obligation will, prior to or within ninety (90) days after the acquisition of such Collateral Obligation, apply (and concurrently submit all available Required S&P Credit Estimate Information in respect of such application) to S&P for a credit estimate which will be its S&P Rating; provided, that, until the receipt from S&P of such estimate, such Collateral Obligation will have an S&P Rating as determined by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion if the Collateral Manager certifies to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator that it believes that such S&P Rating determined by the Collateral Manager is commercially reasonable and will be at least equal to such rating; provided, further, that if such Required S&P Credit Estimate

Information is not submitted within such ninety (90) day period, then, pending receipt from S&P of such estimate, the Collateral Obligation will have (A) the S&P Rating as determined by the Collateral Manager for a period of up to ninety (90) days after acquisition and (B) an S&P Rating of "CCC-" following such ninety day period; unless, during such ninety day period, the Collateral Manager has requested the extension of such period and S&P, in its sole discretion, has granted such request; and provided, further, that with respect to any Collateral Obligation for which S&P has provided a credit estimate, such credit estimate shall expire 12 months after the receipt thereof, following which such Collateral Obligation shall have an S&P Rating of "CCC-" unless, during such 12-month period following the receipt of such credit estimate, the Issuer applies for renewal thereof in accordance with this Indenture, in which case such credit estimate shall continue to be the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation until S&P has confirmed or revised such credit estimate, upon which such confirmed or revised credit estimate shall be the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation (in each case, until expiration or confirmation on the next succeeding 12-month anniversary in accordance with this proviso); provided, further, that the Issuer will promptly notify S&P of any material events affecting any such Collateral Obligation if the Collateral Manager reasonably determines that such notice is required in accordance with S&P's published criteria for credit estimates titled "Credit FAQ: Anatomy of A Credit Estimate: What It Means And How We Do It" dated January 14, 2021 (as the same may be amended or updated from time to time);

- (iii) with respect to a DIP Collateral Obligation, if the S&P Rating cannot otherwise be determined pursuant to this definition, the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation will be "CCC-";
- (iv) with respect to a Collateral Obligation that is not a Defaulted Obligation or a Current Pay Obligation, the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation will at the election of the Issuer (at the direction of the Collateral Manager) be "CCC-"; provided, that (A) the Collateral Manager expects the Obligor in respect of such Collateral Obligation to continue to meet its payment obligations under such Collateral Obligation, (B) neither the issuer of such Collateral Obligation nor any of its Affiliates are subject to any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings, (C) the issuer has not defaulted on any payment obligation in respect of any debt security or other obligation of the issuer at any time within the two year period ending on such date of determination, (D) all such debt securities and other obligations of the issuer that are pari passu with or senior to the Collateral Obligation are current and the Collateral Manager reasonably expects them to remain current and (E) after giving effect to such election, the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations with respect to which such election is then in effect does not exceed 10% of the Aggregate Principal Balance; provided, further that, the Issuer shall provide S&P with all available Required S&P Credit Estimate Information with respect to any Collateral Obligation with a rating determined pursuant to this clause (c)(iv) and shall notify S&P of any material events affecting such Collateral Obligation if the Collateral Manager reasonably determines that such notice is required in accordance with S&P's published criteria for credit estimates titled "Credit FAQ: Anatomy of A Credit Estimate: What It Means And How We Do It", dated January 14, 2021 (as the same may be amended or updated from time to time); and
- (d) with respect to a Current Pay Obligation, the S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation will be the higher of its issue rating and "CCC";

provided, that for purposes of the determination of the S&P Rating, (x) if the applicable rating assigned by S&P to an obligor or its obligations is on "credit watch positive" by S&P, such rating will be treated as being one subcategory above such assigned rating and (y) if the applicable rating assigned by S&P to an obligor or its obligations is on "credit watch negative" by S&P, such rating will be treated as being one subcategory below such assigned rating.

"S&P Rating Condition": With respect to any action taken or to be taken by or on behalf of the Issuer, a condition that is satisfied if S&P has specifically confirmed in writing, including by electronic messages, facsimile, press release or posting to its internet website (or has declined to undertake the review of such action by such means), to the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager that no immediate withdrawal or reduction with respect to its then current rating of any Class of Secured Notes will occur as a result of such action; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to any event or circumstance that requires satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition, such S&P Rating Condition shall be deemed inapplicable if no Class of Secured Notes then rated by S&P are then Outstanding; provided, further, that such rating condition shall be deemed inapplicable with respect to such event or circumstance if (i) S&P has given written notice to the effect that it will no longer review events or circumstances of the type requiring satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition for purposes of evaluating whether to confirm the then-current ratings (or initial ratings) of obligations rated by S&P; or (ii) S&P has given written notice to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or the Trustee (or their counsel) that it will not review such event or circumstance for purposes of evaluating whether to confirm the then-current ratings (or initial ratings) of the Notes then rated by S&P.

"S&P Rating Factor": For each Collateral Obligation, the number set forth to the right of the applicable S&P Rating of such Collateral Obligation:

S&P Rating	S&P Rating Factor
AAA	13.51
AA+	26.75
AA	46.36
AA-	63.90
A+	99.50
A	146.35
A-	199.83
BBB+	271.01
BBB	361.17
BBB-	540.42
BB+	784.92
BB	1233.63
BB-	1565.44
B+	1982.00
В	2859.50
В-	3610.11
CCC+	4641.40
CCC	5293.00
CCC-	5751.10
CC	10,000.00

"S&P Recovery Amount": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, an amount equal to (i) the applicable S&P Recovery Rate multiplied by (ii) the outstanding Principal Balance of such Collateral Obligation.

"S&P Recovery Rate": With respect to a Collateral Obligation, the recovery rate determined in the manner set forth in Section 1 of Schedule 4.

"S&P Recovery Rating": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, the corporate recovery rating assigned by S&P (i.e., the S&P Recovery Rate) to such Collateral Obligation.

"S&P Region Classification": With respect to a Collateral Obligation, the applicable classification set forth in the table titled "S&P Region Classifications" in Section 2 of Schedule 4.

"S&P Weighted Average Life": As of any date of determination with respect to all Collateral Obligations other than Defaulted Obligations, the number of years following such date obtained by dividing (a) the sum of the products of (i) the number of years (rounded to the nearest one-hundredth thereof) from such date of determination to the stated maturity of each such Collateral Obligation multiplied by (ii) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral

Obligation by (b) the aggregate remaining principal balance at such time of all Collateral Obligations other than Defaulted Obligations.

"S&P Weighted Average Rating Factor": The quotient equal to 'A divided by B', where:

A = the sum of the products, for all S&P CLO Specified Assets of (i) the principal balance of the Collateral Obligation and (ii) the S&P Rating Factor of the Collateral Obligation; and

B = the Aggregate Principal Balance of all S&P CLO Specified Assets.

"Sale": The meaning specified in Section 5.17.

"Sale Notice": The meaning specified in Section 5.4.

"Sale Proceeds": All proceeds (excluding accrued interest, if any) received with respect to Assets as a result of sales of such Assets in accordance with the restrictions described in Article XII (or Article V, if applicable) less any reasonable expenses incurred by the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator or the Trustee (other than amounts payable as Administrative Expenses) in connection with such sales. Sale Proceeds will include Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest received in respect of such sale.

"Scheduled Distribution": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, each payment of principal and/or interest scheduled to be made by the related Obligor under the terms of such Collateral Obligation (determined in accordance with the assumptions specified in Section 1.3 hereof) after (a) in the case of the initial Collateral Obligations, the Closing Date or (b) in the case of Collateral Obligations added after the Closing Date, the related Cut-Off Date, as adjusted pursuant to the terms of the related Underlying Documents.

"Second Lien Loan": Any Loan or assignment of or Participation Interest in a Loan that: (a) is not (and cannot by its terms become) subordinate in right of payment to any other obligation of the Obligor of the Loan (other than with respect to trade claims, capitalized leases or similar obligations) but which is subordinated (with respect to liquidation preferences with respect to pledged collateral) to a Senior Secured Loan of the Obligor; (b) is secured by a valid second-priority perfected security interest or lien in, to or on specified collateral (subject to customary exceptions for permitted Liens, including, without limitation, any tax liens) securing the Obligor's obligations under the Second Lien Loan the value of which is adequate (in the commercially reasonable judgment of the Collateral Manager) to repay the Loan in accordance with its terms and to repay all other Loans of equal or higher seniority secured by a lien or security interest in the same collateral and (c) is not secured solely or primarily by common stock or other equity interests; provided, that the limitation set forth in this clause (c) shall not apply with respect to a Loan made to a parent entity that is secured solely or primarily by the stock of one or more of the subsidiaries of such parent entity to the extent that the granting by any such subsidiary of a lien on its own property would violate law or regulations applicable to such subsidiary (whether the obligation secured is such Loan or any other similar type of indebtedness owing to third parties).

"Secured Notes": The Class X Notes, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes authorized by, and authenticated and delivered under, this Indenture (as specified in Section 2.3), together with any additional Secured Notes issued pursuant to and in accordance with this Indenture.

"Secured Parties": The meaning specified in the Granting Clauses.

"Securities Account Control Agreement": The Securities Account Control Agreement dated as of the Closing Date among the Issuer, the Trustee and U.S. Bank National Association, as custodian.

"Securities Act": The United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Securities Intermediary": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(14) of the UCC.

"Securitization Regulation": The EU Securitization Regulation and/or the UK Securitization Regulation.

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

"Selling Institution": The entity obligated to make payments to the Issuer under the terms of a Participation Interest.

"Senior Secured Loan": Any Loan or assignment of or Participation Interest in a Loan that: (a) other than to the extent provided in the definition of "First-Lien Last-Out Loan," is not (and cannot by its terms become) subordinate in right of payment to any other obligation of the obligor of the Loan (subject to customary exceptions for Loans secured by a first-priority perfected security interest, including for Super-Priority Revolving Facilities); (b) is secured by a valid first-priority perfected security interest or lien in, to or on specified collateral securing the obligor's obligations under the Loan (subject to customary exceptions for permitted Liens, including, without limitation, any tax liens); (c) the value of the collateral securing the Loan at the time of purchase together with other attributes of the obligor (including, without limitation, its general financial condition, ability to generate cash flow available for debt service and other demands for that cash flow) is adequate (in the commercially reasonable judgment of the Collateral Manager) to repay the Loan in accordance with its terms and to repay all other Loans of equal seniority secured by a first lien or security interest in the same collateral and (d) is not secured solely or primarily by common stock or other equity interests; provided, that the limitation set forth in this clause (d) shall not apply with respect to a Loan made to a parent entity that is secured solely or primarily by the stock of one or more of the subsidiaries of such parent entity to the extent that the granting by any such subsidiary of a lien on its own property would violate law or regulations applicable to such subsidiary (whether the obligation secured is such Loan or any other similar type of indebtedness owing to third parties).

"Significant Event": A "significant event" for the purposes of Article 7(1)(g) of the EU Securitization Regulation.

"Similar Law": Any federal, state, local, non-U.S. or other law or regulation that could cause the underlying assets of the Issuer to be treated as assets of the investor in any Notes (or any interest therein) by virtue of its interest therein and thereby subject the Issuer or the Collateral Manager (or other Persons responsible for the investment and operation of the Issuer's assets) to Other Plan Law.

"SOFR": With respect to any day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as the administrator of the benchmark, (or a successor administrator) on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Website.

"Special Priority of Payments": The meaning specified in Section 11.1(a)(iii).

- "Special Redemption": A redemption of the Secured Notes in accordance with Section 9.6.
- "Special Redemption Amount": The meaning specified in Section 9.6.
- "Special Redemption Date": The meaning specified in Section 9.6.
- "Specified Amendment": With respect to any Collateral Obligation, any amendment, waiver or modification which would:
- (e) modify the amortization schedule with respect to such Collateral Obligation in a manner that (i) reduces the dollar amount of any Scheduled Distribution by more than the greater of (x) 25% and (y) U.S.\$250,000, (ii) postpones any Scheduled Distribution by more than two payment periods or (iii) causes the Weighted Average Life of the applicable Collateral Obligation to increase by more than 25%;
- (f) reduce or increase the cash interest rate payable by the Obligor thereunder by more than 100 basis points (excluding any increase in an interest rate arising by operation of a default or penalty interest clause under a Collateral Obligation or as a result of an increase in the interest rate index for any reason other than such amendment, waiver or modification);
- (g) extend the stated maturity date of such Collateral Obligation by more than 24 months or beyond the earliest Stated Maturity;
- (h) contractually or structurally subordinate such Collateral Obligation by operation of a priority of payments, turnover provisions, the transfer of assets in order to limit recourse to the related Obligor or the granting of Liens (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the underlying collateral securing such Collateral Obligation;
- (i) release any party from its obligations under such Collateral Obligation, if such release would have a material adverse effect on the Collateral Obligation;
 - (j) reduce the principal amount of the applicable Collateral Obligation;
 - (k) release any material Obligor; or
 - (l) release any collateral securing the Collateral Obligation.

"Specified Equity Securities": (i) Securities or interests (including any Margin Stock) resulting from the exercise of a warrant, option, right of conversion, pre-emptive right, rights offering, credit bid or similar right in connection with the workout or restructuring of a Collateral Obligation or (ii) an equity security or interest received in connection with the workout or restructuring of a Collateral Obligation. The acquisition of Specified Equity Securities will not be required to satisfy the Investment Criteria.

"Specified Obligor Information": The meaning specified in Section 14.15(b).

"Standby Directed Investment": Initially, Morgan Stanley US Dollar Liquidity – Institutional (which investment is, for the avoidance of doubt, an Eligible Investment); provided that the Issuer, or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, may by written notice to the Trustee change the Standby Directed Investment to any other Eligible Investment of the type described in clause (ii) of the definition of "Eligible Investments" maturing not later than the earlier of (i) 30 days after the date of such investment (unless putable at par to the issuer thereof)

or (ii) the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date (or such shorter maturities expressly provided herein).

"Stated Maturity": With respect to the Notes of any Class, the date specified as such in Section 2.3 or as otherwise specified herein with respect to such Class of Notes.

"Step-Down Obligation": An obligation or security which by the terms of the related Underlying Documents provides for a decrease in the *per annum* interest rate on such obligation or security (other than by reason of any change in the applicable index or benchmark rate used to determine such interest rate) or in the spread over the applicable index or benchmark rate, solely as a function of the passage of time; <u>provided</u> that an obligation or security providing for payment of a constant rate of interest at all times after the date of acquisition by the Issuer shall not constitute a Step-Down Obligation.

"Step-Up Obligation": An obligation or security which by the terms of the related Underlying Documents provides for an increase in the *per annum* interest rate on such obligation or security, or in the spread over the applicable index or benchmark rate, solely as a function of the passage of time; <u>provided</u> that an obligation or security providing for payment of a constant rate of interest at all times after the date of acquisition by the Issuer shall not constitute a Step-Up Obligation.

"Structured Finance Obligation": Any obligation issued by a special purpose vehicle and secured directly by, referenced to, or representing ownership of, a pool of receivables or other financial assets of any Obligor, including collateralized debt obligations and mortgage-backed securities.

"Sub-Advisor": Churchill Asset Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Subordinated Notes": The Subordinated Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture and having the characteristics specified in Section 2.3.

"Successor Entity": The meaning specified in Section 7.10.

"Supermajority": With respect to any Class of Notes, the holders of at least 66-2/3% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Class.

"Superpriority New Money Debt": The meaning specified in the definition of "Uptier Priming Transaction".

"Super-Priority Revolving Facility": With respect to a Collateral Obligation, a senior secured revolving facility incurred by the same Obligor that is prior in right of payment to such Collateral Obligation; provided that the outstanding principal balance and unfunded commitments of such senior secured revolving facility do not exceed 20% of the sum of (x) the outstanding principal balance and unfunded commitments of such revolving facility, plus (y) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation, plus (z) the outstanding principal balance of any other debt for borrowed money incurred by such Obligor that is *pari passu* with such Collateral Obligation.

"Synthetic Security": A security or swap transaction, other than a Participation Interest, that has payments associated with either payments of interest on and/or principal of a reference obligation or the credit performance of a reference obligation.

"Target Initial Par Amount": U.S.\$300,000,000.

"Target Initial Par Condition": A condition satisfied as of the Effective Date if the Aggregate Principal Balance of Collateral Obligations (i) that are held by the Issuer and (ii) of which the Issuer has committed to purchase on such date, together with the amount of any proceeds of prepayments, maturities or redemptions of Collateral Obligations purchased by the Issuer prior to such date, without duplication, will equal or exceed the Target Initial Par Amount; provided that for purposes of this definition, any Collateral Obligation that becomes a Defaulted Obligation prior to the Determination Date preceding the first Payment Date shall be treated as having a Principal Balance equal to its S&P Collateral Value.

"Tax": Any tax, levy, impost, duty, charge, assessment, deduction, withholding or fee of any nature (including interest, penalties and additions thereto) imposed by any governmental taxing authority.

"Tax Event": (i)(x) Any Obligor under any Collateral Obligation being required to deduct or withhold from any payment under such Collateral Obligation to the Issuer for or on account of any Tax for whatever reason and such Obligor is not required to pay to the Issuer such additional amount as is necessary to ensure that the net amount actually received by the Issuer (free and clear of Taxes, whether assessed against such Obligor or the Issuer) will equal the full amount that the Issuer would have received had no such deduction or withholding occurred and (y) the total amount of such deductions or withholdings on the Assets results in a payment by, or charge or tax burden to, the Issuer that results or will result in the withholding of 5% or more of Scheduled Distributions for any Collection Period, or (ii) any jurisdiction imposing net income, profits or similar Tax on the Issuer (including, for this purpose, any Tax required to be withheld under Section 1446 of the Code) in an aggregate amount in any Collection Period in excess of U.S.\$1,000,000.

"Tax Jurisdiction": The Bahamas, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands or the Channel Islands so long as each such tax advantaged jurisdiction is rated at least "A-1" by S&P and any other tax advantaged jurisdiction as may be notified by the Collateral Manager to S&P from time to time so long as each such other tax advantaged jurisdiction is rated at least "A-1" by S&P.

"Tax Redemption": The meaning specified in Section 9.3(a) hereof.

"Term SOFR Administrator": CME Group Benchmark Administration Limited, or a successor administrator of the Term SOFR Reference Rate selected by the Collateral Manager with notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator.

"Term SOFR Rate": For any Interest Accrual Period, the greater of (a) zero and (y) the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the Corresponding Tenor, as such rate is published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the related Interest Determination Date; provided that the Term SOFR Rate for the first Interest Accrual Period following the Closing Date shall equal the rate determined by interpolating between the rate published by the Term SOFR Administrator for the next shorter period of time for which rates are available and the rate published by the Term SOFR Administrator for the next longer period of time for which rates are available on the related Interest Determination Date; provided further, that if as of 5:00 p.m. (New York City time) on any Interest Determination Date the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the Corresponding Tenor has not been published by the Term SOFR Administrator, then the Term SOFR Rate will be (x) the Term SOFR Reference Rate for the Corresponding Tenor as published by the Term SOFR Administrator on the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such Term SOFR Reference Rate for the Corresponding Tenor was published by the Term SOFR Administrator so long as such first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day is not more than five Business Days prior to such Interest Determination Date or (y) if the Term SOFR Reference Rate cannot be determined in accordance with clause (x) of this proviso, the Term

SOFR Rate shall be the Term SOFR Reference Rate as determined on the previous Interest Determination Date.

"Term SOFR Reference Rate": The forward-looking term rate based on SOFR.

"Third Party Credit Exposure": As of any date of determination, the principal balance of each Collateral Obligation that consists of a Participation Interest.

"Third Party Credit Exposure Limits": Limits that shall be satisfied if the Third Party Credit Exposure with counterparties having the ratings below from S&P do not exceed the percentage of the Collateral Principal Amount specified below:

S&P's credit rating of Selling Institution	Aggregate Percentage Limit	Individual Percentage Limit
AAA	20%	20%
AA+	10%	10%
AA	10%	10%
AA-	10%	10%
A+	5%	5%
A	5%	5%
Below A	0%	0%

provided that a Selling Institution having an S&P credit rating of "A" must also have a short-term S&P rating of "A-1" otherwise its Aggregate Percentage Limit (as indicated in the table above) and Individual Percentage Limit (as indicated in the table above) shall be 0%.

"Trading Plan": The meaning specified in Section 12.2(b).

"Trading Plan Period": The meaning specified in Section 12.2(b).

"Transaction Documents": This Indenture, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Master Transfer Agreement, the EU/UK Retention Agreement, the Securities Account Control Agreement and the Purchase Agreement.

"Transfer": The meaning specified in Section 7.17(g)(ii).

"<u>Transfer Agent</u>": The Person or Persons, which may be the Issuer, authorized by the Issuer to exchange or register the transfer of Notes.

"Transparency Reports": The meaning specified in Section 10.9(a).

"Treasury Regulations": The United States Department of Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code.

"Trust Officer": When used with respect to the Trustee, any officer of such entity including any vice president, assistant vice president or officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred at the Corporate Trust Office because of such Person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and, in

each case, having direct responsibility for the administration of this transaction. When used with respect to the Collateral Administrator, any officer of such entity including any vice president, assistant vice president or officer of the Collateral Administrator customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the Persons who at the time shall be such officers, respectively, or to whom any corporate trust matter is referred at the Corporate Trust Office because of such Person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and, in each case, having direct responsibility for the administration of the Collateral Administration Agreement.

"Trustee": The meaning specified in the first sentence of this Indenture.

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day": Any day except for (a) a Saturday, (b) a Sunday or (c) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities as indicated on the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association website.

"U.S. person": The meaning specified in Regulation S.

"<u>U.S. Retention Holder</u>": Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., a Maryland corporation, in its capacity as U.S. retention holder.

"U.S. Risk Retention Rules": Section 15G of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"<u>UCC</u>": The Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York or, if different, the political subdivision of the United States that governs the perfection of the relevant security interest, as amended from time to time.

"<u>UK Securitization Regulation</u>": The EU Securitization Regulation (as applicable on December 31, 2020) as retained as part of the domestic law of the UK by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended), and as amended by the Securitisation (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (and as further amended from time to time).

"<u>UK Transparency Requirements</u>": The transparency requirements under Article 7 of the UK Securitization Regulation, as may be amended, varied or substituted from time to time.

"Unadiusted Benchmark Replacement Rate": A Benchmark Replacement Rate that does not include a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment.

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

"<u>Underlying Document</u>": The loan agreement, credit agreement, indenture or other customary agreement pursuant to which an Asset has been created or issued and each other agreement that governs the terms of or secures the obligations represented by such Asset or of which the holders of such Asset are the beneficiaries.

"United States" or "U.S.": The United States of America, its territories and its possessions.

"Unregistered Securities": The meaning specified in Section 5.17(c).

"Unsecured Loan": A senior unsecured Loan obligation of any Person which is not (and by its terms is not permitted to become) subordinate in right of payment to any other debt for borrowed money incurred by the Obligor under such Loan.

"<u>Uptier Priming Debt</u>": Any Superpriority New Money Debt and any Rolled Senior Uptier Debt acquired by the Issuer resulting from, or received in connection with an Uptier Priming Transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, any Uptier Priming Debt must satisfy the requirements of the definition of one of "Collateral Obligation", "Workout Loan" or "Restructured Loan".

"Uptier Priming Transaction": Any transaction effected in connection with the bankruptcy related to, or the workout or restructuring of, a Collateral Obligation held by the Issuer, in which (x) new money priming debt is issued by the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation which will be senior in priority to all existing debt of such Obligor (including the Collateral Obligation held by the Issuer) ("Superpriority New Money Debt") and/or (y) the current secured lenders (with respect to such Collateral Obligation) that participate in the Superpriority New Money Debt have the opportunity to exchange their current secured loans for priming debt (without any requirement to pay additional amounts, other than reasonable and customary expenses, e.g., transfer costs) that will be senior in priority to all other outstanding debt of such Obligor (including the Collateral Obligation held by the Issuer), other than Superpriority New Money Debt ("Rolled Senior Uptier Debt").

"Volcker Rule": Section 619 of the Dodd-Frank Act and the related implementing regulations, as amended from time to time.

"Warehouse Agreement": The amended and restated loan and servicing agreement, dated as of December 31, 2019, by and among the Issuer, as borrower, each of the lenders and other borrowers from time to time party thereto, Nuveen Churchill BDC Inc., as collateral manager, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as collateral agent and U.S. Bank National Association, as may be further amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Weighted Average Coupon": As of any Measurement Date, the number obtained by dividing:

- (a) the amount equal to the Aggregate Coupon; by
- (b) an amount equal to the aggregate principal balance of all Fixed Rate Obligations as of such Measurement Date (in each case including, for any Permitted Deferrable Obligation, only the required current cash interest required by the Underlying Documents thereon).
- "Weighted Average Floating Spread": As of any Measurement Date, the number obtained by dividing: (a) the amount equal to (A) the Aggregate Funded Spread plus (B) the Aggregate Unfunded Spread by (b) an amount equal to the aggregate principal balance of all Floating Rate Obligations as of such Measurement Date.
- "Weighted Average Life": As of any date of determination with respect to all Collateral Obligations other than Defaulted Obligations, the number of years following such date obtained by summing the products obtained by *multiplying*:
 - (m) the Average Life at such time of each such Collateral Obligation by (b) the outstanding principal balance of such Collateral Obligation

and dividing such sum by:

(n) the aggregate outstanding principal balance at such time of all such Collateral Obligations.

"Weighted Average Life Test": A test satisfied on any date of determination if the Weighted Average Life of the Collateral Obligations as of such date is less than or equal to the value in the column entitled "Weighted Average Life Value" in the table below corresponding to the immediately preceding Payment Date (or prior to the first Payment Date, the Closing Date).

Date (Closing Date or Payment Date in)	Weighted Average Life Value
Closing Date	8.00
July 20, 2024	7.65
October 20, 2024	7.40
January 20, 2025	7.15
April 20, 2025	6.90
July 20, 2025	6.65
October 20, 2025	6.40
January 20, 2026	6.15
April 20, 2026	5.90
July 20, 2026	5.65
October 20, 2026	5.40
January 20, 2027	5.15
April 20, 2027	4.90
July 20, 2027	4.65
October 20, 2027	4.40
January 20, 2028	4.15
April 20, 2028	3.90
July 20, 2028	3.65
October 20, 2028	3.40
January 20, 2029	3.15
April 20, 2029	2.90
July 20, 2029	2.65
October 20, 2029	2.40
January 20, 2030	2.15
April 20, 2030	1.90
July 20, 2030	1.65
October 20, 2030	1.40
January 20, 2031	1.15
April 20, 2031	0.90
July 20, 2031	0.65
October 20, 2031	0.40
January 20, 2032	0.15
April 20, 2032 and thereafter	0.00

"Weighted Average S&P Equivalent Rating Factor": As of any date of determination, the number, (rounded up to the nearest whole number) determined by: (a) summing the products of (i) the Principal Balance of each Collateral Obligation multiplied by (ii)

the S&P Equivalent Rating Factor of such Collateral Obligation and (b) dividing such sum by the Principal Balance of all such Collateral Obligations.

"Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate": As of any date of determination, the number, expressed as a percentage, obtained by summing the products obtained by multiplying the Principal Balance of each Collateral Obligation by its corresponding recovery rate as determined in accordance with Section 1 of Schedule 4 hereto, dividing such sum by the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations, and rounding to the nearest tenth of a percent.

"Workout Loan": Any debt obligation acquired by the Issuer resulting from, or received or issued in connection with, an insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, default, workout or restructuring or similar event of or with respect to an obligor or Collateral Obligation that, in each case, (x) meets the requirements of the definition of "Collateral Obligation" (other than clauses (ii), (iv), (viii), (xv), (xvi) and (xxiv) thereof) as determined by the Collateral Manager, (y) is no more junior in right of payment than the related Collateral Obligation that was subject to insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization, default, workout or restructuring or similar event and (z) at the time of such acquisition (or commitment to acquire), the Collateral Manager reasonably believes (not to be called into question as a result of subsequent events) that making such investment will (i) minimize material losses in connection with the related Collateral Obligation or (ii) otherwise improve recovery prospects with respect to the related obligor or Collateral Obligation. Except to the extent provided above, the acquisition of Workout Loans will not be required to satisfy the Investment Criteria. Notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in this Indenture, a Workout Loan satisfies the definition of "Collateral Obligation" (as tested on such date and without giving effect to any carveouts set forth in this definition), the Collateral Manager may designate (by written notice to the Issuer and the Collateral Administrator) such Workout Loan as a "Collateral Obligation," and thereafter, such Workout Loan shall be treated as a Collateral Obligation for all purposes under this Indenture.

"Workout Loan Payment Condition": A condition that is satisfied on any date of determination if (i) the aggregate amount of Principal Proceeds (other than proceeds from a Contribution designated as Principal Proceeds) used to acquire a Workout Loan does not exceed 1.5% of the Target Initial Par Amount *per annum*, (ii) the aggregate amount of Principal Proceeds (other than proceeds from a Contribution designated as Principal Proceeds) used to acquire (x) a Workout Loan (other than any Uptier Priming Debt), measured cumulatively since the Closing Date does not exceed 5.0% *per annum* of the Target Initial Par Amount and (y) a Workout Loan that also constitutes Uptier Priming Debt, measured cumulatively since the Closing Date does not exceed 2.5% of the Target Initial Par Amount and (iii) the Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount will be greater than the Reinvestment Target Par Balance after the acquisition of such Workout Loan.

"Zero Coupon Bond": Any debt security that by its terms (a) does not bear interest for all or part of the remaining period that it is outstanding, (b) provides for periodic payments of interest in Cash less frequently than semi-annually or (c) pays interest only at its stated maturity.

Section 1.2 <u>Usage of Terms</u>. With respect to all terms in this Indenture, the singular includes the plural and the plural the singular; words importing any gender include the other genders; references to "writing" include printing, typing, lithography and other means of reproducing words in a visible form; references to agreements and other contractual instruments include all amendments, modifications and supplements thereto or any changes therein entered into in accordance with their respective terms and not prohibited by this Indenture; references to

Persons include their permitted successors and assigns; and the term "including" means "including without limitation."

- Section 1.3 <u>Assumptions as to Assets</u>. In connection with all calculations required to be made pursuant to this Indenture with respect to Scheduled Distributions on any Asset, or any payments on any other assets included in the Assets, with respect to the sale of and reinvestment in Collateral Obligations, and with respect to the income that can be earned on Scheduled Distributions on such Assets and on any other amounts that may be received for deposit in the Collection Account, the provisions set forth in this <u>Section 1.3</u> shall be applied. The provisions of this <u>Section 1.3</u> shall be applicable to any determination or calculation that is covered by this <u>Section 1.3</u>, whether or not reference is specifically made to <u>Section 1.3</u>, unless some other method of calculation or determination is expressly specified in the particular provision.
- (a) All calculations with respect to Scheduled Distributions on the Assets securing the Secured Notes shall be made on the basis of information as to the terms of each such Asset and upon reports of payments, if any, received on such Asset that are furnished by or on behalf of the issuer of such Asset and, to the extent they are not manifestly in error, such information or reports may be conclusively relied upon in making such calculations.
- (b) For purposes of calculating the Coverage Tests, except as otherwise specified in the Coverage Tests, such calculations will not include scheduled interest and principal payments on Defaulted Obligations unless or until such payments are actually made.
- (c) For each Collection Period and as of any date of determination, the Scheduled Distribution on any Asset (including Current Pay Obligations but excluding Defaulted Obligations, which, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be assumed to have a Scheduled Distribution of zero, except to the extent any payments have actually been received) shall be the sum of (i) the total amount of payments and collections to be received during such Collection Period in respect of such Asset (including the proceeds of the sale of such Asset received and, in the case of sales which have not yet settled, to be received during the Collection Period and not reinvested in additional Collateral Obligations or Eligible Investments or retained in the Collection Account for subsequent reinvestment pursuant to Section 12.2) that, if paid as scheduled, will be available in the Collection Account at the end of the Collection Period and (ii) any such amounts received by the Issuer in prior Collection Periods that were not disbursed on a previous Payment Date.
- (d) Each Scheduled Distribution receivable with respect to an Asset shall be assumed to be received on the applicable Due Date, and each such Scheduled Distribution shall be assumed to be immediately deposited in the Collection Account to earn interest at the Assumed Reinvestment Rate. All such funds shall be assumed to continue to earn interest until the date on which they are required to be available in the Collection Account for application, in accordance with the terms hereof, to payments of principal of or interest on the Notes or other amounts payable pursuant to this Indenture. For purposes of the applicable determinations required by Section 10.8(b)(iv), Article XII and the definition of "Interest Coverage Ratio", the expected interest on the Secured Notes and Floating Rate Obligations will be calculated using the then-current interest rates applicable thereto. For the avoidance of doubt, all amounts calculated pursuant to this Section 1.3(d) are estimates and may differ from the actual amounts available to make distributions hereunder, and no party shall have any obligation to make any payment hereunder due to the assumed amounts calculated under this Section 1.3(d) being greater than the actual amounts available.
- (e) References in <u>Section 11.1(a)</u> to calculations made on a "pro forma basis" shall mean such calculations after giving effect to all payments, in accordance with the Priority

of Payments described herein, that precede (in priority of payment) or include the clause in which such calculation is made.

- (f) For purposes of calculating all Concentration Limitations, in both the numerator and the denominator of any component of the Concentration Limitations, Defaulted Obligations will be treated as having a Principal Balance equal to the Defaulted Obligation Balance.
- (g) If a Collateral Obligation included in the Assets would be deemed a Current Pay Obligation but for the applicable percentage limitation in the proviso to the definition of "Defaulted Obligation", then the Current Pay Obligations with the lowest Market Value (expressed as a percentage of the Principal Balance of such Current Pay Obligations as of the date of determination) shall be deemed Defaulted Obligations. Each such Defaulted Obligation will be treated as a Defaulted Obligation for all purposes until such time as the aggregate principal balance of Current Pay Obligations would not exceed, on a *pro forma* basis including such Defaulted Obligation, the applicable percentage of the Collateral Principal Amount as set forth in the proviso to the definition of "Defaulted Obligation."
- (h) Except where expressly referenced herein for inclusion in such calculations, Defaulted Obligations will not be included in the calculation of the Collateral Quality Test.
- (i) For purposes of calculating compliance with the Investment Criteria, upon the direction of the Collateral Manager by notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator, any Eligible Investment representing Principal Proceeds received upon the sale or other disposition of a Collateral Obligation shall be deemed to have the characteristics of such Collateral Obligation until reinvested in an additional Collateral Obligation. Such calculations shall be based upon the principal amount of such Collateral Obligation, except in the case of Defaulted Obligations and Credit Risk Obligations, in which case the calculations will be based upon the Principal Proceeds received on the disposition or sale of such Defaulted Obligation or Credit Risk Obligation.
- (j) For the purposes of calculating compliance with each of the Concentration Limitations all calculations will be rounded to the nearest 0.1%. All other calculations, unless otherwise set forth herein or the context otherwise requires, shall be rounded to the nearest ten thousandth if expressed as a percentage (other than the Reference Rate, which shall be rounded to the nearest hundred thousandth), and to the nearest one hundredth if expressed otherwise.
- (k) For purposes of calculating the Collateral Quality Tests, DIP Collateral Obligations will be treated as having an S&P Recovery Rate equal to the S&P Recovery Rate for Senior Secured Loans.
- (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture to the contrary, all monetary calculations under this Indenture shall be in Dollars.
- (m) Any reference herein to an amount of the Trustee's or the Collateral Administrator's fees calculated with respect to a period at a per annum rate shall be computed on the basis of the actual number of days in the applicable Collection Period divided by 360 and shall be based on the Fee Basis Amount (but including the par amount of all Restructured Loans, Defaulted Obligations, Equity Securities, Specified Equity Securities and interest only strips), measured as of the first day of the Collection Period relating to each Payment Date.
- (n) For purposes of calculating compliance with any tests under this Indenture, the trade date (and not the settlement date) with respect to any acquisition or

disposition of a Collateral Obligation or Eligible Investment shall be used to determine whether and when such acquisition or disposition has occurred.

- (o) For all purposes where expressly used in this Indenture, the "outstanding principal balance" shall exclude capitalized interest, if any.
- (p) Except as expressly set forth herein, the "principal balance" of a Revolving Collateral Obligation or a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation shall include all unfunded commitments that have not been irrevocably reduced or withdrawn.
- (q) For purposes of calculating the Sale Proceeds of a Collateral Obligation in sale transactions, Sale Proceeds will include any Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest received in respect of such sale.
- (r) To the extent of any ambiguity in the interpretation of any definition or term contained in this Indenture or to the extent more than one methodology can be used to make any of the determinations or calculations set forth therein, in each case as reasonably determined by a Trust Officer of the Collateral Administrator or the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator shall request direction from the Collateral Manager as to the interpretation and/or methodology to be used, and the Collateral Administrator shall follow such direction, and together with the Trustee, shall be entitled to conclusively rely thereon without any responsibility or liability therefor.
- (s) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Indenture, whenever in this Indenture the Collateral Manager is permitted or required to make a decision in its "sole discretion," "reasonable discretion" or "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority or latitude, the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Issuer, Holders or any other Person. The intent of granting authority to act in its "discretion" to the Collateral Manager is that no other express consent of another party is required to be obtained by the Collateral Manager when acting pursuant to such grant of authority under this Indenture; provided that any action taken pursuant to such grant of discretion is consistent with the legal, contractual and fiduciary duties owed by the Collateral Manager.
- (t) With respect to any notice period set forth herein, such period may be shortened with the consent of each party required to receive such notice.
- (u) If withholding tax is imposed on amendment fees, waiver fees, consent fees, extension fees, commitment fees or other similar fees, the calculations of the Weighted Average Floating Spread, the Weighted Average Coupon and the Interest Coverage Test (and all component calculations of such calculations and tests, including when such a component calculation is calculated independently), as applicable, will be made on a net basis after taking into account such withholding, unless the Obligor is required to make "gross-up" payments to the Issuer that cover the full amount of any such withholding tax on an after-tax basis pursuant to the Underlying Document with respect thereto.
- (v) All calculations related to Maturity Amendments, Collateral Obligations, Discount Obligations and the Investment Criteria (and definitions related to Maturity Amendments, Collateral Obligations, Discount Obligations and the Investment Criteria) that would otherwise be calculated cumulatively will be reset at zero on the date of any Refinancing of all Outstanding Classes of Secured Notes in full.

- (w) The Class X Notes will not be included in the calculation of any Coverage Test.
- (x) Any direction or Issuer Order required hereunder relating to the purchase, acquisition, sale, disposition or other transfer of any Asset may be in the form of a trade ticket, confirmation of trade, trade blotter, instruction to post or to commit to the trade or similar instrument or document or other written instruction (including by email or other electronic communication or file transfer protocol) from the Collateral Manager on which the Trustee may rely as to whether any related conditions have been satisfied.

ARTICLE II

THE NOTES

Section 1.1 Forms Generally. The Notes and the Trustee's or Authenticating Agent's certificate of authentication thereon (the "Certificate of Authentication") shall be in substantially the forms required by this Article, with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification and such legends or endorsements placed thereon, as may be consistent herewith, determined by the Officer of the Issuer executing such Notes as evidenced by their execution of such Notes. Any portion of the text of any Note may be set forth on the reverse thereof, with an appropriate reference thereto on the face of the Note.

Section 1.2 Forms of Notes. (a) The forms of the Notes shall be as set forth in the applicable part of Exhibit A hereto.

(b) Notes.

- (i) The Secured Notes of each Class sold to Qualified Purchasers that are not U.S. Persons outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S shall each be issued initially in the form of one permanent Global Note per Class in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-1 hereto (each, a "Regulation S Global Note"), and shall be deposited on behalf of the subscribers for such Notes represented thereby with the Trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of, DTC for the respective accounts of Euroclear and Clearstream, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent as hereinafter provided.
- (ii) Other than as set forth in the following sentence, the Secured Notes of each Class sold to a Person that, at the time of acquisition, purported acquisition or proposed acquisition of any such Note, are QIB/QPs shall each be issued initially in the form of one or more permanent Global Note per Class in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-1 hereto (each, a "Rule 144A Global Note") and shall be deposited on behalf of the subscribers for such Notes represented thereby with the Trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of Cede & Co., a nominee of, DTC, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent as hereinafter provided.

(iii) [Reserved].

(iv) The Secured Notes sold to persons that are IAI/QPs (or a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity (other than a trust), each shareholder, partner, member or other equity owner of which is a QP) shall be issued in

the form of one or more definitive, fully registered notes without coupons substantially in the form attached as <u>Exhibit A-2</u> hereto (a "<u>Certificated Secured Note</u>") which shall be registered in the name of the beneficial owner or a nominee thereof, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee or Authenticating Agent as hereinafter provided.

- (v) The Subordinated Notes shall be issued in the form of one or more definitive, fully registered notes without coupons substantially in the form attached as Exhibit A-3 hereto (a "Certificated Subordinated Note") which shall be registered in the name of the beneficial owner or a nominee thereof, duly executed by the Issuer and authenticated by the Trustee or Authenticating Agent as hereinafter provided.
- (vi) The aggregate principal amount of the Regulation S Global Notes and the Rule 144A Global Notes may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Trustee or DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as hereinafter provided.
 - (c) <u>Book Entry Provisions</u>. This <u>Section 2.2(c)</u> shall apply only to Global Notes deposited with or on behalf of DTC.

The provisions of the "Operating Procedures of the Euroclear System" of Euroclear and the "Terms and Conditions Governing Use of Participants" of Clearstream, respectively, will be applicable to the Global Notes insofar as interests in such Global Notes are held by the Agent Members of Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be.

Agent Members shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Notes held on their behalf by the Trustee, as custodian for DTC, and DTC may be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee, and any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee as the absolute owner of such Note for all payment purposes whatsoever, and for all other purposes except as provided in Section 14.2(e). Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Issuer, the Trustee, or any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by DTC or impair, as between DTC and its Agent Members, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of a Holder of any Note.

- (d) <u>CUSIPs</u>. As an administrative convenience or in connection with a Re-Pricing of the Notes, the Issuer's agent may obtain a separate CUSIP or separate CUSIPs (or similar identifying numbers) for all or a portion of any Class of Notes.
- Section 1.3 <u>Authorized Amount; Stated Maturity; Denominations</u>. The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is limited to U.S.\$296,970,000 (except for (i) Notes authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Notes pursuant to <u>Section 2.5</u>, <u>Section 2.6</u>, <u>Section 2.12</u> or <u>Section 8.5</u> of this Indenture and (ii) additional securities issued in accordance with <u>Sections 2.13</u> and <u>3.2</u>).

Such Notes shall be divided into the Classes, having the designations, original principal amounts and other characteristics as follows:

Class A				
Class Designation	Class X Notes	Notes	Class B Notes	Subordinated Notes
Original Principal Amount ⁽¹⁾	U.S.\$ 2,000,000	U.S.\$ 175,500,000	U.S.\$ 37,500,000	U.S.\$ 81,970,000
Stated Maturity	Payment Date in April 2036	Payment Date in April 2036	Payment Date in April 2036	Payment Date in April 2036
Interest Rate:				
Index ⁽²⁾	Reference Rate	Reference Rate	Reference Rate	N/A
Spread	1.40%	2.00%	2.65%	N/A
Initial S&P Rating:	"AAA (sf)"	"AAA (sf)"	"AA (sf)"	N/A
Priority Class(es)(3)	None	None	X, A	X, A, B
		В,		
Junior Class(es)	B, Subordinated	Subordinated	Subordinated	None
Pari Passu Class(es)	A	X	None	None
Listed Notes	No	Yes	No	No
Interest deferrable	No	No	No	N/A
Re-Pricing Eligible Notes	No	No	No	N/A
ERISA Restricted Notes	No	No	No	Yes
Form	Book-Entry (Physical for IAIs)	Book-Entry (Physical for IAIs)	Book-Entry (Physical for IAIs)	Physical

The Notes shall be held in the Minimum Denominations. Notes shall only be transferred or resold in compliance with the terms of this Indenture.

Section 1.4 <u>Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating</u>. The Notes shall be executed on behalf of the Issuer by one of its Officers. The signature of such Officer on the Notes may be manual, facsimile or electronic.

Notes bearing the manual, facsimile or electronic signatures of individuals who were at the time of execution Officers of the Issuer, shall bind the Issuer, notwithstanding the fact that such individuals or any of them have ceased to hold such offices prior to the

⁽¹⁾ As of the Closing Date.

⁽²⁾ The Reference Rate for calculating interest on the Secured Notes will initially be the Term SOFR Rate, and will be calculated as set forth underction 2.7 hereof. An Alternative Rate may be adopted as a replacement for the Term SOFR Rate following a Benchmark Transition Event. From and after any such Alternative Rate is adopted, all references to the "Term SOFR Rate" in respect of determining the Interest Rate on the Secured Notes will be deemed to be such Alternative Rate. The spread over the Reference Rate with respect to the Re-Pricing Eligible Notes may be reduced in connection with a Re-Pricing of such Class of Notes, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 9.7.

⁽³⁾ Interest on the Class X Notes (including the Class X Note Payment Amount) and the Class A Notes will pari passu. Upon the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default and an acceleration (that has not been rescinded and annulled) of the Secured Notes as provided in this Indenture, or to the extent payments are made in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence, principal of the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes will be pari passu. At all other times, principal of the Class X Notes equal to the Class X Note Payment Amount will be paid prior to principal of the Class A Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

authentication and delivery of such Notes or did not hold such offices at the date of issuance of such Notes.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Issuer may deliver Notes executed by the Issuer to the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent for authentication and the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent, upon Issuer Order, shall authenticate and deliver such Notes as provided herein and not otherwise.

Each Note authenticated and delivered by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent upon Issuer Order on the Closing Date shall be dated as of the Closing Date. All other Notes that are authenticated and delivered after the Closing Date for any other purpose under this Indenture shall be dated the date of their authentication.

Notes issued upon transfer, exchange or replacement of other Notes shall be issued in authorized denominations reflecting the original Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes so transferred, exchanged or replaced, but shall represent only the current Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes so transferred, exchanged or replaced. If any Note is divided into more than one Note in accordance with this Article II, the original principal amount of such Note shall be proportionately divided among the Notes delivered in exchange therefor and shall be deemed to be the original Aggregate Outstanding Amount of such subsequently issued Notes.

No Note shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose, unless there appears on such Note a Certificate of Authentication, substantially in the form provided for herein, executed by the Trustee or by the Authenticating Agent by the manual signature of one of their authorized signatories, and such Certificate of Authentication upon any Note shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Note has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder.

Section 1.5 <u>Registration, Registration of Transfer and Exchange.</u> (a) The Issuer shall cause to be kept a register (the "<u>Note Register</u>") at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe, the Issuer shall provide for the registration of Notes (including the principal amount and stated interest thereon) and the registration of transfers of Notes. The Trustee is hereby initially appointed "<u>Note Registrar</u>" for the purpose of registering Notes and transfers of such Notes with respect to the Note Register maintained in the United States as herein provided. Upon any resignation or removal of the Note Registrar, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor or, in the absence of such appointment, assume the duties of Note Registrar.

If a Person other than the Trustee is appointed by the Issuer as Note Registrar, the Issuer will give the Trustee prompt written notice of the appointment of a Note Registrar and of the location, and any change in the location, of the Note Register, and the Trustee shall have the right to inspect the Note Register at all reasonable times and to obtain copies thereof and the Trustee shall have the right to rely upon a certificate executed on behalf of the Note Registrar by an Officer thereof as to the names and addresses of the Holders of the Notes and the principal or face amounts and numbers of such Notes. Upon request at any time the Note Registrar shall provide to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser or any Holder a current list of Holders as reflected in the Note Register.

Subject to this <u>Section 2.5</u> and <u>Section 2.12</u>, upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Notes at the office or agency of the Issuer to be maintained as provided in <u>Section 7.2</u>, the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate, or cause the Authenticating Agent to authenticate, and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee or transferees, one or more new Notes of any authorized denomination and of a like aggregate principal or face amount. At any time, upon request of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the

Initial Purchaser, the Trustee shall provide such requesting Person a list of Holders of the Notes, and each Holder is deemed to agree by acceptance of its Note that the Note Registrar shall not have any liability with respect to the release of any information with respect to such Holder to any such requesting Person.

In addition, when permitted under this Indenture, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to rely upon any certificate of ownership provided to the Trustee by a beneficial owner of a Note (including a Beneficial Ownership Certificate or a certificate in the form of Exhibit D) and/or other forms of reasonable evidence of such ownership as to the names and addresses of such beneficial owner and the Classes, principal amounts and CUSIP numbers of Notes beneficially owned thereby. At any time, upon request of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser, the Trustee shall provide such requesting Person a copy of each Beneficial Ownership Certificate that the Trustee has received (unless otherwise directed by such beneficial owner).

At the option of the Holder, Notes may be exchanged for Notes of like terms, in any authorized denominations and of like aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of the Notes to be exchanged at such office or agency. Whenever any Note is surrendered for exchange, the Issuer shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate, or request the Authenticating Agent to authenticate, and deliver, the Notes that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Notes issued, authenticated and delivered upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes shall be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt (to the extent they evidence debt), and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as the Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

Every Note presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Note Registrar duly executed by the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing with such signature guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Note Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Securities Transfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Note Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Exchange Act.

No service charge shall be made to a Holder for any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes, but the Trustee or the Note Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer, tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith. The Trustee or the Note Registrar shall be permitted to request such evidence reasonably satisfactory to it documenting the identity, authority, and/or signatures of the transferor and transferee.

- (a) No Note may be sold or transferred (including, without limitation, by pledge or hypothecation) unless such sale or transfer is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, is exempt from the registration requirements under applicable state securities laws and will not cause either of the Issuer to become subject to the requirement that it register as an investment company under the 1940 Act.
- (b) No transfer of any Subordinated Note (or any interest therein) will be effective, and no such transfer will be recognized, if after giving effect to such transfer 25% or more of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Subordinated Notes would be held by Persons who are Benefit Plan Investors as calculated pursuant to 29 C.F.R. Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA (the "25% Limitation"). For purposes of these calculations

and all other calculations required by this sub-section, any Notes of the Issuer held by a Person (other than a Benefit Plan Investor) who is a Controlling Person shall be disregarded and not treated as Outstanding. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely exclusively upon the information set forth on the face of the transfer certificates received pursuant to the terms of this <u>Section 2.5</u> and <u>Section 2.12</u> and only Notes that a Trust Officer of the Trustee actually knows to be so held shall be so disregarded.

- (c) [Reserved].
- (d) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Trustee shall not be responsible for ascertaining whether any transfer complies with, or for otherwise monitoring or determining compliance with, the registration provisions of or any exemptions from the Securities Act, applicable state securities laws or the applicable laws of any other jurisdiction, ERISA, the Code, the 1940 Act, or the terms hereof; <u>provided</u> that if a transfer certificate is specifically required by the terms of this <u>Section 2.5</u> and <u>Section 2.12</u> to be provided to the Trustee by a prospective transferor or transferee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to receive and examine the same to determine whether or not the certificate substantially conforms on its face to the applicable requirements of this Indenture and shall promptly notify the party delivering the same and the Issuer if such certificate does not comply with such terms.
 - (e) Transfers of Global Notes shall only be made in accordance with Section 2.2(b), this Section 2.5(f) and Section 2.12.
 - (i) Rule 144A Global Note to Regulation S Global Note. If a holder of a beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Note deposited with DTC wishes at any time to exchange its interest in such Rule 144A Global Note for an interest in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note, or to transfer its interest in such Rule 144A Global Note to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of an interest in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note, such holder (provided that such holder or, in the case of a transfer, the transferee is a Qualified Purchaser that is not a U.S. person) may, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence and the rules and procedures of DTC, exchange or transfer, or cause the exchange or transfer of, such interest for an equivalent beneficial interest in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note. Upon receipt by the Note Registrar of (A) instructions given in accordance with DTC's procedures from an Agent Member directing the Note Registrar to credit or request to be credited a beneficial interest in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note, but not less than the Minimum Denomination applicable to such holder's Notes, in an amount equal to the beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note to be exchanged or transferred, (B) a written order given in accordance with DTC's procedures containing information regarding the participant account of DTC and the Euroclear or Clearstream account to be credited with such increase, (C) a certificate in the form of Exhibit B-1 attached hereto given by the holder of such beneficial interest stating that the exchange or transfer of such interest has been made in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Global Notes, including that the holder or the transferee, as applicable, is a Qualified Purchaser that is not a U.S. person and is purchasing such beneficial interest in reliance on Regulation S, and (D) a written certification in the form of Exhibit B-7 attached hereto given by the transferee in respect of such beneficial interest stating, among other things, that such transferee is a Qualified Purchaser that is not a U.S. person and is purchasing such beneficial interest outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S, then the Note Registrar shall confirm the instructions at DTC to reduce the principal amount of the Rule 144A Global Note and to increase the principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note by the aggregate principal amount of the beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note to be exchanged or transferred, and to credit or request to be credited to the securities account of the Agent Member specified in such instructions a beneficial interest

in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note equal to the reduction in the principal amount of the Rule 144A Global Note.

- (ii) Regulation S Global Note to Rule 144A Global Note. If a holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Note deposited with DTC wishes at any time to exchange its interest in such Regulation S Global Note for an interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note or to transfer its interest in such Regulation S Global Note to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of an interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note, such holder may, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence and the rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or DTC, as the case may be, exchange or transfer, or cause the exchange or transfer of, such interest for an equivalent beneficial interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note. Upon receipt by the Note Registrar of (A) instructions from Euroclear, Clearstream and/or DTC, as the case may be, directing the Note Registrar to request to be credited a beneficial interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note in an amount equal to the beneficial interest in such Regulation S Global Note, but not less than the Minimum Denomination applicable to such holder's Notes to be exchanged or transferred, such instructions to contain information regarding the participant account with DTC to be credited with such increase, (B) a certificate in the form of Exhibit B-4 attached hereto given by the holder of such beneficial interest and stating, among other things, that, in the case of a transfer, the Person transferring such interest in such Regulation S Global Note reasonably believes that the Person acquiring such interest in a Rule 144A Global Note is a QIB/QP, is obtaining such beneficial interest in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction and (C) a written certification in the form of Exhibit B-6 attached hereto given by the transferee in respect of such beneficial interest stating, among other things, that such transferee is a QIB/QP, then the Note Registrar will approve the instructions at DTC to reduce, or request to be reduced, the Regulation S Global Note by the aggregate principal amount of the beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note to be transferred or exchanged and the Note Registrar shall instruct DTC, concurrently with such reduction, to credit or request to be credited to the securities account of the Agent Member specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note equal to the reduction in the principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note.
- (iii) Global Note to Certificated Note. Subject to Section 2.10(a), if a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note deposited with DTC wishes at any time to exchange its interest or transfer its interest in such Global Note to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of a corresponding Certificated Note, such holder may, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence and the rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or DTC, as the case may be, transfer, or cause the transfer of, such interest for a Certificated Note. Upon receipt by the Note Registrar of (A) certificates substantially in the form of Exhibit B-2 attached hereto executed by the transferee and (B) appropriate instructions from DTC, if required, the Note Registrar will confirm the instructions at DTC to reduce, or request to be reduced, the Global Note by the aggregate principal amount of the beneficial interest in the Global Note to be transferred and record the transfer in the Note Register in accordance with Section 2.5(a) and upon execution by the Issuer, authentication by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent and delivery by the Trustee of one or more corresponding Certificated Notes, registered in the names specified in the instructions described in clause (B) above, in principal amounts designated by the transferee (the aggregate of such principal amounts being equal to the aggregate principal amount of the interest in such Global Note transferred by the transferor), and in authorized denominations.

- (f) Transfers of Certificated Notes shall only be made in accordance with Section 2.2(b), this Section 2.5(g) and Section
- (i) <u>Certificated Notes to Rule 144A Global Notes or Regulation S Global Notes</u>. If a Holder of a Certificated Note wishes at any time to exchange its interest in such Certificated Note for a beneficial interest in a corresponding Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note or to transfer such Certificated Note to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a corresponding Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note, such Holder may, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence and the rules and procedures of Euroclear, Clearstream and/or DTC, as the case may be, exchange or transfer, or cause the exchange or transfer of, such Certificated Note for a beneficial interest in a corresponding Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note. Upon receipt by the Note Registrar of (A) a Holder's Certificated Note properly endorsed for assignment to the transferee, (B) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-1 or Exhibit B-4 (as applicable) attached hereto executed by the transferor and a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit B-6 or Exhibit B-7 (as applicable) attached hereto executed by the transferee, (C) instructions given in accordance with Euroclear, Clearstream or DTC's procedures, as the case may be, from an Agent Member to instruct DTC to request to be credited a beneficial interest in the applicable Rule 144A Global Notes or Regulation S Global Notes in an amount equal to the Certificated Notes to be transferred or exchanged, and (D) a written order given in accordance with DTC's procedures containing information regarding the Agent Member's account at DTC and/or Euroclear or Clearstream to be credited with such increase, the Note Registrar shall cancel such Certificated Note in accordance with Section 2.9, record the transfer in the Note Register in accordance with Section 2.5(a) and confirm the instructions at DTC, concurrently with such cancellation, to credit or request to be credited to the securities account of the Agent Member specified in such instructions a beneficial interest in the corresponding Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note equal to the principal amount of the Certificated Note transferred or exchanged.

(ii) [Reserved].

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- (iii) <u>Certificated Notes to Certificated Notes</u> If a Holder of a Certificated Note wishes at any time to exchange such Certificated Note for one or more Certificated Notes or to transfer such Certificated Note to a Person who wishes to take delivery thereof in the form of a Certificated Note, such Holder may exchange or transfer, or cause the exchange or transfer of, such Certificated Note. Upon receipt by the Note Registrar of (A) a Holder's Certificated Note properly endorsed for assignment to the transferee, and (B) certificates substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B-2</u> and, in the case of a transfer or exchange of ERISA Restricted Notes, <u>Exhibit B-3</u> and <u>Exhibit B-5</u> attached hereto executed by the transferee, the Note Registrar shall cancel such Certificated Note in accordance with <u>Section 2.9</u>, record the transfer in the Note Register in accordance with <u>Section 2.5(a)</u> and upon execution by the Issuer, authentication by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent and delivery by the Trustee, deliver one or more Certificated Notes bearing the same designation as the Certificated Note endorsed for transfer, registered in the names specified in the assignment described in clause (A) above, in principal amounts designated by the transferee (the aggregate of such principal amounts being equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Certificated Note surrendered by the transferor), and in authorized denominations.
- (g) If Notes are issued upon the transfer, exchange or replacement of Notes bearing the applicable legends set forth in the applicable part of Exhibit A hereto, and if a request is made to remove such applicable legend on such Notes, the applicable legend shall not be

removed unless there is delivered to the Trustee and the Issuer such satisfactory evidence, which may include an Opinion of Counsel acceptable to them, as may be reasonably required by the Issuer (and which shall by its terms permit reliance by the Trustee), to the effect that neither such applicable legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure that transfers thereof comply with the provisions of the Securities Act, the 1940 Act, ERISA or the Code. Upon provision of such satisfactory evidence, the Trustee or its Authenticating Agent, at the written direction of the Issuer shall, after due execution by the Issuer authenticate and deliver Notes that do not bear such applicable legend.

- (h) Each Person who becomes a beneficial owner of Notes represented by an interest in a Global Note will be deemed to have represented and agreed as follows (except as may be expressly agreed in writing between such Person and the Issuer, if such Person is an initial purchaser, which writing shall be provided to the Trustee):
 - (i) In connection with the purchase of such Notes: (A) none of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Initial Purchaser, the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or any of their respective affiliates is acting as a fiduciary or financial or investment adviser for such beneficial owner; (B) such beneficial owner is not relying (for purposes of making any investment decision or otherwise) upon any advice, counsel or representations (whether written or oral) of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee, the Initial Purchaser, the Collateral Administrator or any of their respective affiliates other than any statements in the final Offering Circular for such Notes, and such beneficial owner has read and understands such final Offering Circular (including, without limitation, the descriptions therein of the structure of the transaction in which the Notes are being issued and the risks to purchasers of the Notes); (C) such beneficial owner has consulted with its own legal, regulatory, tax, business, investment, financial and accounting advisors to the extent it has deemed necessary and has made its own investment decisions (including decisions regarding the suitability of any transaction pursuant to this Indenture) based upon its own judgment and upon any advice from such advisors as it has deemed necessary and not upon any view expressed by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Trustee, the Initial Purchaser, the Collateral Administrator or any of their respective affiliates; (D) such beneficial owner is either (1) (in the case of a beneficial owner of an interest in a Rule 144A Global Note) both (a) a QIB that is not a broker-dealer which owns and invests on a discretionary basis less than U.S.\$25,000,000 in securities of issuers that are not affiliated persons of the dealer and is not a plan referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(d) or (a)(1)(e) of Rule 144A or a trust fund referred to in paragraph (a)(1)(f) of Rule 144A that holds the assets of such a plan, if investment decisions with respect to the plan are made by beneficiaries of the plan and (b) a "qualified purchaser" for purposes of Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act or an entity (other than a trust) owned exclusively by "qualified purchasers" or (2) (in the case of a beneficial owner of an interest in a Regulation S Global Note) a Qualified Purchaser and is acquiring the Notes in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S; (E) such beneficial owner is acquiring its interest in such Notes for its own account and not with a view to the resale, distribution or other disposition thereof in violation of the Securities Act; (F) such beneficial owner was not formed for the purpose of investing in such Notes; (G) such beneficial owner understands that the Issuer may receive a list of participants holding interests in the Notes from one or more book-entry depositories, (H) such beneficial owner will hold and transfer at least the Minimum Denomination of such Notes; (I) such beneficial owner is a sophisticated investor and is purchasing the Notes with a full understanding of all of the terms, conditions and risks thereof, and is capable of and willing to assume those risks; and (J) such beneficial owner will provide notice of the relevant transfer restrictions, representations, warranties and agreements to subsequent transferees.

- (ii) Such beneficial owner represents, warrants and agrees that for the Class X Notes, the Class A Notes and the Class B Notes, (A) if it is, or is acting on behalf of, a Benefit Plan Investor, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such Notes (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and (B) if such Person is a governmental, church, non-U.S. or other plan subject to any Other Plan Law, such Person's acquisition, holding and disposition of such Notes (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a violation of any such Other Plan Law.
- (iii) If such beneficial owner is a Benefit Plan Investor, then it is deemed to represent, warrant and agree that: (i) none of the Issuer, the Initial Purchaser, the Collateral Manager, the Retention Holder, the Trustee or the Collateral Administrator, nor any of their respective affiliates, has provided any individualized investment advice on which it, or any fiduciary or other person investing the assets of the Benefit Plan Investor ("Plan Fiduciary"), has relied as a primary basis in connection with its decision to invest in the Notes, and they are not otherwise undertaking to act as a fiduciary, as defined in Section 3(21) of ERISA or Section 4975(e)(3) of the Code, to the Benefit Plan Investor or the Plan Fiduciary in connection with the Benefit Plan Investor's acquisition of Notes; and (ii) the Plan Fiduciary is exercising its own independent judgment in evaluating the transaction.
- (iv) Such beneficial owner understands that such Notes are being offered only in a transaction not involving any public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act, such Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and, if in the future such beneficial owner decides to offer, resell, pledge or otherwise transfer such Notes, such Notes may be offered, resold, pledged or otherwise transferred only in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the legend on such Notes. Such beneficial owner acknowledges that no representation has been made as to the availability of any exemption under the Securities Act or any state securities laws for resale of such Notes. Such beneficial owner understands that none of the Issuer or the pool of Assets has been registered under the 1940 Act, and that the Issuer is exempt from registration as such by virtue of Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act.
- (v) Such beneficial owner is aware that, except as otherwise provided herein, any Notes being sold to it in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S Global Notes and that beneficial interests therein may be held only through DTC for the respective accounts of Euroclear or Clearstream.
 - (vi) Such beneficial owner agrees to the provisions of Section 2.12, to the extent applicable to such beneficial owner.
 - (vii) [Reserved].
- (viii) Such beneficial owner agrees not to institute or seek to institute against the Issuer a bankruptcy proceeding before a year and a day has elapsed since the payment in full to the Holders of the Notes issued pursuant to this Indenture or, if longer, the applicable preference period (plus one day) then in effect.
- (ix) Such beneficial owner agrees that (a)(i) the express terms of this Indenture govern the rights of the holders to direct the commencement of a Proceeding against any Person, (ii) this Indenture contains limitations on the rights of the holders to direct the commencement of any such Proceeding, and (iii) each beneficial owner shall comply with such express terms if it seeks to direct the commencement of any such Proceeding, (b) there are no implied rights under this Indenture to direct the commencement of any

such Proceeding, and (c) notwithstanding any provision of this Indenture, or any provision of the Notes, the Collateral Administration Agreement or of any other agreement, the Issuer shall be under no duty or obligation of any kind to the Holders (or of any interest therein), or any of them, to institute any legal or other proceedings of any kind, against any person or entity, including, without limitation, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator or the Calculation Agent.

- (x) Such beneficial owner agrees that the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, may enter into binding commitments to sell and transfer all Notes of a Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting holders pursuant to this Indenture, and if such beneficial owner is a non-consenting holder, it agrees to sell and transfer its Notes in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and hereby irrevocably appoints the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact (with full power of substitution) in its name, place and stead and at its expense, in connection with such sale and transfer, and agrees to cooperate with the Issuer, the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, or the Trustee to effect such sale and transfers.
- (xi) Such beneficial owner will provide notice to each Person to whom it proposes to transfer any interest in the Notes of the transfer restrictions, representations, warranties and agreements set forth in this Indenture.

(xii) [Reserved].

- (i) Each Person who becomes an owner of a Certificated Note will be required to make the representations and agreements set forth in Exhibit B-2 or Exhibit B-3, as applicable.
- (j) Each purchaser or transferee of a Subordinated Note (or any interest therein) will be required to represent and warrant (A) whether or not, for so long as it holds such Notes or interest therein, it is, or is acting on behalf of, a Benefit Plan Investor or a Controlling Person and (B) that (1) if it is, or is acting on behalf of, a Benefit Plan Investor, its acquisition, holding and disposition of such Notes (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or (2) if it is a governmental, church, non-U.S. or other plan, (i) it is not, and for so long as it holds such Notes or interest therein will not be, subject to Similar Law, and (ii) its acquisition, holding and disposition of such Notes (or any interest therein) will not constitute or result in a violation of any Other Plan Law.
- (k) Any purported transfer of a Note not in accordance with this <u>Section 2.5</u> shall be null and void and shall not be given effect for any purpose whatsoever.
- (l) To the extent required by the Issuer, as determined by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer may, upon written notice to the Trustee, impose additional transfer restrictions on the Notes to comply with the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 or the Code and other similar laws or regulations, including, without limitation, requiring each transferee of a Note to make representations to the Issuer in connection with such compliance.
- (m) The Note Registrar, the Trustee and the Issuer shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the information set forth on the face of any purchaser, transferor and transferee certificate delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 2.5</u> and shall be able to presume conclusively the continuing accuracy thereof, in each case without further inquiry or

investigation. Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the Trustee shall not be required to obtain any certificate specifically required by the terms of this Section 2.5 if the Trustee is not notified of or in a position to know of any transfer requiring such a certificate to be presented by the proposed transferor or transferee.

(n) For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the Initial Purchaser may hold a position in a Regulation S Global Note prior to the distribution of the applicable Notes represented by such position.

Section 1.6 <u>Mutilated, Defaced, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Note</u>. If (a) any mutilated or defaced Note is surrendered to a Transfer Agent, or if there shall be delivered to the Issuer, the Trustee and the relevant Transfer Agent evidence to their reasonable satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Note, and (b) there is delivered to the Issuer, the Trustee and such Transfer Agent such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer, the Trustee or such Transfer Agent that such Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and, upon Issuer Order, the Trustee shall authenticate, or cause the Authenticating Agent to authenticate, and deliver to the Holder, in lieu of any such mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note, a new Note, of like tenor (including the same date of issuance) and equal principal or face amount, registered in the same manner, dated the date of its authentication, bearing interest from the date to which interest has been paid on the mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If, after delivery of such new Note, a protected purchaser of the predecessor Note presents for payment, transfer or exchange such predecessor Note, the Issuer, the Transfer Agent and the Trustee shall be entitled to recover such new Note from the Person to whom it was delivered or any Person taking therefrom, and shall be entitled to recover upon the security or indemnity provided therefor to the extent of any loss, damage, cost or expense incurred by the Issuer, the Trustee and the Transfer Agent in connection therewith.

In case any such mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note has become due and payable, the Issuer in their discretion may, instead of issuing a new Note pay such Note without requiring surrender thereof except that any mutilated or defaced Note shall be surrendered.

Upon the issuance of any new Note under this <u>Section 2.6</u>, the Issuer may require the payment by the Holder thereof of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Note issued pursuant to this <u>Section 2.6</u> in lieu of any mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer and such new Note shall be entitled, subject to the second paragraph of this Section 2.6, to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Notes of the same Class duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this <u>Section 2.6</u> are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes.

Section 1.7 <u>Payment of Principal and Interest and Other Amounts; Principal and Interest Rights Preserved.</u> (a) The Notes of each Class shall accrue interest during each Interest Accrual Period at the applicable Interest Rate and such interest will be payable in arrears on each Payment Date on the Aggregate Outstanding Amount thereof on the first day of the

related Interest Accrual Period (after giving effect to payments of principal thereof on such date) at the applicable Interest Rate from the Closing Date, and shall accrue for each period (including the first and last days thereof) specified in the definition of the term Interest Accrual Period and be payable in arrears on each Payment Date, except as otherwise set forth below. Payment of interest on each Class of Notes (other than the Class A Notes) (and payments of available Interest Proceeds to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes) will be subordinated to the payment of interest on each related Priority Class as provided in Section 11.1. Interest will cease to accrue on the Notes, or in the case of a partial repayment, on such repaid part, from the date of repayment. To the extent lawful and enforceable, interest on any interest that is not paid when due on any Class X Note, Class A Notes or Class B Notes shall accrue at the Interest Rate for such Class until paid as provided herein.

- (b) The principal of each Class of Secured Notes matures at par and is due and payable on the date of the Stated Maturity for the applicable Class, unless such principal has been previously repaid or unless the unpaid principal of such Secured Notes becomes due and payable at an earlier date by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the payment of principal of each Class of Secured Notes (and distributions of Principal Proceeds to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes) may only occur in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Payments of principal on any Class of Secured Notes (and distributions on Principal Proceeds to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes) which are not paid, in accordance with the Priority of Payments, on any Payment Date (other than the Payment Date which is the Stated Maturity of such Class of Secured Notes or any Redemption Date), because of insufficient funds therefor shall not be considered "due and payable" for purposes of Section 5.1(a) until the Payment Date on which such principal may be paid in accordance with the Priority of Payments or all Priority Classes with respect to such Class have been paid in full. Payments in respect of the Class X Note Payment Amount (whether paid from Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds) shall reduce the principal amount of the Class X Notes.
 - (c) Principal payments on the Notes will be made in accordance with the Priority of Payments and Article IX.
- (d) The Paying Agent shall require the previous delivery of properly completed and signed applicable tax certifications (generally, in the case of U.S. federal income tax, an IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form) in the case of a "United States person" as defined in section 7701(a)(30) of the Code or, in the case of the Secured Notes, the appropriate IRS Form W-8 (or applicable successor form) (together with all appropriate attachments) in the case of a Person that is not a "United States person" as defined in section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) or other certification acceptable to it to enable the Issuer, the Trustee and any Paying Agent to determine their duties and liabilities with respect to any taxes or other charges that they may be required to pay, deduct or withhold from payments in respect of such Notes or the Holder or beneficial owner of such Notes under any present or future law or regulation of the United States, any other jurisdiction or any political subdivision thereof or taxing authority therein or to comply with any reporting or other requirements under any such law or regulation and the delivery of any information required under FATCA to determine if payments by the Issuer are subject to withholding. The Issuer shall not be obligated to pay any additional amounts to the Holders or beneficial owners of the Notes as a result of deduction or withholding for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges with respect to the Notes. Nothing herein shall be construed to obligate the Paying Agent or the Trustee to determine the duties or liabilities of the Issuer or any other paying agent with respect to any tax certification or withholding requirements, or any tax certification or withholding requirements, or any tax certification or withholding requirements of any jurisdiction, political subdivision or taxing authority outside the United States.
- (e) Payments in respect of interest on and principal of any Secured Notes and any payment with respect to any Subordinated Note shall be made by the Trustee in Dollars to

DTC or its designee with respect to a Global Note, to the Holder or its nominee with respect to a Certificated Note, by wire transfer, as directed by such Person, in immediately available funds to a Dollar account maintained by DTC or its nominee with respect to a Global Note, to the Holder or its nominee with respect to a Certificated Note; provided that in the case of a Certificated Note (1) the Holder thereof shall have provided written wiring instructions to the Trustee on or before the related Record Date and (2) if appropriate instructions for any such wire transfer are not received by the related Record Date, then such payment shall be made by check drawn on a U.S. bank mailed to the address of the Holder specified in the Note Register. Upon final payment due on the Maturity of any Notes, the Holder thereof shall present and surrender such Note at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or at the office of any Paying Agent on or prior to such Maturity; provided that if the Trustee and the Issuer shall have been furnished such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them harmless and an undertaking thereafter to surrender such certificate, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Trustee that the applicable Note has been acquired by a protected purchaser, such final payment shall be made without presentation or surrender. None of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager, nor any Paying Agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspects of the records (or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing such records) maintained by DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream or any of the Agent Members or any of their nominees relating to or for payments made thereby on account of beneficial interests in a Global Note. In the case where any final payment of principal and interest is to be made on any Note (other than on the Stated Maturity thereof), the Trustee, in the name and at the expense of the Issuer shall prior to the date on which such payment is to be made, mail (by first class mail, postage prepaid) to the Persons entitled thereto at their addresses appearing in the Note Register, a notice which shall specify the date on which such payment will be made and the place where such Note may, as applicable, be presented and surrendered for such payment.

- (f) Payments of principal to Holders of the Secured Notes of each Class shall be made in the proportion that the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Secured Notes of such Class registered in the name of each such Holder on the applicable Record Date bears to the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Secured Notes of such Class on such Record Date. Payments to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes from Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds shall be made in the proportion that the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Subordinated Notes registered in the name of each such Holder on the applicable Record Date bears to the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Subordinated Notes on such Record Date.
- (g) Interest accrued with respect to the Secured Notes shall be calculated on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed in the applicable Interest Accrual Period divided by 360.
- (h) All reductions in the principal amount of any Notes (or one or more predecessor Notes instruments, as applicable) effected by payments of installments of principal made on any Payment Date or Redemption Date shall be binding upon all future Holders of such Notes and of any Notes issued or incurred upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, whether or not such payment is noted on such Notes instrument.
- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the obligations of the Issuer under the Notes and this Indenture are limited recourse obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the Assets and following realization of the Assets, and application of the proceeds thereof in accordance with this Indenture, all obligations of and any claims against the Issuer hereunder or in connection herewith after such realization shall be extinguished and shall not thereafter revive. No recourse shall be had against any officer, director, manager, partner, member, employee, shareholder, authorized Person or incorporator of either the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or their respective affiliates, successors or assigns for any amounts payable under the Notes or this Indenture. It is understood that the foregoing provisions of this

paragraph (i) shall not (i) prevent recourse to the Assets for the sums due or to become due under any security, instrument or agreement which is part of the Assets or (ii) constitute a waiver, release or discharge of any indebtedness or obligation evidenced by the Notes or secured by this Indenture until such Assets have been realized. It is further understood that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (i) shall not limit the right of any Person to name the Issuer as a party defendant in any Proceeding or in the exercise of any other remedy under the Notes or this Indenture, so long as no judgment in the nature of a deficiency judgment or seeking personal liability shall be asked for or (if obtained) enforced against any such Person or entity. The Subordinated Notes are not secured hereunder.

- (j) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 2.7</u>, each Note delivered under this Indenture and upon registration of transfer of or in exchange for or in lieu of any other Note shall carry the rights to unpaid interest and principal (or other applicable amount) that were carried by such other Note.
- Section 1.8 <u>Persons Deemed Owners</u>. The Issuer, the Trustee, and any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee shall treat as the owner of any Notes the Person in whose name such Notes are registered in the Note Register on the applicable Record Date for the purpose of receiving payments of principal of and interest on such Notes and on, other than as otherwise expressly provided in this Indenture, any other date for all other purposes whatsoever (whether or not such Notes are overdue), and neither the Issuer nor the Trustee, or any agent of the Issuer or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary.
- Section 1.9 <u>Cancellation</u>. All Notes surrendered for payment, registration of transfer, exchange or redemption, or deemed lost or stolen, shall be promptly canceled by the Trustee and may not be reissued or resold. No Notes may be surrendered (including any surrender in connection with any abandonment thereof) except for payment as provided by this Indenture, or for registration of transfer or exchange in accordance with this <u>Article II</u> or redemption in accordance with <u>Article IX</u> hereof (and, in the case of Special Redemption, a Mandatory Redemption, or an Optional Redemption in part by Class, only to the extent that such Special Redemption, Mandatory Redemption, Clean-Up Call Redemption or Optional Redemption results in payment in full of the applicable Class of Notes), or for replacement in connection with any Notes deemed lost or stolen. The Issuer may not purchase any of the Notes; <u>provided</u> that such prohibition shall not be deemed to limit the Issuer's rights or obligations relating to any redemption of the Notes permitted or required hereunder. Any Notes surrendered for cancellation as permitted by this <u>Section 2.9</u> shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee. No Notes shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Notes canceled as provided in this <u>Section 2.9</u>, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. All canceled Notes held by the Trustee shall be destroyed or held by the Trustee in accordance with its standard retention policy unless the Issuer shall direct by an Issuer Order received prior to destruction that they be returned to it.
- Section 1.10 <u>DTC Ceases to be Depository</u>. (a) Any Global Note deposited with DTC pursuant to <u>Section 2.2</u> shall be transferred in the form of a corresponding Certificated Note to the beneficial owners thereof (as instructed by DTC) only if (A) such transfer complies with <u>Section 2.5</u> of this Indenture and (B) either (x)(i) DTC notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository for such Global Note, or (ii) DTC ceases to be a Clearing Agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in each case, a successor depository is not appointed by the Issuer within 90 days after receiving notice of such event or (y) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and such transfer is requested by any beneficial owner of an interest in such Global Note.
- (b) Any Global Note that is transferable in the form of a corresponding Certificated Note to the beneficial owner thereof pursuant to this Section 2.10 shall be

surrendered by DTC to the Trustee's Corporate Trust Office to be so transferred, in whole or from time to time in part, without charge, and the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate, or cause the Authenticating Agent to authenticate, and deliver, upon such transfer of each portion of such Global Note, an equal aggregate principal amount of definitive physical certificates (pursuant to the instructions of DTC) in authorized denominations. Any Certificated Note delivered in exchange for an interest in a Rule 144A Global Note or Regulation S Global Note shall, except as otherwise provided by Section 2.5, bear the legends set forth in the applicable Exhibit A and shall be subject to the transfer restrictions referred to in such legends.

- (c) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (b) of this <u>Section 2.10</u>, the Holder of a Global Note may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Agent Members and Persons that may hold interests through Agent Members, to take any action which such Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Notes.
- (d) In the event of the occurrence of any of the events specified in sub-section (a) of this <u>Section 2.10</u>, the Issuer will promptly make available to the Trustee a reasonable supply of Certificated Notes.

If Certificated Notes are not so issued by the Issuer to such beneficial owners of interests in Global Notes as required by subsection (a) of this Section 2.10, the Issuer expressly acknowledges that the beneficial owners shall be entitled to pursue any remedy that the Holders of a Global Note would be entitled to pursue in accordance with Article V of this Indenture (but only to the extent of such beneficial owner's interest in the Global Note) as if corresponding Certificated Notes had been issued; provided that the Trustee shall be entitled to rely upon any certificate of ownership provided by such beneficial owners (including a certificate in the form of Exhibit D) and/or other forms of reasonable evidence of such ownership.

Neither the Trustee nor the Note Registrar shall be liable for any delay in the delivery of directions from the DTC, as depository, and may conclusively rely on, and shall be fully protected in relying on, such direction as to the names of the beneficial owners in whose names such Certificated Notes shall be registered or as to delivery instructions for such Certificated Notes.

- Section 1.11 Non-Permitted Holders. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere herein, any transfer of a beneficial interest in any Notes to (i) a U.S. person that is not a QIB/QP (other than, solely in the case of Notes issued as Certificated Notes, a U.S. person that is an Institutional Accredited Investor and is also a Qualified Purchaser (or a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity (other than a trust), each shareholder, partner, member or other equity owner of which is a Qualified Purchaser) and solely in the case of the Subordinated Notes, other Accredited Investors that are Knowledgeable Employees with respect to the Issuer), (ii) a non-U.S. person that is not a Qualified Purchaser or (iii) in the case of the Subordinated Notes, a person not treated as a "United States person" as defined in section 7701(a)(30) of the Code, shall in either case be null and void and any such purported transfer of which the Issuer or the Trustee shall have notice may be disregarded by the Issuer and the Trustee for all purposes. In addition, the acquisition of Notes by a Non-Permitted Holder under Section 2.11(b) shall be null and void *ab initio*.
- (b) If any (i) U.S. person that is not a QIB/QP (other than (x) solely in the case of Notes issued as Certificated Notes, a U.S. person that is an Institutional Accredited Investor and is also a Qualified Purchaser (or a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity (other than a trust), each shareholder, partner, member or other equity owner of which is a Qualified Purchaser) and (y) solely in the case of Subordinated Notes, a U.S. person that is an Accredited Investor that is also a Knowledgeable Employee with respect to the Issuer) or (ii) non-U.S. person that is not a Qualified Purchaser shall, in either case, become the

Holder or beneficial owner of an interest in any Notes (any such Person a "Non-Permitted Holder"), the acquisition of such Notes by such Holder shall be null and void ab initio. The Issuer (or the Collateral Manager acting on behalf of the Issuer) shall, promptly after discovery that such Person is a Non-Permitted Holder by the Issuer or the Trustee (or upon notice to the Issuer from the Trustee if a Trust Officer of the Trustee obtains actual knowledge), send notice to such Non-Permitted Holder demanding that such Non-Permitted Holder transfer its interest in the Notes held by such Non-Permitted Holder to a Person that is not a Non-Permitted Holder within 30 days after the date of such notice. If such Non-Permitted Holder fails to so transfer such Notes, the Issuer or the Collateral Manager acting for the Issuer shall have the right, without further notice to the Non-Permitted Holder, to sell such Notes or interest in such Notes to a purchaser selected by the Issuer that is not a Non-Permitted Holder on such terms as the Issuer may choose. The Issuer, or the Collateral Manager acting on behalf of the Issuer, may, but is not required to, select the purchaser by soliciting one or more bids from one or more brokers or other market professionals that regularly deal in securities similar to the Notes and selling such Notes to the highest such bidder; provided that the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and accounts, funds, clients or portfolios established and controlled by the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to bid in any such sale. However, the Issuer or the Collateral Manager may select a purchaser by any other means determined by it in its sole discretion. The Holder of each Note, the Non-Permitted Holder and each other Person in the chain of title from the Holder to the Non-Permitted Holder, by its acceptance of an interest in the Notes, agrees to cooperate with the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Trustee to effect such transfers. The proceeds of such sale, net of any commissions, expenses and taxes due in connection with such sale shall be remitted to the Non-Permitted Holder. The terms and conditions of any sale under this sub-Section shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Issuer, and none of the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager shall be liable to any Person having an interest in the Notes sold as a result of any such sale or the exercise of such discretion.

If any Person shall become the beneficial owner of a Note (or any interest therein) who has made or is deemed to have made a prohibited transaction, Benefit Plan Investor, Controlling Person, Similar Law or Other Plan Law representation required by Section 2.5 that is subsequently shown to be false or misleading or whose beneficial ownership otherwise causes a violation of the 25% Limitation (any such Person a "Non-Permitted ERISA Holder"), the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) shall, promptly after discovery that such Person is a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder by the Issuer or upon notice to the Issuer from the Trustee (if a Trust Officer of the Trustee obtains actual knowledge, in which case the Trustee agrees to notify the Issuer of such discovery), send notice to such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder demanding that such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder transfer all or any portion of the Notes (or any interest therein) held by such Person to a Person that is not a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder within 10 days after the date of such notice. If such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder fails to so transfer such Notes (or its interest therein), the Issuer shall have the right, without further notice to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder, to sell such Non-Permitted ERISA Holder's Notes (or interest therein) to a purchaser selected by the Issuer that is not a Non-Permitted ERISA Holder on such terms as the Issuer may choose. The Issuer, or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, may, but is not required to, select the purchaser by soliciting one or more bids from one or more brokers or other market professionals that regularly deal in securities similar to the Notes and selling such Notes (or interest therein) to the highest such bidder. The Holder of each Note (or any interest therein), the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder and each other Person in the chain of title from the Holder to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder, by its acceptance of the Notes (or any interest therein), agrees to cooperate with the Issuer and the Trustee to effect such transfers. The proceeds of such sale, net of any commissions, expenses and taxes due in connection with such sale shall be remitted to the Non-Permitted ERISA Holder. The terms and conditions of any sale under this sub-section shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Issuer, and none of the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager shall be liable to any Person having an interest in the Notes sold as a result of any such sale or the exercise of such discretion.

Section 1.12 <u>Tax Treatment and Tax Certifications.</u>

- (a) Each Holder will treat the Issuer and the Notes as described in the "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" section of the Offering Circular for all U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes and will take no action inconsistent with such treatment unless required by law.
- (b) Each Holder will timely furnish the Issuer, the Trustee and their respective agents with any tax forms or certifications (including, without limitation, IRS Form W-9, an applicable IRS Form W-8 (together with all applicable attachments), or any successors to such IRS forms) that the Issuer or its agents reasonably request (A) to permit the Issuer, the Trustee and their respective agents to make payments to the Holder without, or at a reduced rate of, deduction or withholding, (B) to enable the Issuer and its agents to qualify for a reduced rate of withholding or deduction in any jurisdiction from or through which they receive payments, and (C) to enable the Issuer, the Trustee and their respective agents to satisfy reporting and other obligations under any applicable law or regulation (including any cost basis reporting obligation), and will update or replace such tax forms or certifications in accordance with their terms or subsequent amendments. Each Holder acknowledges that the failure to provide, update or replace any such tax forms or certifications may result in the imposition of withholding or back-up withholding on payments to the Holder.
 - (c) Each Holder of a Note (or interest therein) will be deemed (and may be required) to represent and agree that:
 - (i) in the case of the Class X Notes, the Class A Notes or the Class B Notes, if it is not a "United States person" (as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code),
 - (A) it:
 - (1) is not a bank (or an entity affiliated with a bank) extending credit pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business (within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code);
 - (2) is not a "10 percent shareholder" with respect to the Issuer (or, for so long as the Subordinated Notes are held by a single Holder, such Holder of the Subordinated Notes) within the meaning of Section 871(h)(3) or Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code; and
 - (3) is not a "controlled foreign corporation" that is related to any Holders of the Subordinated Notes within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code; or
 - (B) it has provided an IRS Form W-8ECI representing that all payments received or to be received by it from the Issuer are effectively connected with its conduct of a trade or business in the United States and includible in its gross income; or
 - (C) it is eligible for benefits under an income tax treaty with the United States that eliminates U.S. federal income tax of payments on the Notes; and
 - (ii) it will provide the Issuer and the Trustee with certifications necessary to establish that it is not subject to U.S. federal withholding tax under FATCA; and

(iii) if it is a Holder of Notes, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it is not a member of an "expanded group" (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.385-1(c)(4)) with respect to which a Holder of Subordinated Notes is a "covered member" (as defined in Treasury Regulations Section 1.385-1(c)(2)), except to the extent that the Issuer or its agents have provided such Holder with an express waiver of this representation; and

(iv) in the case of the Subordinated Notes:

- (A) it is a "United States person" within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code, and will provide a properly completed and signed IRS Form W-9 (or applicable successor form). It understands and acknowledges that failure to provide the Issuer or the Trustee with the applicable tax certifications may result in withholding or back-up withholding from payments to it in respect of the Subordinated Notes; and
- (B) it acknowledges and agrees that no Subordinated Note (or interest therein) may be acquired, and no Holder of a Subordinated Note may sell, transfer, assign, participate, pledge or otherwise dispose of, transfer or convey in any manner a Subordinated Note (or any interest therein) or other equity interest in the Issuer or cause a Subordinated Note or other equity interest in the Issuer to be marketed, (1) on or through (x) a United States national, regional or local securities exchange, (y) a foreign securities exchange or (z) an interdealer quotation system that regularly disseminates firm buy or sell quotations or (2) if such acquisition would cause the combined number of Holders of Subordinated Notes and any equity interests in the Issuer to be held by more than 90 persons; and
- (C) it acknowledges and agrees that it will not enter into any financial instrument the payments on which are, or the value of which is, determined in whole or in part by reference to the such Notes or other equity interests in the Issuer (including the amount of distributions on the such Notes or such equity interests, the value of the Issuer's assets, or the result of the Issuer's operations), or any contract that otherwise is described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(a)(2)(i)(B); and
- (D) it acknowledges and agrees that no Subordinated Note (or interest therein) may be acquired or owned by any person that is classified for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a partnership, subchapter S corporation or grantor trust unless (1) (x) none of the direct or indirect Holders of any interest in such person have more than 40% of the value of its interest in such person attributable to the aggregate interest of such person in the combined value of the Subordinated Notes and any other equity interests of the Issuer held by such person and (y) a principal purpose of the arrangement involving the investment of such person in any Subordinated Notes (or any other equity interests in the Issuer) is not and will not be to permit any partnership to satisfy the 100 partner limitation of Section 1.7704-1(h)(1)(ii) of the regulations under the Code; or (2) the Issuer must otherwise determine that the Holder will not cause the Issuer to be unable to rely on the "private placement" safe harbor of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(h); and
- (E) it may not transfer all or any portion of the Subordinated Notes unless: (1) the person to which it transfers such Subordinated Notes agrees to be bound by the restrictions, conditions, representations, warranties, and covenants

set forth in this Indenture and this clause (iv), and (2) such transfer does not violate this clause (iv).

Any transfer made in violation of this clause (iv), or that otherwise would cause the Issuer to be unable to rely on the "private placement" safe harbor of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(h), will be void and of no force or effect, and shall not bind or be recognized by the Issuer or any other person, and no person to which such Subordinated Notes are transferred shall become a Holder unless such person agrees to be bound by this clause (iv). However, notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, a transfer in violation of provisions (B), (C), (D), or (E) shall be permitted if the Issuer obtains written advice of Dechert LLP, or receives an opinion of another nationally recognized tax counsel, that the transfer will not cause the Issuer to be treated as a "publicly traded partnership" taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

- (d) In the event such beneficial owner owns less than 100% of the Subordinated Notes, it will not acquire Subordinated Notes if such acquisition would cause it to own 100% of the Subordinated Notes.
- (e) In the event such beneficial owner owns 100% of the Subordinated Notes, such beneficial owner will not sell, transfer, assign, participate, pledge or otherwise dispose of any Note unless it obtains written advice of Dechert LLP, or an opinion of another nationally recognized tax counsel, that such sale, transfer, assignment, participation, pledge or disposition will not cause the Issuer to be treated as a "publicly traded partnership" taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
- (f) Each Holder of Subordinated Notes hereby agrees to take any and all actions, and to furnish any and all information, requested by the Issuer in order to permit the Issuer to minimize any tax liability that would otherwise be imposed on the Issuer under Section 6225 of the Code, or any successor provision, including (if requested by the Issuer) by (i) filing amended tax returns to take into account any adjustment to the amount of any item of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit of the Holder, or of any Person's distributive share thereof, and (ii) providing the Issuer with any information necessary for the Issuer to (x) establish the amount of any tax liability resulting from any such adjustment and (y) elect (in accordance with Section 6226 of the Code, or any successor provision) for each Holder to take any such adjustment into account directly. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Holder of Subordinated Notes hereby agrees to indemnify the Issuer for the Holder's allocable share of any applicable tax liability of any type whatsoever (including any liability for penalties, additions to tax or interest) attributable to such Holder's share of the income of the Issuer or attributable to distributions to such Holder.
- Section 1.13 <u>Additional Issuance</u>. (a) At any time during the Reinvestment Period (or, in the case of a Risk Retention Issuance or an issuance solely of additional Subordinated Notes and/or Junior Mezzanine Notes, at any time), the Issuer may issue and sell (i) additional Notes of each Class other than the Class X Notes (on a *pro rata* basis with respect to each Class of Notes or, if additional Class A Notes are not being issued, on a *pro rata* basis for all Classes that are subordinate to the Class A Notes) and/or (ii) additional Subordinated Notes and/or additional debt of any one or more new classes of Notes that are fully subordinated to the existing Secured Notes (or to the most junior class of securities of the Issuer (other than the Subordinated Notes) issued pursuant to this Indenture, if any class of securities issued pursuant to this Indenture other than the Secured Notes and the Subordinated Notes is then Outstanding) (such additional notes described in clause (ii), the "Junior Mezzanine Notes"); provided that the following conditions are met:

- (i) (A) each of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder consents to such issuance and (B) such issuance is approved by a Majority of the Subordinated Notes; <u>provided</u> that no consent pursuant to clause (A) or (B) shall be required with respect to any additional issuance if (x) such additional issuance is effected, in the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager, in order to permit the Collateral Manager or the sponsor of the Issuer under the Risk Retention Rules to comply with the Risk Retention Rules and (y) such additional debt is held by the sponsor of the Issuer or such sponsor's majority-owned affiliate (as each such term is defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) (such issuance, a "Risk Retention Issuance")
- (ii) except in connection with a Risk Retention Issuance, the aggregate principal amount of Notes of any Class issued in all additional issuances shall not exceed 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Class on the Closing Date;
- (iii) the terms of the Notes issued must be identical to the respective terms of previously issued Notes of the applicable Class (except that the interest due on additional Secured Notes will accrue from the issue date of such additional Secured Notes and the spread over the Reference Rate and the price of such additional Secured Notes do not have to be identical to those of the initial Secured Notes of that Class; <u>provided</u> that the Interest Rate on such additional Secured Notes must not exceed the Interest Rate applicable to the initial Secured Notes of that Class unless the S&P Rating Condition is satisfied);
- (iv) the proceeds of any additional Secured Notes (net of fees and expenses incurred in connection with such issuance) will be treated as Principal Proceeds and the proceeds of any additional Subordinated Notes and/or Junior Mezzanine Notes (net of fees and expenses incurred in connection with such issuance and any concurrent Refinancing or Re-Pricing) will be treated as Principal Proceeds, and in each case where so treated, used to purchase additional Collateral Obligations or as otherwise permitted hereunder, or, solely with respect to the proceeds of any Junior Mezzanine Notes or any additional Subordinated Notes, be treated as Interest Proceeds (if so designated by the Collateral Manager as permitted hereunder) or applied in accordance with any other Permitted Use;
- (v) except in connection with a Risk Retention Issuance, the Overcollateralization Ratio with respect to each Class of Notes is not reduced after giving effect to such issuance;
- (vi) written advice of Dechert LLP or an opinion of tax counsel of nationally recognized standing in the United States experienced in such matters will be delivered to the Issuer (with a copy to the Trustee), in form and substance satisfactory to the Collateral Manager, to the effect that (1) such additional issuance will not result in the Issuer becoming subject to U.S. federal tax with respect to its net income (including any withholding tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code) or becoming a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (2) any additional Class X Notes, Class A Notes and Class B Notes will be treated as indebtedness for U.S. federal income tax purposes; provided that the opinion described above in clause (2) will not be required with respect to any additional Notes that bear a different securities identifier from the Notes of the same Class that is Outstanding at the time of the additional issuance;
- (vii) such issuance is accomplished in a manner that allows the Independent accountants of the Issuer to accurately provide the tax information relating to original

issue discount required to be provided to the holders of Secured Notes (including the additional Notes that constitute Secured Notes);

- (viii) prior notice of such additional issuance has been provided by the Issuer to S&P;
- (ix) the Retention Holder commits to acquire such additional Subordinated Notes as may be required to satisfy the Risk Retention Rules following the additional issuance;
 - (x) except in connection with a Risk Retention Issuance, no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and
- (xi) an officer's certificate of the Issuer is delivered to the Trustee stating that the foregoing conditions (i) through (x) have been satisfied.
- (a) Unless such additional issuance is a Risk Retention Issuance, any additional Notes of any Class issued as described above will, to the extent reasonably practicable, be offered first to Holders of that Class in such amounts as are necessary to preserve their *pro* rata holdings of Notes of such Class.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, the Issuer may also issue additional debt in connection with a Refinancing of all Classes of Secured Notes, which issuance will not be subject to the conditions of this <u>Section 2.13</u> but will be subject only to the requirements described under <u>Section 9.2</u> hereof.

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- Section 1.1 <u>Conditions to Issuance of Notes on Closing Date</u>. The Notes to be issued on the Closing Date may be executed by the Issuer and delivered to the Trustee for authentication and thereupon the same shall be authenticated by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent and delivered by the Trustee upon Issuer Order and upon receipt by the Trustee of the following:
- (a) Officer's Certificate of the Issuer Regarding Corporate Matters. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer (i) evidencing the authorization by Issuer Resolution of the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement and related transaction documents and the execution, authentication and delivery of the Notes applied for by it, (ii) specifying the Stated Maturity, principal amount and Interest Rate, as applicable, of each Class of Notes to be authenticated and delivered, and (iii) certifying that (A) the attached copy of the Issuer Resolution is a true and complete copy thereof, (B) such Issuer Resolution has not been rescinded and is in full force and effect on and as of the Closing Date and (C) the Officers authorized to execute and deliver such documents hold the offices and have the signatures indicated thereon.
- (b) <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. From the Issuer either (i) a certificate of the Issuer or other official document evidencing the due authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body or bodies, at the time having jurisdiction in the premises, together with an Opinion of Counsel of the Issuer that no other authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body is required for the valid issuance of the Notes or (ii) an Opinion of Counsel

of the Issuer that no such authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body is required for the valid issuance of such Notes except as has been given.

- (c) Opinions. Opinions of (i) Nixon Peabody LLP, counsel to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator, (ii) Dechert LLP, special U.S. counsel the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder, and (iii) Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., Delaware counsel to the Issuer, each dated the Closing Date.
- (d) Officer's Certificate of the Issuer Regarding Indenture. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer stating that, to the best of the signing Officer's knowledge, the Issuer is not in default under this Indenture and that the issuance of the Notes will not result in a default or a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, its organizational documents, any indenture or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound, or any order of any court or administrative agency entered in any Proceeding to which it is a party or by which it may be bound or to which it may be subject; that all conditions precedent provided herein relating to the authentication and delivery of the Notes applied for by it have been complied with; and that all expenses due or accrued with respect to the Offering of such Notes or relating to actions taken on or in connection with the Closing Date have been paid or reserves therefor have been made. The Officer's certificate of the Issuer shall also state that, to the best of the signing Officer's knowledge, all of the Issuer's representations and warranties contained herein are true and correct as of the Closing Date.
- (e) <u>Transaction Documents</u>. An executed counterpart of each of this Indenture, the Collateral Management Agreement, the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement and the EU/UK Retention Agreement.
- (f) <u>Certificate of the Collateral Manager</u>. A Responsible Officer's certificate of the Collateral Manager, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that immediately before the Delivery of the Collateral Obligations on the Closing Date:
 - (i) each Collateral Obligation satisfies the requirements of the definition of "Collateral Obligation"; and
 - (ii) the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations which the Issuer owns as of the Closing Date or for which the Issuer has entered into binding commitments to purchase on or prior to the Closing Date is at least the amount indicated in the Closing Date Certificate.
- (g) <u>Grant of Collateral Obligations</u>. Contemporaneously with the issuance and sale of the Notes on the Closing Date, the Grant pursuant to the Granting Clauses of this Indenture of all of the Issuer's right, title and interest in and to the Collateral Obligations pledged to the Trustee for inclusion in the Assets on the Closing Date shall be effective, and Delivery of such Collateral Obligations (including each promissory note and all other Underlying Documents related thereto to the extent received by the Issuer) as contemplated by <u>Section 3.3</u> shall have been effected.
- (h) <u>Certificate of the Issuer Regarding Assets</u>. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, to the effect that:
 - (i) in the case of each Collateral Obligation pledged to the Trustee for inclusion in the Assets, on the Closing Date and immediately prior to the Delivery thereof (or immediately after Delivery thereof, in the case of clause (E)(2) below) on the Closing Date:

- (A) the Issuer is the owner of such Collateral Obligation free and clear of any liens, claims or encumbrances of any nature whatsoever except for (1) those which are being released on the Closing Date; (2) those Granted pursuant to this Indenture and (3) any other Permitted Liens;
- (B) the Issuer has acquired its ownership in such Collateral Obligation in good faith without notice of any adverse claim, except as described in clause (A) above;
- (C) the Issuer has not assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered any interest in such Collateral Obligation (or, if any such interest has been assigned, pledged or otherwise encumbered, it has been released) other than interests Granted pursuant to this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement;
- (D) the Issuer has full right to Grant a security interest in and assign and pledge such Collateral Obligation to the Trustee;
- (E) (1) based on the certificate of the Collateral Manager delivered pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(f)</u>, each Collateral Obligation included in the Assets satisfies the requirements of the definition of "Collateral Obligation" and (2) the requirements of <u>Section 3.1(g)</u> have been satisfied;
- (F) upon the Grant by the Issuer, the Trustee has a first priority perfected security interest in the Collateral Obligations and other Assets, except as permitted by this Indenture; and
- (ii) based on the certificate of the Collateral Manager delivered pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(f)</u>, the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations which the Issuer owns as of the Closing Date or for which the Issuer has entered into binding commitments to purchase on or prior to the Closing Date is at least the amount indicated in the Closing Date Certificate.
- (i) Rating Letter. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer to the effect that it has received a letter signed by S&P confirming that each Class of Secured Notes has been assigned the applicable Initial Rating and that such ratings are in effect on the Closing Date.
 - (j) Accounts. Evidence of the establishment of each of the Accounts.
- (k) <u>Issuer Order for Deposit of Funds into Accounts</u>. An Issuer Order signed in the name of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer, dated as of the Closing Date, specifying the amounts to be deposited from the proceeds of the issuance of the Notes into (a) the Ramp-Up Account for use pursuant to <u>Section 10.3(c)</u>, (b) the Expense Reserve Account for use pursuant to <u>Section 10.3(d)</u>, (c) the Interest Reserve Account for use pursuant to <u>Section 10.5</u> and (d) the Revolver Funding Account for use pursuant to <u>Section 10.4</u>.
- (l) Other Documents. Such other documents as the Trustee may reasonably require; provided that nothing in this clause (l) shall imply or impose a duty on the part of the Trustee to require any other documents.

The Trustee shall be entitled to assume the genuineness of each certificate, instrument, report, opinion and other document described in or delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 3.1</u>, and to assume the genuineness and due authorization of each signature, other than any signature of the Trustee, appearing thereon.

- Section 1.2 <u>Conditions to Additional Issuance</u>. Any additional Notes to be issued in accordance with <u>Section 2.13</u> may be executed by the Issuer and delivered to the Trustee for authentication and thereupon the same shall be authenticated by the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent and delivered by the Trustee upon Issuer Order (setting forth registration, delivery and authentication instructions) upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth in <u>Section 2.13</u> and upon receipt by the Trustee of the following:
- (a) Officer's Certificate of the Issuer Regarding Corporate Matters. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer (i) evidencing the authorization by Issuer Resolution of the execution, authentication and delivery of the Notes applied for by it, (ii) specifying the Stated Maturity, principal amount and Interest Rate of each Class of Notes to be authenticated and delivered and (ii) certifying that (A) the attached copy of the Issuer Resolution is a true and complete copy thereof, (B) such Issuer Resolution has not been rescinded and is in full force and effect on and as of the date of issuance and (C) the Officers authorized to execute and deliver such documents hold the offices and have the signatures indicated thereon.
- (b) <u>Governmental Approvals</u>. From the Issuer either (i) a certificate of the Issuer or other official document evidencing the due authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body or bodies, at the time having jurisdiction in the premises, together with an Opinion of Counsel of the Issuer that no other authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body is required for the valid issuance of the additional Notes or (ii) an Opinion of Counsel of the Issuer that no such authorization, approval or consent of any governmental body is required for the valid issuance of such additional Notes except as has been given.
- (c) Officer's Certificate of the Issuer Regarding Indenture. An Officer's certificate of the Issuer stating that, to the best of the signing Officer's knowledge, the Issuer is not in default under this Indenture and that the issuance of the additional Notes applied for by it will not result in a default or a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under, its organizational documents, any indenture or other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound, or any order of any court or administrative agency entered in any Proceeding to which it is a party or by which it may be bound or to which it may be subject; that the provisions of Section 2.13 and all conditions precedent provided in this Indenture relating to the authentication and delivery of the additional Notes applied for by it have been complied with; and that all expenses due or accrued with respect to the Offering of such Notes or relating to actions taken on or in connection with the additional issuance have been paid or reserves therefor have been made. The Officer's certificate of the Issuer shall also state that, to the best of the signing Officer's knowledge, all of the Issuer's representations and warranties contained herein are true and correct as of the date of additional issuance.
- (d) <u>Supplemental Indenture</u>. A fully executed counterpart of the supplemental indenture making such changes to this Indenture as shall be necessary to permit such additional issuance.
 - (e) [Reserved].
 - (f) <u>Rating Agency Notice</u>. Notice shall have been provided by the Issuer to S&P.
- (g) <u>Issuer Order for Deposit of Funds into Accounts</u>. An Issuer Order signed in the name of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer, dated as of the date of the additional issuance, authorizing the deposit of the net proceeds of the issuance into the Principal Collection Subaccount for use pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u>.

- (h) <u>Evidence of Required Consents</u>. Satisfactory evidence of the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder to such issuance.
- (i) Other Documents. Such other documents as the Trustee may reasonably require; provided that nothing in this clause (i) shall imply or impose a duty on the part of the Trustee to require any other documents.

The Trustee shall be entitled to assume the genuineness of each certificate, instrument, report, opinion and other document described in or delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 3.2</u>, and to assume the genuineness and due authorization of each signature, other than any signature of the Trustee, appearing thereon.

- Section 1.3 <u>Custodianship</u>; <u>Delivery of Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments</u>. (a) The Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall deliver or cause to be delivered, on or prior to the Closing Date (with respect to the initial Collateral Obligations) and within five (5) Business Days after the related Cut-Off Date (with respect to any additional Collateral Obligations) to a custodian appointed by the Issuer, which shall be a Securities Intermediary (the "<u>Custodian</u>") or the Trustee, as applicable, all Assets in accordance with the definition of "Deliver". The Custodian appointed hereby shall act as custodian for the Issuer and as custodian and agent for the Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties for purposes of perfecting the Trustee's security interest in those Assets in which a security interest is perfected by Delivery of the related Assets to the Custodian. Initially, the Custodian shall be U.S. Bank National Association. Any successor custodian shall be a state or national bank or trust company that (i) has (A) capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000, and (B) a long term issuer rating of at least "A" and a short term issuer rating of at least "A-1" by S&P (or a long term issuer rating of at least "A+" by S&P if such institution has no short-term rating), and (ii) is a Securities Intermediary. Subject to the limited right to relocate Assets as provided in Section 7.5(b), the Trustee or the Custodian, as applicable, shall hold (i) all Collateral Obligations, Eligible Investments, Cash and other investments purchased in accordance with this Indenture and (ii) any other property of the Issuer otherwise Delivered to the Trustee or the Custodian, as applicable, by or on behalf of the Issuer, in the relevant Account established and maintained pursuant to Article X as to which in each case the Trustee shall have entered into the Securities Account Control Agreement with the Custodian providing, inter alia, that the establishment and maintenance of such Account will be governed by a l
- (a) Each time that the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer directs or causes the acquisition of any Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or other investment, the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) shall, if the Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or other investment is required to be, but has not already been, transferred to the relevant Account, cause the Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or other investment to be Delivered to the Custodian to be held in the Custodial Account (or in the case of any such investment that is not a Collateral Obligation, in the Account in which the funds used to purchase the investment are held in accordance with Article X) for the benefit of the Trustee in accordance with this Indenture. The security interest of the Trustee in the funds or other property used in connection with the acquisition shall, immediately and without further action on the part of the Trustee, be released. The security interest of the Trustee shall nevertheless come into existence and continue in the Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or other investment so acquired, including all interests of the Issuer in and to any contracts related to and proceeds of such Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or other investment.

ARTICLE IV

SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

Section 1.1 <u>Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture</u>. This Indenture shall be discharged and shall cease to be of further effect except as to (i) rights of registration of transfer and exchange, (ii) substitution of mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen Notes, (iii) rights of Holders to receive payments of principal thereof and interest thereon, (iv) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Trustee hereunder, (v) the rights, obligations and immunities of the Collateral Manager hereunder and under the Collateral Management Agreement, (vi) the rights, protections, indemnities and immunities of the Collateral Administrator hereunder and under the Collateral Administration Agreement and (vii) the rights of Holders as beneficiaries hereof with respect to the property deposited with the Trustee and payable to all or any of them (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture) when either:

(a) (i) either:

- (A) all Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered to Holders (other than (1) Notes which have been mutilated, defaced, destroyed, lost or stolen and which have been replaced or paid as provided in <u>Section 2.6</u> and (2) Notes for whose payment Money has theretofore irrevocably been deposited and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such deposit, as provided in <u>Section 7.3</u>) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
- (B) all Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation: (1) have become due and payable, or (2) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or (3) are to be called for redemption pursuant to Article IX under an arrangement satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Issuer pursuant to Section 9.4 and, in each case, the Issuer has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee, for such purpose, Cash or non-callable direct obligations of the United States; provided that the obligations are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States or are debt obligations which are rated "AAA" by S&P, in an amount sufficient, as verified by a firm of Independent certified public accountants which are nationally recognized, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Notes which have become due and payable), or to their Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be, and shall have Granted to the Trustee a valid perfected security interest in such Eligible Investment that is of first priority and free of any adverse claim, as applicable, and shall have furnished an Opinion of Counsel with respect thereto; provided that this sub-section (B) shall not apply if an election to act in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.5(a) shall have been made and not rescinded, it being understood that the requirements of this clause (a) may be satisfied as set forth in Section 5.7;
- (i) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums then due and payable hereunder (including, without limitation, any amounts then due and payable pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement and the Collateral Administration Agreement, without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) by the Issuer and no other amounts are scheduled to be due and payable by the Issuer other than Dissolution Expenses, it being understood that the requirements of this clause (ii) may be satisfied as set forth in Section 5.7; and

- (ii) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee Officer's certificates and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with; or
 - (b) upon final disposition of all Assets and distribution of the proceeds thereof in accordance with the terms hereof, and:
- (i) the Trustee confirms to the Issuer that no Assets (other than (1) the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement and the Securities Account Control Agreement and (2) Cash in an amount not greater than the Dissolution Expenses) are on deposit in or to the credit of the Accounts;
- (ii) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee a certificate stating that (A) there are no Assets (other than (1) the Collateral Management Agreement, the Collateral Administration Agreement, and the Securities Account Control Agreement and (2) Cash in an amount not greater than the Dissolution Expenses) that remain subject to the lien of this Indenture, and (B) all funds on deposit in the Accounts have been distributed in accordance with the terms of this Indenture or have otherwise been irrevocably deposited with the Trustee for such purpose; and
- (iii) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee Officer's certificates and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the rights and obligations of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and, if applicable, the Holders, as the case may be, under <u>Sections 2.7, 4.2, 5.4(d), 5.9, 5.18, 6.1, 6.3, 6.6, 6.7, 7.1, 7.3, 13.1, 14.10, 14.11, and 14.12 shall survive.</u>

- Section 1.2 <u>Application of Deposited Money.</u> All Cash and obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 4.1</u> shall be held for the benefit of the Secured Parties and applied by it in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, including, without limitation, the Priority of Payments, either directly or through any Paying Agent, as the Trustee may determine; and such Cash and obligations shall be held in a segregated account identified as being held for the benefit of the Secured Parties.
- Section 1.3 <u>Repayment of Monies Held by Paying Agent</u>. In connection with the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Notes, all Monies then held by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee under the provisions of this Indenture shall, upon demand of the Issuer, be paid to the Trustee to be held and applied pursuant to <u>Section 7.3</u> hereof and in accordance with the Priority of Payments and thereupon such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such Monies.
- Section 1.4 <u>Limitation on Obligation to Incur Administrative Expenses</u>. If at any time, the sum of (i) Eligible Investments, (ii) Cash and (iii) amounts reasonably expected to be received by the Issuer in Cash during the current Collection Period (as certified by the Collateral Manager in its reasonable judgment) is less than the sum of Dissolution Expenses and any accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses, then notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the Issuer shall no longer be required to incur Administrative Expenses as otherwise required by this Indenture to any Person other than the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator and their respective Affiliates, and failure to pay such amounts shall not constitute a Default hereunder.

ARTICLE V

EVENTS OF DEFAULT; REMEDIES

- Section 1.1 <u>Events of Default</u>. "<u>Event of Default</u>", wherever used herein, means any one of the following events (whatever the reason for such Event of Default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body):
- (a) a default in the payment, when due and payable, of (i) any interest on any Class X Note, Class A Notes or any Class B Note and, in each case, the continuation of any such default for ten Business Days after a Trust Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge or receives notice from any Holder of Notes of such payment default, or (ii) any principal of, or interest on, or any Redemption Price in respect of, any Secured Notes at thir Stated Maturity or any Redemption Date with respect to such Secured Notes, as applicable; provided that the failure to effect any Optional Redemption which is withdrawn by the Issuer in accordance with this Indenture or with respect to which any Refinancing fails to occur shall not constitute an Event of Default and provided, further, that, in the case of a failure to disburse funds due to an administrative error or omission by the Collateral Manager, the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or any Paying Agent, such failure continues for ten Business Days after a Trust Officer of the Trustee receives written notice or has actual knowledge of such administrative error or omission:
- (b) unless otherwise permitted or required by applicable law, the failure on any Payment Date to disburse amounts available in the Payment Account in excess of U.S.\$100,000 in accordance with the Priority of Payments and continuation of such failure for a period of seven Business Days or, in the case of a failure to disburse due to an administrative error or omission by the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator, the Collateral Manager or any Paying Agent, such failure continues for fifteen Business Days after a Trust Officer of the Trustee receives written notice or has actual knowledge of such administrative error or omission;
- (c) either the Issuer or the Assets becomes an investment company required to be registered under the 1940 Act and that status continues for 45 consecutive days;
- (d) except as otherwise provided in this <u>Section 5.1</u>, a default in a material respect in the performance, or breach in a material respect, of any other covenant of the Issuer herein (it being understood, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, that (i) any failure to meet any Concentration Limitation, Collateral Quality Test or Coverage Test is not an Event of Default, except to the extent provided in clause (e) below, and (ii) the failure of the Issuer to satisfy the requirements of <u>Section 7.18</u> will not constitute an Event of Default), or the failure of any material representation or warranty of the Issuer made herein or in any certificate or other writing delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith to be correct in each case in all material respects when the same shall have been made and such default, breach or failure has a material adverse effect on the Holders, and the continuation of such default, breach or failure for a period of 45 days after notice to the Issuer and the Collateral Manager by registered or certified mail or overnight delivery service, by the Trustee at the direction of the Holders of at least a Supermajority of the Controlling Class, specifying such default, breach or failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder; <u>provided</u> that, if the Issuer (as notified to the Trustee by the Collateral Manager in writing) has commenced curing such default, breach or failure during the 45-day period specified above, such default, breach or failure shall not constitute an Event of Default under this clause (d) unless it continues for a period of 60 days (rather than, and not in addition to, such 45-day period specified above) after notice to the Issuer and the Collateral Manager by email transmission and registered or

certified mail or overnight courier, by the Trustee, the Issuer or the Collateral Manager, or to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager and the Trustee by a Supermajority of the Controlling Class, specifying such default, breach or failure and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" under this Indenture;

- (e) on any Measurement Date as of which the Class A Notes are Outstanding, failure of the percentage equivalent of a fraction, (i) the numerator of which is equal to (1) the Collateral Principal Amount *plus* (2) the aggregate Market Value of all Defaulted Obligations on such date and (ii) the denominator of which is equal to the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Class A Notes, to equal or exceed 102.5%;
- (f) the entry of a decree or order by a court having competent jurisdiction adjudging the Issuer as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of the Issuer under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Issuer or of any substantial part of its property, respectively, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs and the continuance of any such decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days; or
- (g) the institution by the shareholders of the Issuer of Proceedings to have the Issuer adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by the shareholders of the Issuer to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency Proceedings against the Issuer, or the filing by the Issuer of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under the Bankruptcy Code or any other similar applicable law, or the consent by the Issuer to the filing of any such petition or to the appointment in a Proceeding of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Issuer or of any substantial part of its property, respectively, or the making by the Issuer of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by the Issuer in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of any action by the Issuer in furtherance of any such action.

Upon an Officer, Responsible Officer or Trust Officer (as applicable) obtaining knowledge of the occurrence of an Event of Default, each of (i) the Issuer, (ii) the Trustee and (iii) the Collateral Manager shall notify each other. Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default known to a Trust Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall promptly (and in no event later than three Business Days thereafter) notify the Holders (as their names appear in the Note Register), each Paying Agent and S&P of such Event of Default in writing (unless such Event of Default has been waived as provided in Section 5.14).

- Section 1.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission and Annulment. (a) If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(f) or (g)), the Trustee may, and shall, upon the written direction of a Supermajority of the Controlling Class, by notice to the Issuer and S&P, declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest on all the Secured Notes to be immediately due and payable, and upon any such declaration such principal, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, and other amounts payable hereunder, shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 5.1(f) or (g) occurs, all unpaid principal, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, of all the Notes, and other amounts payable thereunder and hereunder, shall automatically become due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.
- (a) At any time after such a declaration of acceleration of maturity has been made and before a judgment or decree for payment of the Money due has been obtained by the Trustee as hereinafter provided in this <u>Article V</u>, a Majority of the Controlling Class by written

notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if:

- (i) The Issuer has paid or deposited with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay:
- (A) all unpaid installments of interest and principal then due on the Notes (other than any principal amounts due to the occurrence of an acceleration);
 - (B) [reserved]; and
- (C) all unpaid taxes and Administrative Expenses of the Issuer and other sums paid or advanced by the Trustee hereunder or by the Collateral Administrator under the Collateral Administration Agreement or hereunder, accrued and unpaid Aggregate Collateral Management Fees then due and owing and any other amounts then payable by the Issuer hereunder prior to such Administrative Expenses and such Aggregate Collateral Management Fees; or
- (ii) It has been determined that all Events of Default, other than the nonpayment of the interest on or principal of the Notes that have become due solely by such acceleration, have:
 - (A) been cured; and
 - (I) in the case of an Event of Default specified in <u>Section 5.1(e)</u>, the Holders of at least a Majority of the Class A Notes, by written notice to the Trustee, have agreed with such determination (which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld); or
 - (II) in the case of any other Event of Default, the Holders of at least a Majority of each Class of Secured Notes (voting separately by Class), in each case, by written notice to the Trustee, have agreed with such determination (which agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld); or
 - (B) been waived as provided in <u>Section 5.14</u>.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

- (b) Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 5.2</u> to the contrary, the Notes will not be subject to acceleration by the Trustee solely as a result of the failure to pay any amount due on the Notes that are not of the Controlling Class other than any failure to pay interest due on the Class B Notes.
- Section 1.3 <u>Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee</u>. The Issuer covenants that if a default shall occur in respect of the payment of any principal of or interest when due and payable on any Notes, the Issuer will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to the Trustee, for the benefit of the Holder of such Notes, the whole amount, if any, then due and payable on such Notes for principal and interest with interest upon the overdue principal and, to the extent that payments of such interest shall be legally enforceable, upon overdue installments of interest, at the applicable Interest Rate, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee and its agents and counsel.

If the Issuer fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may, and shall, subject to the terms of this Indenture (including Sections 6.1(c)(iv) and 6.3(e)) upon direction of a Majority of the Controlling Class, institute a Proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, may prosecute such Proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Secured Notes and collect the Monies adjudged or decreed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the Assets.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may in its discretion, and shall, subject to the terms of this Indenture (including Sections 6.1(c)(iv) and 6.3(e)) upon written direction of the Majority of the Controlling Class, proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Secured Parties by such appropriate Proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual (if no such direction is received by the Trustee) or as the Trustee may be directed by the Majority of the Controlling Class, to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement herein or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy or legal or equitable right vested in the Trustee by this Indenture or by law.

In case there shall be pending Proceedings relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Secured Notes under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, or in case a receiver, assignee or trustee in bankruptcy or reorganization, liquidator, sequestrator or similar official shall have been appointed for or taken possession of the Issuer or its property or such other obligor or its property, or in case of any other comparable Proceedings relative to the Issuer or other obligor upon the Notes, or the creditors or property of the Issuer or such other obligor, the Trustee, regardless of whether the principal of any Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and regardless of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5.3, shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such Proceedings or otherwise:

- (a) to file and prove a claim or claims for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes upon direction by a Majority of the Controlling Class and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for reasonable compensation to the Trustee and each predecessor Trustee, and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and for reimbursement of all reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and each predecessor Trustee, except as a result of negligence or bad faith) and of the Holders allowed in any Proceedings relative to the Issuer or to the creditors or property of the Issuer;
- (b) unless prohibited by applicable law and regulations, to vote on behalf of the Holders upon the direction of a Majority of the Controlling Class, in any election of a trustee or a standby trustee in arrangement, reorganization, liquidation or other bankruptcy or insolvency Proceedings or Person performing similar functions in comparable Proceedings; and
- (c) to collect and receive any Monies or other property payable to or deliverable on any such claims, and to distribute all amounts received with respect to the claims of the Holders and of the Trustee on their behalf; and any trustee, receiver or liquidator, custodian or other similar official is hereby authorized by each of the Holders to make payments to the Trustee, and, if the Trustee shall consent to the making of payments directly to the Holders to pay to the Trustee such amounts as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Trustee, each predecessor Trustee and their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and each predecessor Trustee except as a result of negligence or bad faith.

Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or vote for or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holders, any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Notes or any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holders, as applicable, in any such Proceeding except, as aforesaid, to vote for the election of a trustee in bankruptcy or similar Person.

In any Proceedings brought by the Trustee on behalf of the Holders of the Notes (and any such Proceedings involving the interpretation of any provision of this Indenture to which the Trustee shall be a party), the Trustee shall be held to represent all the Holders of the Notes.

Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 5.3</u> to the contrary, the Trustee may not sell or liquidate the Assets or institute Proceedings in furtherance thereof pursuant to this <u>Section 5.3</u> except according to the provisions specified in <u>Section 5.5(a)</u>.

- Section 1.4 <u>Remedies.</u> (a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and the Notes have been declared due and payable and such declaration and its consequences have not been rescinded and annulled, the Issuer agrees that the Trustee may, and shall, subject to the terms of this Indenture (including <u>Sections 6.1(c)(iv)</u> and <u>6.3(e)</u>), upon written direction of a Majority of the Controlling Class, to the extent permitted by applicable law, exercise one or more of the following rights, privileges and remedies:
 - (i) institute Proceedings for the collection of all amounts then payable on the Notes or otherwise payable under this Indenture, whether by declaration or otherwise, enforce any judgment obtained, and collect from the Assets any Monies adjudged due;
 - (ii) sell or cause the sale of all or a portion of the Assets or rights or interests therein, at one or more public or private sales called and conducted in any manner permitted by law and in accordance with <u>Section 5.17</u> hereof;
 - (iii) institute Proceedings from time to time for the complete or partial foreclosure of this Indenture with respect to the Assets;
 - (iv) exercise any remedies of a secured party under the UCC and take any other appropriate action to protect and enforce the rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes hereunder (including exercising all rights of the Trustee under the Securities Account Control Agreement); and
 - (v) exercise any other rights and remedies that may be available at law or in equity;

<u>provided</u> that the Trustee may not sell or liquidate the Assets or institute Proceedings in furtherance thereof pursuant to this <u>Section 5.4</u> except according to the provisions of <u>Section 5.5(a)</u>.

The Trustee may, but need not, obtain and rely upon an opinion or advice of an Independent investment banking firm of national reputation (the reasonable cost of which shall be payable as an Administrative Expense) in structuring and distributing securities similar to the Notes, which may be the Initial Purchaser, as to the feasibility of any action proposed to be taken in accordance with this Section 5.4 and as to the sufficiency of the proceeds and other amounts receivable with respect to the Assets to make the required payments of principal of and interest on the Notes which opinion shall be conclusive evidence as to such feasibility or sufficiency.

- (a) If an Event of Default as described in Section 5.1(d) hereof shall have occurred and be continuing the Trustee may, and at the direction of the Holders of not less than 25% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Controlling Class shall, subject to the terms of this Indenture (including Sections 6.1(c)(iv) and 6.3(e)), institute a Proceeding solely to compel performance of the covenant or agreement or to cure the representation or warranty, the breach of which gave rise to the Event of Default under such Section, and enforce any equitable decree or order arising from such Proceeding.
- (b) Upon any sale, whether made under the power of sale hereby given or by virtue of judicial Proceedings, any Secured Party, the Sub-Advisor or any Affiliate of the Issuer may bid for and purchase the Assets or any part thereof and, upon compliance with the terms of sale, may hold, retain, possess or dispose of such property in its or their own absolute right without accountability.

If the Trustee is required, or is otherwise directed by a Majority of the Controlling Class, in accordance with the terms hereof, to sell all or any part of the Assets at a public or private sale, prior to offering such Assets for sale, the Trustee will send written notice specifying that it is required or has been directed to do so, which written notice shall set forth the date of the proposed offer of sale (such written notice, a "Sale Notice") to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes, and the Holders of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes may exercise a right of first refusal to purchase the Assets, in whole or in part as specified by such Majority of the Subordinated Notes in a notice to the Trustee delivered no later than one (1) Business Day after its receipt of the Sale Notice, at a purchase price that is not less than the greater of (i) all amounts then due (or, in the case of interest, accrued) and unpaid on the Secured Notes for principal and interest, and all other amounts that, pursuant to the Priority of Payments, are required to be paid prior to such payments on such Secured Notes (including any amounts due and owing) (or anticipated to be due and owing) as Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) and any due and unpaid Aggregate Collateral Management Fees) and (ii) the Market Value (disregarding clause (iv) thereof) of such Assets as determined by the Collateral Manager in its commercially reasonable judgment in accordance with its internal policies and procedures; provided that, the Holders of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes shall complete such purchase no later than three Business Days after the date of its receipt of the Sale Notice.

Upon any sale, whether made under the power of sale hereby given or by virtue of judicial Proceedings, the receipt of the Trustee, or of the Officer making a sale under judicial Proceedings, shall be a sufficient discharge to the purchaser or purchasers at any sale for its or their purchase Money, and such purchaser or purchasers shall not be obliged to see to the application thereof.

Any such sale, whether under any power of sale hereby given or by virtue of judicial Proceedings, shall bind the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes, shall operate to divest all right, title and interest whatsoever, either at law or in equity, of each of them in and to the property sold, and shall be a perpetual bar, both at law and in equity, against each of them and their successors and assigns, and against any and all Persons claiming through or under them.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, none of the Trustee, the Secured Parties or the Holders may, prior to the date which is one year and one day (or if longer, any applicable preference period then in effect plus one day) after the payment in full of all Notes, institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Issuer any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, winding-up, moratorium or liquidation Proceedings, or other similar Proceedings under U.S. federal or state bankruptcy or similar laws. Nothing in this Section 5.4 shall preclude, or be deemed to stop, the Trustee (i) from taking any

action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned period in (A) any case or Proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Issuer or (B) any involuntary insolvency Proceeding filed or commenced by a Person other than the Trustee, or (ii) from commencing against the Issuer or any of its properties any legal action which is not a bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium, liquidation or similar Proceeding.

- Section 1.5 Optional Preservation of Assets. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein (but subject to the right of the Collateral Manager to direct the Trustee to sell Collateral Obligations or Equity Securities in strict compliance with Section 12.1), if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the Trustee shall retain the Assets securing the Notes intact, collect and cause the collection of the proceeds thereof and make and apply all payments at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and deposit and maintain all accounts in respect of the Assets and the Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments and the provisions of Article X, Article XII and Article XIII unless:
 - (i) the Trustee, pursuant to <u>Section 5.5(c)</u>, determines that the anticipated proceeds of a sale or liquidation of all or any portion of the Assets (after deducting the anticipated reasonable expenses of such sale or liquidation) would be sufficient to discharge in full the amounts then due (or, in the case of interest, accrued) and unpaid on the Secured Notes for principal and interest, and all other amounts that, pursuant to the Priority of Payments, are required to be paid prior to such payments on such Secured Notes (including any amounts due and owing (or anticipated to be due and owing) as Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) and any due and unpaid Aggregate Collateral Management Fees) and a Majority of the Controlling Class agrees with such determination;
 - (ii) in the case of an Event of Default specified in (A) Section 5.1(a) due to failure to pay interest on the Class A Notes or the Class B Notes in accordance with Section 11.1(a)(i) or Section 11.1(a)(ii), (B) Section 5.1(e), or (C) Sections 5.1(f) or (g), the Holders of at least a Majority of the Controlling Class direct the sale and liquidation of the Assets (without regard to whether another Event of Default has occurred prior, contemporaneously or subsequent to such Event of Default); or
 - (iii) in the case of any other Event of Default, the Holders of at least a Majority of each Class of Secured Notes (voting separately by Class) direct the sale and liquidation of the Assets.

So long as such Event of Default is continuing, any such retention pursuant to this <u>Section 5.5(a)</u> may be rescinded at any time when the conditions specified in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) exist.

- (a) Nothing contained in Section 5.5(a) shall be construed to require the Trustee to sell the Assets securing the Secured Notes if the conditions set forth in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of Section 5.5(a) are not satisfied. Nothing contained in Section 5.5(a) shall be construed to require the Trustee to preserve the Assets securing the Secured Notes if prohibited by applicable law.
- (b) In determining whether the condition specified in <u>Section 5.5(a)(i)</u> exists, the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts to obtain, with the cooperation of the Collateral Manager, bid prices with respect to each Asset from two nationally recognized dealers (as specified by the Collateral Manager in writing) at the time making a market in such Assets and shall compute the anticipated proceeds of sale or liquidation on the basis of the lower of such bid prices for each such Asset. In the event that the Trustee, with the cooperation of the Collateral Manager, is only able to obtain bid prices with respect to each Asset from one nationally recognized dealer at the time making a market in such Assets, the Trustee shall compute the anticipated proceeds of the

sale or liquidation on the basis of such one bid price for each such Asset. In addition, for the purposes of determining issues relating to the execution of a sale or liquidation of the Assets and the execution of a sale or other liquidation thereof in connection with a determination whether the condition specified in Section 5.5(a)(i) exists, the Trustee may retain and rely on an opinion or advice of an Independent investment banking firm of national reputation or other appropriate advisors (the cost of which shall be payable as an Administrative Expense).

The Trustee shall deliver to the Holders and the Collateral Manager a report stating the results of any determination required pursuant to Section 5.5(a)(i) no later than 10 days after such determination is made. The Trustee shall make the determinations required by Section 5.5(a)(i) within 30 days after an Event of Default and at the request of a Majority of the Controlling Class at any time during which the Trustee retains the Assets pursuant to Section 5.5(a)(i).

The Trustee shall deliver written notice to S&P upon the occurrence of the events pursuant to Section 5.5(a)(i), (ii) or (iii) to liquidate and sell the Assets.

- Section 1.6 <u>Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes</u>. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or under any of the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any trial or other Proceeding relating thereto, and any such action or Proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall be applied as set forth in <u>Section 5.7</u> hereof.
- Section 1.7 <u>Application of Money Collected.</u> Any Money collected by the Trustee with respect to the Notes pursuant to this <u>Article V</u> and any Money that may then be held or thereafter received by the Trustee with respect to the Notes hereunder shall be applied, subject to <u>Section 13.1</u> and in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 11.1(a)(iii)</u>, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee. Upon the final distribution of all proceeds of any liquidation effected hereunder, the provisions of <u>Sections 4.1(a)(i)</u> and <u>(ii)</u> shall be deemed satisfied for the purposes of discharging this Indenture pursuant to <u>Article IV</u>.
- Section 1.8 <u>Limitation on Suits</u>. No Holder of any Notes shall have any right to institute any Proceedings, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:
 - (a) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of an Event of Default;
- (b) the Holders of not less than 25% of the then-Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of the Controlling Class shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute Proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder and such Holder or Holders have provided the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) and liabilities which might reasonably be incurred by it in compliance with such request;
- (c) the Trustee, for 30 days after its receipt of such notice, request and provision of such indemnity, has failed to institute any such Proceeding; and
- (d) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 30-day period by a Majority of the Controlling Class; it being understood and intended that no one or more Holders of Notes shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing itself of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb or prejudice the rights of any other Holders of Notes of the same Class or to obtain or to seek to obtain

priority or preference over any other Holders of the Notes of the same Class or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all the Holders of Notes of the same Class subject to and in accordance with <u>Section 13.1</u> and the Priority of Payments.

In the event the Trustee shall receive conflicting or inconsistent requests and indemnity pursuant to this <u>Section 5.8</u> from two or more groups of Holders of the Controlling Class, each representing less than a Majority of the Controlling Class, the Trustee shall act in accordance with the request specified by the group of Holders with the greatest percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Controlling Class, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture. If all such groups represent the same percentage, the Trustee, in its sole discretion, may determine what action, if any, shall be taken.

- Section 1.9 <u>Unconditional Rights of Secured Holders to Receive Principal and Interest.</u> Subject to <u>Section 2.7(i)</u>, but notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the Holder of any Secured Notes shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Secured Notes, as such principal, interest and other amounts become due and payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments and <u>Section 13.1</u>, as the case may be, and, subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 5.4</u> and <u>5.8</u>, to institute Proceedings for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder. Holders of Secured Notes ranking junior to Secured Notes still Outstanding shall have no right to institute Proceedings to request the Trustee to institute proceedings for the enforcement of any such payment until such time as no Secured Notes ranking senior to such Secured Notes remain Outstanding, which right shall be subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 5.4</u> and <u>5.8</u>, and shall not be impaired without the consent of any such Holder.
- Section 1.10 <u>Restoration of Rights and Remedies</u>. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any Proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such Proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holder shall, subject to any determination in such Proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holder shall continue as though no such Proceeding had been instituted.
- Section 1.11 <u>Rights and Remedies Cumulative</u>. No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.
- Section 1.12 <u>Delay or Omission Not Waiver</u>. No delay or omission of the Trustee or any Holder of Secured Notes to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein or of a subsequent Event of Default. Every right and remedy given by this <u>Article V</u> or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders of the Secured Notes may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders of the Secured Notes.
- Section 1.13 <u>Control by Majority of Controlling Class</u>. A Supermajority of the Controlling Class shall have the right following the occurrence, and during the continuance of,

an Event of Default to cause the institution of and direct the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee under this Indenture; provided that:

- (a) such direction shall not conflict with any rule of law or with any express provision of this Indenture;
- (b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction; provided that subject to Section 6.1, the Trustee need not take any action that it determines might involve it in liability or expense (unless the Trustee has received the indemnity as set forth in (c) below);
 - (c) the Trustee shall have been provided with an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it; and
- (d) notwithstanding the foregoing, any direction to the Trustee to undertake a Sale of the Assets shall be by the Holders of Notes representing the requisite percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes specified in <u>Section 5.4</u> and/or <u>Section 5.5</u>.
- Section 1.14 <u>Waiver of Past Defaults</u>. Prior to the time a judgment or decree for payment of the Money due has been obtained by the Trustee, as provided in this <u>Article V</u>, a Majority of the Controlling Class may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes waive any past Default or Event of Default and its consequences, except a Default or an Event of Default:
- (a) in the payment of the principal of any Secured Notes (which may be waived only with the consent of the Holder of such Secured Notes);
- (b) in the payment of interest on any Secured Notes (which may be waived only with the consent of the Holder of such Secured Notes);
- (c) in respect of a covenant or provision hereof that under <u>Section 8.2</u> cannot be modified or amended without the waiver or consent of the Holder of any Outstanding Notes materially and adversely affected thereby (which may be waived only with the consent of each such Holder); or
 - (d) in respect of a representation contained in <u>Section 7.19</u>.

In the case of any such waiver, the Issuer, the Trustee and the Holders of the Notes shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively, but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereto. The Trustee shall promptly forward written notice of any such waiver to S&P, the Collateral Manager and each Holder. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture.

Section 1.15 <u>Undertaking for Costs.</u> All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Notes by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this <u>Section 5.15</u> shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder, or group

of Holders, holding in the aggregate more than 10% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Controlling Class, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or interest on any Notes on or after the applicable Stated Maturity (or, in the case of redemption which has resulted in an Event of Default, on or after the applicable Redemption Date).

- Section 1.16 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws. The Issuer covenants (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) that they shall not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any valuation, appraisement, redemption or marshalling law or rights, in each case wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, which may affect the covenants, the performance of or any remedies under this Indenture; and the Issuer (to the extent that they may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law or rights, and covenant that they shall not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but shall suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted or rights created.
- Section 1.17 <u>Sale of Assets</u>. (a) The power to effect any sale (a "<u>Sale</u>") of any portion of the Assets pursuant to <u>Sections 5.4</u> and <u>5.5</u> shall not be exhausted by any one or more Sales as to any portion of such Assets remaining unsold, but shall continue unimpaired until the entire Assets shall have been sold or all amounts secured by the Assets shall have been paid. The Trustee may upon notice to the Holders, and shall, upon direction of a Majority of the Controlling Class, from time to time postpone any Sale by public announcement made at the time and place of such Sale. The Trustee hereby expressly waives its rights to any amount fixed by law as compensation for any Sale; <u>provided</u> that the Trustee shall be authorized to deduct the reasonable costs, charges and expenses (including but not limited to costs and expenses of counsel) incurred by it in connection with such Sale from the proceeds thereof notwithstanding the provisions of <u>Section 6.7</u> or other applicable terms hereof.
- (a) The Trustee may bid for and acquire any portion of the Assets in connection with a public Sale thereof, and may pay all or part of the purchase price by crediting against amounts owing on the Secured Notes or other amounts secured by the Assets or other amounts secured by the Assets, all or part of the net proceeds of such Sale after deducting the reasonable costs, charges and expenses (including but not limited to costs and expenses of counsel) incurred by the Trustee in connection with such Sale notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6.7 hereof or other applicable terms hereof. The Secured Notes need not be produced in order to complete any such Sale, or in order for the net proceeds of such Sale to be credited against amounts owing on the Notes. The Trustee may hold, lease, operate, manage or otherwise deal with any property so acquired in any manner permitted by law in accordance with this Indenture.
- (b) If any portion of the Assets consists of securities issued without registration under the Securities Act ("<u>Unregistered Securities</u>"), the Trustee may seek an Opinion of Counsel, or, if no such Opinion of Counsel can be obtained and with the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class, seek a no action position from the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other relevant federal or State regulatory authorities, regarding the legality of a public or private Sale of such Unregistered Securities.
- (c) The Trustee shall execute and deliver an appropriate instrument of conveyance transferring its interest in any portion of the Assets in connection with a Sale thereof, without recourse, representation or warranty. In addition, the Trustee is hereby irrevocably appointed the agent and attorney in fact of the Issuer to transfer and convey its interest in any portion of the Assets in connection with a Sale thereof, and to take all action necessary to effect such Sale. No purchaser or transferee at such a sale shall be bound to ascertain the Trustee's

authority, to inquire into the satisfaction of any conditions precedent or see to the application of any Monies.

Section 1.18 <u>Action on the Notes</u>. The Trustee's right to seek and recover judgment on the Notes or under this Indenture shall not be affected by the seeking or obtaining of or application for any other relief under or with respect to this Indenture. Neither the lien of this Indenture nor any rights or remedies of the Trustee or the Holders shall be impaired by the recovery of any judgment by the Trustee against the Issuer or by the levy of any execution under such judgment upon any portion of the Assets or upon any of the assets of the Issuer.

ARTICLE VI

THE TRUSTEE

Section 1.1 <u>Certain Duties and Responsibilities</u>. (a) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default known to the Trustee:

- (i) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth herein, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
- (ii) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; <u>provided</u> that in the case of any such certificates or opinions which by any provision hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall be under a duty to examine the same to determine whether or not they substantially conform on their face to the requirements of this Indenture and shall promptly, but in any event within three Business Days in the case of an Officer's certificate furnished by the Collateral Manager, notify the party delivering the same if such certificate or opinion does not conform. If a corrected form shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 15 days after such notice from the Trustee, the Trustee shall so notify the Holders.
- (a) In case an Event of Default known to the Trustee has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall, prior to the receipt of directions, if any, from a Majority of the Controlling Class, or such other percentage as permitted by this Indenture, exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.
- (b) No provision of this Indenture shall be construed to relieve the Trustee from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:
 - (i) this sub-section shall not be construed to limit the effect of sub-section (a) of this Section 6.1;
 - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Trust Officer, unless it shall be proven that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;

- (iii) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager in accordance with this Indenture and/or a Majority (or such other percentage as may be required by the terms hereof) of the Controlling Class (or other Class if required or permitted by the terms hereof), relating to the time, method and place of conducting any Proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture;
- (iv) no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial or other liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers contemplated hereunder, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity satisfactory to it against such risk or liability is not reasonably assured to it unless such risk or liability relates to the performance of its ordinary services, including mailing of notices under this Indenture; and
- (v) in no event shall the Trustee be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage (including lost profits) even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such damages and regardless of such action.
- (c) For all purposes under this Indenture, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any Default or Event of Default described in Sections 5.1(c), (d), (e), (f) or (g) unless a Trust Officer assigned to and working in the Corporate Trust Office has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such an Event of Default or Default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office, and such notice references the Notes generally, the Issuer or this Indenture. For purposes of determining the Trustee's responsibility and liability hereunder, whenever reference is made herein to such an Event of Default or a Default, such reference shall be construed to refer only to such an Event of Default or Default of which the Trustee is deemed to have notice as described in this Section 6.1.
- (d) Upon the Trust Officer receiving written notice from the Collateral Manager stating that an event constituting "Cause" as defined in the Collateral Management Agreement has occurred, the Trustee shall, not later than five Business Days thereafter, forward such notice to the Holders (as their names appear in the Note Register).
- (e) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 6.1.
- (f) The Trustee shall, upon reasonable (but no less than three Business Days') prior written notice to the Trustee, permit any representative of a Holder of Notes, during the Trustee's normal business hours, to examine all books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Trustee (other than items protected by attorney-client privilege or in violation of any confidentiality provisions contained therein) relating to the Notes, to make copies and extracts therefrom (the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in making any such copies or extracts to be reimbursed to the Trustee by such Holder) and to discuss the Trustee's actions, as such actions relate to the Trustee's duties with respect to the Notes, with the Trust Officers and employees responsible for carrying out the Trustee's duties with respect to the Notes.
- Section 1.2 <u>Notice of Event of Default.</u> Promptly (and in no event later than three Business Days) after the occurrence of any Event of Default actually known to a Trust Officer of the Trustee or after any declaration of acceleration has been made or delivered to the Trustee pursuant to <u>Section 5.2</u>, the Trustee shall provide written notice to the Collateral Manager, S&P, the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (for so long as any Notes are listed on the

Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require) and all Holders (as their names and addresses appear in the Note Register), of all Event of Defaults hereunder known to the Trustee, unless such Event of Default shall have been cured or waived.

Section 1.3 Certain Rights of Trustee. Except as otherwise provided in Section 6.1:

- (a) the Trustee may conclusively rely and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, note or other paper, electronic communication or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties; provided that any electronically signed document delivered via electronic mail or other transmission method from a person purporting to be an Officer shall be considered signed or executed by such Officer on behalf of the applicable Person, and the Trustee shall have no duty to inquire into or investigate the authenticity or authorization of any such electronic signature and shall be entitled to conclusively rely on any such electronic signature without any liability with respect thereto;
- (b) any request or direction of the Issuer mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by an Issuer Request or Issuer Order, as the case may be;
- (c) whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall (i) deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee (unless other evidence be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely upon an Officer's certificate or Issuer Order or (ii) be required to determine the value of any Assets or funds hereunder or the cash flows projected to be received therefrom, the Trustee may, in the absence of bad faith on its part, rely on reports of nationally recognized accountants (which may or may not be the Independent accountants appointed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.11 hereunder), investment bankers or other Persons qualified to provide the information required to make such determination, including nationally recognized dealers in Assets of the type being valued, securities quotation services, loan pricing services and loan valuation agents;
- (d) as a condition to the taking or omitting of any action by it hereunder, the Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon;
- (e) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise or to honor any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders pursuant to this Indenture, unless such Holders shall have provided to the Trustee security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) and liabilities which might reasonably be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;
- (f) the Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, note or other paper, electronic communication or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may, and upon the written direction of a Majority of the Controlling Class or of S&P shall (subject to the right hereunder to be reasonably satisfactorily indemnified for associated expense and liability), make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit or as it shall be directed, and the Trustee shall be entitled, on reasonable prior notice to the Issuer and the Collateral Manager, to examine the books and records relating to the Notes and the Assets, personally or by agent or attorney, during the

Issuer's or the Collateral Manager's normal business hours; <u>provided</u> that the Trustee shall, and shall cause its agents to, hold in confidence all such information, except (i) to the extent disclosure may be required by law by any regulatory, administrative or Governmental Authority and (ii) to the extent that the Trustee, in its sole discretion, may determine that such disclosure is consistent with its obligations hereunder; <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that the Trustee may disclose on a confidential basis any such information to its agents, attorneys and auditors in connection with the performance of its responsibilities hereunder;

- (g) the Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys; <u>provided</u> that the Trustee shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent appointed or attorney appointed, with due care by it hereunder;
- (h) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it reasonably believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers hereunder, including actions or omissions to act at the direction of the Collateral Manager;
- (i) nothing herein shall be construed to impose an obligation on the part of the Trustee to monitor, recalculate, evaluate or verify or independently determine the accuracy of any report, certificate or information received from the Issuer or Collateral Manager (unless and except to the extent otherwise expressly set forth herein);
- (j) to the extent any defined term hereunder, or any calculation required to be made or determined by the Trustee hereunder, is dependent upon or defined by reference to generally accepted accounting principles (as in effect in the United States) ("GAAP"), the Trustee shall be entitled to request and receive (and rely upon) instruction from the Issuer or the accountants identified in the Accountants' Report (and in the absence of its receipt of timely instruction therefrom, which may or may not be the Independent accountants appointed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.11 hereunder, shall be entitled to obtain from an Independent accountant at the expense of the Issuer) as to the application of GAAP in such connection, in any instance;
- (k) the Trustee shall not be liable for the actions or omissions of, or any inaccuracies in the records of, the Collateral Manager, the Issuer any Paying Agent (other than the Trustee), DTC, Euroclear, Clearstream, or any other clearing agency or depository or for the actions or omissions of any such Person (including compliance with Rule 17g-5 requirements in accordance with Section 14.16 hereunder) and without limiting the foregoing, the Trustee shall not be under any obligation to monitor, evaluate or verify compliance by the Collateral Manager with the terms hereof or of the Collateral Management Agreement, or to verify or independently determine the accuracy of information received by the Trustee from the Collateral Manager (or from any selling institution, agent bank, trustee or similar source) with respect to the Assets;
- (l) notwithstanding any term hereof (or any term of the UCC that might otherwise be construed to be applicable to a "securities intermediary" as defined in the UCC) to the contrary, none of the Trustee, the Custodian or the Securities Intermediary shall be under a duty or obligation in connection with the acquisition or Grant by the Issuer to the Trustee of any item constituting the Assets, or to evaluate the sufficiency of the documents or instruments delivered to it by or on behalf of the Issuer in connection with its Grant or otherwise, or in that regard to examine any Underlying Document, in each case, in order to determine compliance with applicable requirements of and restrictions on transfer in respect of such Assets;
- (m) in the event the Bank (in its individual capacity or as Trustee), U.S. Bank National Association or any Affiliate is also acting in the capacity of Paying Agent, Note Registrar, Transfer Agent, Custodian, Calculation Agent, Authenticating Agent, or Securities

Intermediary, the rights, protections, benefits, immunities and indemnities afforded to the Trustee pursuant to this <u>Article VI</u> shall also be afforded to the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association or such other Affiliate acting in such capacities; <u>provided</u> that such rights, protections, benefits, immunities and indemnities shall be in addition to any rights, immunities and indemnities provided in the Securities Account Control Agreement or any other documents to which the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association or such other Affiliate in such capacity is a party; <u>provided, however</u>, that the foregoing shall not be construed to impose upon the Paying Agent, Note Registrar, Transfer Agent, Custodian, Calculation Agent, Authenticating Agent, or Securities Intermediary any of the duties or standard of care (including, without limitation, any duties of a prudent person) of the Trustee;

- (n) any permissive right of the Trustee to take or refrain from taking actions enumerated in this Indenture shall not be construed as a duty;
 - (o) the Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the execution of this Indenture or otherwise;
- (p) the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any matter unless a Trust Officer has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice thereof is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office and such notice references the Notes generally, the Issuer or this Indenture. Whenever reference is made herein to a Default or an Event of Default such reference shall, insofar as determining any liability on the part of the Trustee is concerned, be construed to refer only to a Default or an Event of Default of which the Trustee is deemed to have knowledge in accordance with this paragraph;
- (q) the Trustee shall not be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from circumstances beyond its control (such circumstances include but are not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communication services);
- (r) to help fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, the Trustee will obtain, verify, and record information that identifies individuals or entities that establish a relationship or open an account with the Trustee. The Trustee will ask for the name, address, tax identification number and other information that will allow the Trustee to identify the individual or entity who is establishing the relationship or opening the account. The Trustee may also ask for formation documents such as organizational documents, an offering memorandum, or other identifying documents to be provided;
- (s) in making or disposing of any investment permitted by this Indenture, the Trustee is authorized to deal with itself (in its individual capacity) or with any one or more of its Affiliates, in each case on an arm's-length basis, whether it or such Affiliate is acting as a subagent of the Trustee or for any third party or dealing as principal for its own account. If otherwise qualified, obligations of the Bank or any of its Affiliates shall qualify as Eligible Investments hereunder;
- (t) the Trustee or its Affiliates are permitted to receive additional compensation that could be deemed to be in the Trustee's economic self-interest for (i) serving as investment adviser, administrator, shareholder, servicing agent, custodian or subcustodian with respect to certain of the Eligible Investments, (ii) using Affiliates to effect transactions in certain Eligible Investments and (iii) effecting transactions in certain Eligible Investments. Such compensation is not payable or reimbursable under Section 6.7 of this Indenture;
- $(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any supplemental indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any supplemental indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any supplemental indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any supplemental indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording, filing, or depositing of this Indenture or any supplemental indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording indenture or any financing statement or <math display="block">(u) \qquad \text{the Trustee shall have no duty (i) to see to any recording indenture or any financing statement of the second statement of$

continuation statement evidencing a security interest, or to see to the maintenance of any such recording, filing or depositing or to any rerecording, refiling or redepositing of any thereof or (ii) to maintain any insurance;

- (v) neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Administrator shall be responsible for determining (i) if a Collateral Obligation meets the criteria or eligibility restrictions imposed by this Indenture or (ii) if the Collateral Manager has not provided it with the information necessary for making such determination whether the conditions specified in the definition of "Deliver," "Delivered," or "Delivery" have been complied with;
- (w) the Collateral Administrator shall have the same rights, privileges and indemnities afforded to the Trustee in this Article VI; provided, that such rights, protections, benefits, immunities and indemnities shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, any rights, protections, benefits, immunities and indemnities provided in the Collateral Administration Agreement; provided, however, that the foregoing shall not be construed to impose upon the Collateral Administrator any of the duties or standard of care (including, without limitation, any duties of a prudent person) of the Trustee;
- (x) the Trustee is hereby authorized and directed by the Issuer to execute the EU/UK Retention Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Trustee has no responsibility for the contents of the EU/UK Retention Agreement or its sufficiency for any purpose. Nothing herein shall be construed to impose any liability or obligation on the part of the Trustee to monitor compliance by any person with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules or the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements, nor will the Trustee be deemed to have any knowledge of any failure to comply with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules or the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements unless a Trust Officer has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such failure to comply with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules or the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements is received by a Trust Officer of the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office, and such notice references this Indenture;
 - (y) [reserved]; and
- (z) the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator shall be entitled to conclusively rely on the Collateral Manager with respect to whether or not a Collateral Obligation meets the criteria specified in the definition thereof and for the characterization, classification, designation or categorization of each Collateral Obligation to the extent such characterization, classification, designation or categorization is subjective or judgmental in nature or based on information not readily available to the Trustee and Collateral Administrator.
- Section 1.4 <u>Not Responsible for Recitals or Issuance of Notes</u>. The recitals contained herein and in the Notes, other than the Certificate of Authentication thereon, shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer; and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or sufficiency of this Indenture (except as may be made with respect to the validity of the Trustee's obligations hereunder), the Assets or the Notes. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Issuer of the Notes or the proceeds thereof or any Money paid to the Issuer pursuant to the provisions hereof.
- Section 1.5 <u>May Hold Notes</u>. The Trustee, any Paying Agent, Note Registrar or any other agent of the Issuer, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and/or additional Notes issued pursuant to <u>Sections 2.13</u> and <u>3.2</u>, if any, and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or any of their Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee, Paying Agent, Note Registrar or such other agent.

Section 1.6 <u>Money Held for the Benefit of the Secured Holders</u>. Money held by the Trustee hereunder shall be held for the benefit of the Secured Holders to the extent required herein. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on any Money received by it hereunder except to the extent of income or other gain on investments which are deposits in or certificates of deposit of the Bank in its commercial capacity and income or other gain actually received by the Trustee on Eligible Investments.

Section 1.7 <u>Compensation and Reimbursement</u>. (a) The Issuer agrees:

- (i) to pay the Trustee (and the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and any Affiliate thereof in each of their other capacities under the Transaction Documents) on each Payment Date reasonable compensation, as set forth in a separate fee schedule, for all services rendered by it hereunder (which compensation shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust);
- (ii) except as otherwise expressly provided herein, to reimburse the Trustee (and the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and any Affiliate thereof in each of their other capacities under the Transaction Documents) in a timely manner upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee, the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association or any Affiliate in each of their other capacities under the Transaction Documents in accordance with any provision of this Indenture or other Transaction Document (including, without limitation, securities transaction charges and the reasonable compensation and expenses and disbursements of its agents and legal counsel and of any accounting firm or investment banking firm employed by the Trustee pursuant to Section 5.4, 5.5, 6.3(c) or 10.8, except any such expense, disbursement or advance as may be attributable to its negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith) but with respect to securities transaction charges, only to the extent any such charges have not been waived during a Collection Period due to the Trustee's receipt of a payment from a financial institution with respect to certain Eligible Investments, as specified by the Collateral Manager;
- (iii) to indemnify the Trustee, the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and any Affiliate thereof in each of their other capacities under the Transaction Documents and their respective officers, directors, employees and agents for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) incurred without negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on their part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this Indenture or the performance of its duties hereunder or the any of the other Transaction Documents, including the costs and expenses of defending themselves (including reasonable attorneys' fees and costs) against any claim or liability whether brought by or involving any party to the Transaction Documents or any third party in connection with the administration exercise or performance of any of their powers or duties hereunder and under any other agreement or instrument related hereto or the enforcement of any provision under any Transaction Document; and
- (iv) to pay the Trustee reasonable additional compensation together with its expenses (including reasonable counsel fees) for any collection or enforcement action taken pursuant to <u>Section 6.13</u> or <u>Article V</u>, respectively.
- (a) The Trustee shall receive amounts pursuant to this <u>Section 6.7</u> and any other amounts payable to it under this Indenture or in any of the Transaction Documents to which the Trustee is a party only as provided in <u>Sections 11.1(a)(i)</u>, (ii) and (iii) but only to the extent that funds are available for the payment thereof. Subject to <u>Section 6.9</u>, the Trustee shall continue to serve as Trustee under this Indenture notwithstanding the fact that the Trustee shall

not have received amounts due it hereunder; <u>provided</u> that nothing herein shall impair or affect the Trustee's rights under <u>Section 6.9</u>. No direction by the Holders shall affect the right of the Trustee to collect amounts owed to it under this Indenture. If, on any date when a fee or an expense shall be payable to the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture, insufficient funds are available for the payment thereof, any portion of a fee or an expense not so paid shall be deferred and payable on such later date on which a fee or an expense shall be payable and sufficient funds are available therefor.

- (b) The Trustee hereby agrees not to cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer for the non-payment to the Trustee of any amounts provided by this <u>Section 6.7</u> until at least one year and one day, or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day, after the payment in full of all Notes issued under this Indenture.
- (c) The Issuer's payment obligations to the Trustee under this <u>Section 6.7</u> shall be secured by the lien of this Indenture payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and shall survive the discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.
- Section 1.8 <u>Corporate Trustee Required; Eligibility.</u> There shall at all times be a Trustee hereunder which shall be an Independent organization or entity organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or of any state thereof, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, having a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000, subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority, having a long term issuer rating of at least "BBB+" by S&P and having an office within the United States, and who makes the representations contained in <u>Section 6.17</u>. If such organization or entity publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this <u>Section 6.8</u>, the combined capital and surplus of such organization or entity shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent published report of condition. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 6.8</u>, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this <u>Article VI</u>.
- Section 1.9 Resignation and Removal; Appointment of Successor. (a) No resignation or removal of the Trustee and no appointment of a successor Trustee pursuant to this $\underline{\text{Article VI}}$ shall become effective until the acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee under $\underline{\text{Section 6.10}}$.
- (a) The Trustee may resign at any time by giving not less than 30 days' written notice thereof to the Issuer (and, subject to Section 14.3(c), the Issuer shall provide notice to S&P if S&P is still rating a Class of Secured Notes), the Collateral Manager and the Holders of the Notes. Upon receiving such notice of resignation, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor trustee or trustees satisfying the requirements of Section 6.8 by written instrument, in duplicate, executed by an Officer of the Issuer, one copy of which shall be delivered to the Trustee so resigning and one copy to the successor Trustee or Trustees, together with a copy to each Holder of the Secured Notes, each Holder of the Subordinated Notes and the Collateral Manager; provided that such successor Trustee shall be appointed only upon the Act of a Majority of the Notes of each Class (other than the Class X Notes), voting together or, at any time when an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, by an Act of a Majority of the Controlling Class. If no successor Trustee shall have been appointed and an instrument of acceptance by a successor Trustee shall not have been delivered to the Trustee within 60 days after the giving of such notice of resignation, the resigning Trustee or any Holder, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee satisfying the requirements of Section 6.8.

(b) The Trustee may be removed at any time upon 30 days' written notice by Act of a Majority of the Controlling Class, a Majority of the Subordinated Notes and a Majority of each other Class of Notes (other than the Class X Notes), voting together or, when an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing by an Act of a Majority of the Controlling Class, delivered to the Trustee and to the Issuer.

(c) If at any time:

- (i) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under <u>Section 6.8</u> and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Issuer or by any Holder; or
- (ii) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged as bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver or liquidator of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed or any public officer shall take charge or control of the Trustee or of its property or affairs for the purpose of rehabilitation, conservation or liquidation;

then, in any such case (subject to <u>Section 6.9(a)</u>), (A) the Issuer, by Issuer Order, may remove the Trustee, or (B) subject to <u>Section 5.15</u>, any Holder may, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee.

- (d) If the Trustee shall resign, be removed or become incapable of acting, or if a vacancy shall occur in the office of the Trustee for any reason (other than resignation), the Issuer, by Issuer Order, shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. If the Issuer shall fail to appoint a successor Trustee within 60 days after such resignation, removal or incapability or the occurrence of such vacancy, a successor Trustee may be appointed by a Majority of the Controlling Class by written instrument delivered to the Issuer and the retiring Trustee. The successor Trustee so appointed shall, forthwith upon its acceptance of such appointment, become the successor Trustee and supersede any successor Trustee proposed by the Issuer. If no successor Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Issuer or a Majority of the Controlling Class and shall have accepted appointment in the manner hereinafter provided, subject to Section 5.15, the Trustee or any Holder may, on behalf of itself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.
- (e) The Issuer shall give prompt notice of each resignation and removal of the Trustee and each appointment of a successor Trustee by providing notice of such event to the Collateral Manager, S&P and the Holders of the Notes (as their names and addresses appear in the Note Register). Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee and the address of its Corporate Trust Office. If the Issuer fails to provide such notice within ten days after acceptance of appointment by the successor Trustee, the successor Trustee shall cause such notice to be given at the expense of the Issuer.
- (f) Any resignation or removal of the Trustee under this <u>Section 6.9</u> shall be an effective resignation or removal of the Bank, U.S. Bank National Association and any Affiliate thereof in each of their other capacities under this Indenture and as Collateral Administrator under the Collateral Administration Agreement and in any other applicable capacity under the Transaction Documents.
- Section 1.10 <u>Acceptance of Appointment by Successor</u>. Every successor Trustee appointed hereunder shall meet the requirements of <u>Section 6.8</u>, shall make the representations and warranties contained in <u>Section 6.17</u>, and shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer and the retiring Trustee an instrument accepting such appointment. In addition, so long as the entity serving as the retiring Trustee is the same institution as the Collateral Administrator, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Issuer, the successor and

the retiring institutions, such successor Trustee shall automatically become, and hereby so agrees to be, the Collateral Administrator pursuant to Section 7(f) of the Collateral Administration Agreement and shall assume the duties of the Collateral Administrator under the terms and conditions of the Collateral Administrator Agreement in its acceptance of appointment as successor Trustee until such time, if any, as it is replaced as Collateral Administrator by the Issuer pursuant to the Collateral Administration Agreement. Upon delivery of the required instruments, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective and such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts, duties and obligations of the retiring Trustee; but, on request of the Issuer or a Majority of any Class of Notes or the successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall, upon payment of its charges then unpaid, execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee or successor Collateral Administrator, as applicable, all the rights, powers and trusts of the retiring Trustee, and shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and Money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder. Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Issuer shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts.

Section 1.11 Merger, Conversion, Consolidation or Succession to Business of Trustee. Any organization or entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any organization or entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any organization or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder; provided that such organization or entity shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article VI, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto. In case any of the Notes has been authenticated, but not delivered, by the Trustee then in office, any successor by merger, conversion or consolidation to such authenticating Trustee may adopt such authentication and deliver the Notes so authenticated with the same effect as if such successor Trustee had itself authenticated such Notes.

Section 1.12 <u>Co-Trustees</u>. At any time or times, for the purpose of meeting the legal requirements of any jurisdiction in which any part of the Assets may at the time be located, the Issuer and the Trustee shall have power to appoint one or more Persons to act as co-trustee (with notice to S&P), jointly with the Trustee, of all or any part of the Assets, with the power to file such proofs of claim and take such other actions pursuant to <u>Section 5.6</u> herein and to make such claims and enforce such rights of action on behalf of the Holders, as such Holders themselves may have the right to do, subject to the other provisions of this <u>Section 6.12</u>.

The Issuer shall join with the Trustee in the execution, delivery and performance of all instruments and agreements necessary or proper to appoint a co-trustee. If the Issuer does not join in such appointment within 15 days after the receipt by them of a request to do so, the Trustee shall have the power to make such appointment.

Should any written instrument from the Issuer be required by any co-trustee so appointed, more fully confirming to such co-trustee such property, title, right or power, any and all such instruments shall, on request, be executed, acknowledged and delivered by the Issuer. The Issuer agrees to pay, to the extent funds are available therefor under Section 11.1(a)(i)(A), for any reasonable fees and expenses in connection with such appointment.

Every co-trustee shall, to the extent permitted by law, but to such extent only, be appointed subject to the following terms:

(a) the Notes shall be authenticated and delivered and all rights, powers, duties and obligations hereunder in respect of the custody of securities, Cash and other personal

property held by, or required to be deposited or pledged with, the Trustee hereunder, shall be exercised solely by the Trustee;

- (b) the rights, powers, duties and obligations hereby conferred or imposed upon the Trustee in respect of any property covered by the appointment of a co-trustee shall be conferred or imposed upon and exercised or performed by the Trustee or by the Trustee and such co-trustee jointly as shall be provided in the instrument appointing such co-trustee;
- (c) the Trustee at any time, by an instrument in writing executed by it, with the concurrence of the Issuer evidenced by an Issuer Order, may accept the resignation of or remove any co-trustee appointed under this <u>Section 6.12</u>, and in case an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall have the power to accept the resignation of, or remove, any such co-trustee without the concurrence of the Issuer. A successor to any co-trustee so resigned or removed may be appointed in the manner provided in this <u>Section 6.12</u>;
 - (d) no co-trustee hereunder shall be personally liable by reason of any act or omission of the Trustee hereunder;
 - (e) the Trustee shall not be liable by reason of any act or omission of a co-trustee; and
 - (f) any Act of the Holders delivered to the Trustee shall be deemed to have been delivered to each co-trustee.

Section 1.13 Certain Duties of Trustee Related to Delayed Payment of Proceeds. If the Trustee shall not have received a payment with respect to any Asset on its Due Date, (a) the Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Collateral Manager in writing and (b) unless within three Business Days (or the end of the applicable grace period for such payment, if any) after such notice (x) such payment shall have been received by the Trustee or (y) the Issuer, in its absolute discretion (but only to the extent permitted by Section 10.2(a)), shall have made provision for such payment satisfactory to the Trustee in accordance with Section 10.2(a), the Trustee shall, not later than the Business Day immediately following the last day of such period and in any case upon request by the Collateral Manager, request the issuer of such Asset, the trustee under the related Underlying Document or a paying agent designated by either of them, as the case may be, to make such payment not later than three Business Days after the date of such request. If such payment is not made within such time period, the Trustee, subject to the provisions of clause (iv) of Section 6.1(c), shall take such action as the Collateral Manager shall direct. Any such action shall be without prejudice to any right to claim a Default or Event of Default under this Indenture. If the Issuer or the Collateral Manager requests a release of an Asset under this Indenture, such release shall be subject to Section 10.10 of this Indenture. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Trustee shall deliver to the Issuer or its designee any payment with respect to any Asset received after the Due Date thereof to the extent the Issuer previously made provisions for such payment satisfactory to the Trustee in accordance with this Section 6.13 and such payment shall not be deemed part of the Assets.

Reasonably promptly after receipt thereof, the Trustee will notify and provide to the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer a copy of any documents, financial reports, legal opinions or any other information including, without limitation, any notices, reports, requests for waiver, consent requests or any other requests or communications relating to the Assets or any Obligor or to actions affecting the Assets or any Obligor. Upon reasonable request by the Collateral Manager or the Collateral Administrator, the Trustee further agrees to provide to the Collateral Manager from time to time, on a timely basis, any information in its possession relating to the Collateral Obligations, the Equity Securities and the Eligible Investments as

requested so as to enable the Collateral Manager to perform its duties hereunder, under the Collateral Administration Agreement or under the Collateral Management Agreement.

Section 1.14 <u>Authenticating Agents</u>. Upon the request of the Issuer, the Trustee shall, and if the Trustee so chooses the Trustee may, appoint one or more Authenticating Agents with power to act on its behalf and subject to its direction in the authentication of Notes in connection with issuance, transfers and exchanges under <u>Sections 2.4, 2.5, 2.6</u> and <u>8.5</u>, as fully to all intents and purposes as though each such Authenticating Agent had been expressly authorized by such Sections to authenticate such Notes. For all purposes of this Indenture, the authentication of Notes by an Authenticating Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 6.14</u> shall be deemed to be the authentication of Notes by the Trustee.

Any Person into which any Authenticating Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, consolidation or conversion to which any Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to the corporate trust business of any Authenticating Agent, shall be the successor of such Authenticating Agent hereunder, without the execution or filing of any further act on the part of the parties hereto or such Authenticating Agent or such successor Person.

Any Authenticating Agent may at any time resign by giving written notice of resignation to the Trustee and the Issuer. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of any Authenticating Agent by giving written notice of termination to such Authenticating Agent and the Issuer. Upon receiving such notice of resignation or upon such a termination, the Trustee shall, upon the written request of the Issuer, promptly appoint a successor Authenticating Agent and shall give written notice of such appointment to the Issuer.

Unless the Authenticating Agent is also the same entity as the Trustee, the Issuer agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services, and reimbursement for its reasonable expenses relating thereto as an Administrative Expense. The provisions of <u>Sections 2.8</u>, <u>6.4</u> and <u>6.5</u> shall be applicable to any Authenticating Agent.

Section 1.15 Withholding. If any withholding tax is imposed by applicable law on the Issuer's payment (or allocations of income) under the Notes, such tax shall reduce the amount otherwise distributable to the relevant Holder. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to retain from amounts otherwise distributable to any Holder sufficient funds for the payment of any tax that is legally owed or required to be withheld by the Issuer or may be withheld because of a failure by a Holder to provide any information required under Sections 1441, 1442, 1445, 1446 and 1471-1474 of the Code or any other provisions of any applicable law and to timely remit such amounts to the appropriate taxing authority. Such authorization shall not prevent the Trustee from contesting any such tax in appropriate proceedings and withholding payment of such tax, if permitted by law, pending the outcome of such proceedings. The amount of any withholding tax imposed with respect to any Notes shall be treated as Cash distributed to the relevant Holder at the time it is withheld by the Trustee. If there is a possibility that withholding tax is payable with respect to a distribution, the Paying Agent or the Trustee may, in its sole discretion, withhold such amounts in accordance with this Section 6.15. If any Holder or beneficial owner wishes to apply for a refund of any such withholding tax, the Trustee shall reasonably cooperate with such Person in providing readily available information so long as such Person agrees to reimburse the Trustee for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred. Nothing herein shall impose an obligation on the part of the Trustee to determine the amount of any tax or withholding obligation on the part of the Issuer or in respect of the Notes.

- Section 1.16 Representative for Holders Only; Agent for each other Secured Party. With respect to the security interest created hereunder, the delivery of any item of Asset to the Trustee is to the Trustee as representative of the Holders and agent for each other Secured Party. In furtherance of the foregoing, the possession by the Trustee of any Asset, and the endorsement to or registration in the name of the Trustee of any Asset (including without limitation as entitlement holder of the Custodial Account) are all undertaken by the Trustee in its capacity as representative of the Holders, and agent for each other Secured Party.
- Section 1.17 <u>Representations and Warranties of the Bank</u>. The Bank hereby represents and warrants as follows, in its individual capacity and in its capacities as described below (and any Person that becomes a successor Trustee pursuant to <u>Sections 6.9, 6.10</u>, or <u>6.11</u>, or a co-trustee pursuant to <u>Section 6.12</u>, represents and warrants as follows in its individual capacity and in its capacity as Trustee where applicable):
- (a) <u>Organization</u>. The Bank has been duly organized and is validly existing as a national banking association with trust powers under the laws of the United States and has the power to conduct its business and affairs as a trustee, paying agent, registrar, transfer agent, custodian and calculation agent.
- (b) <u>Authorization</u>; <u>Binding Obligations</u>. The Bank has the corporate power and authority to perform the duties and obligations of Trustee, Paying Agent, Note Registrar, Transfer Agent and Calculation Agent under this Indenture. The Bank has taken all necessary corporate action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Indenture, and all of the documents required to be executed by the Bank pursuant hereto. This Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Bank and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Bank enforceable in accordance with its terms subject, as to enforcement, (i) to the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights as such laws would apply in the event of any bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency or similar event applicable to the Bank and (ii) to general equitable principles (whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity).
 - (c) Eligibility. The Bank is eligible under Section 6.8 to serve as Trustee hereunder.
- (d) No Conflict. Neither the execution, delivery and performance of this Indenture, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Indenture, (i) is prohibited by, or requires the Bank to obtain any consent, authorization, approval or registration under, any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, injunction or decree that is binding upon the Bank or any of its properties or assets, or (ii) will violate any provision of, result in any default or acceleration of any obligations under, result in the creation or imposition of any lien pursuant to, or require any consent under, any material agreement to which the Bank is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

ARTICLE VII

COVENANTS

Section 1.1 <u>Payment of Principal and Interest</u>. The Issuer will duly and punctually pay the principal of and interest on the Secured Notes, in accordance with the terms of such Secured Notes and this Indenture pursuant to the Priority of Payments. The Issuer will, to the extent funds are available pursuant to the Priority of Payments, duly and punctually pay all required distributions on the Subordinated Notes, in accordance with the Subordinated Notes and this Indenture.

Amounts properly withheld under the Code or other applicable law by any Person from a payment under any Notes shall be considered as having been paid by the Issuer to the relevant Holder for all purposes of this Indenture.

Section 1.2 <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>. The Issuer hereby appoints the Trustee as a Paying Agent for payments on the Notes. Notes may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee or its agent designated for purposes of surrender, transfer or exchange. The Issuer hereby appoints Corporation Service Company, 19 West 44th Street, Suite 200, New York, New York 10036, as agent upon whom process or demands may be served in any action arising out of or based on this Indenture or the transactions contemplated hereby.

The Issuer may at any time and from time to time vary or terminate the appointment of any such agent or appoint any additional agents for any or all of such purposes; provided, however, that the Issuer shall maintain in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, an office or agency where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of such Notes and this Indenture may be served and, subject to any laws or regulations applicable thereto, an office or agency outside of the United States where Notes may be presented and surrendered for payment; provided, further, that no paying agent shall be appointed in a jurisdiction which would cause payments on the Notes to be subject to aggregate withholding tax in excess of any withholding tax that was imposed on such payments immediately before the appointment. The Issuer shall at all times cause a duplicate copy of the Note Register to be maintained at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee. The Issuer shall give written notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Trustee, the Holders, and S&P of the appointment or termination of any such agent and of the location and any change in the location of any such office or agency.

If at any time the Issuer shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, or outside the United States, or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, presentations and surrenders may be made (subject to the limitations described in the preceding paragraph) at, notices and demands may be served on the Issuer, and Notes may be presented and surrendered for payment to the appropriate Paying Agent at its main office, and the Issuer hereby appoints the same as their agent to receive such respective presentations, surrenders, notices and demands.

Section 1.3 <u>Money for Note Payments to be Held for the Benefit of the Holders</u>. All payments of amounts due and payable with respect to any Notes that are to be made from amounts withdrawn from the Payment Account shall be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Trustee or a Paying Agent with respect to payments or distributions on the Notes.

When the Issuer shall have a Paying Agent that is not also the Note Registrar, they shall furnish, or cause the Note Registrar to furnish, as applicable, no later than the fifth calendar day after each Record Date a list, if necessary, in such form as such Paying Agent may reasonably request, of the names and addresses of the Holders and of the certificate numbers of individual Notes (or loan notes, as applicable) held by each such Holder.

Whenever the Issuer shall have a Paying Agent other than the Trustee, the Issuer shall, on or before the Business Day next preceding each Payment Date and on any Redemption Date, as the case may be, direct the Trustee to deposit on such Payment Date or such Redemption Date, as the case may be, with such Paying Agent, if necessary, an aggregate sum sufficient to pay the amounts then becoming due (to the extent funds are then available for such purpose in the Payment Account), such sum to be held for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee) the Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure so to act. Any Monies deposited with a Paying Agent (other than the Trustee) in

excess of an amount sufficient to pay the amounts then becoming due on the Notes with respect to which such deposit was made shall be paid over by such Paying Agent to the Trustee for application in accordance with <u>Article XI</u>.

The initial Paying Agent shall be as set forth in <u>Section 7.2</u>. Any additional or successor Paying Agents shall be appointed by Issuer Order with written notice thereof to the Trustee; <u>provided</u> that so long as the Notes of any Class is rated by S&P with respect to any additional or successor Paying Agent, either (i) such Paying Agent has a long-term issuer rating of "A+" or higher by S&P or a short-term issuer rating of "A-1" by S&P or (ii) notice shall have been provided to S&P. If such successor Paying Agent ceases to have the ratings described in the immediately preceding sentence, the Issuer shall promptly remove such Paying Agent and appoint a successor Paying Agent. The Issuer shall not appoint any Paying Agent that is not, at the time of such appointment, a depository institution or trust company subject to supervision and examination by federal and/or state banking authorities. The Issuer shall cause each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee and if the Trustee acts as Paying Agent, it hereby so agrees, subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 7.3</u>, that such Paying Agent will:

- (a) allocate all sums received for payment to the Holders of Notes for which it acts as Paying Agent on each Payment Date and any Redemption Date among such Persons in the proportion specified in the applicable Distribution Report to the extent permitted by applicable law;
- (b) hold all sums held by it for the payment of amounts due with respect to the Notes for the benefit of the Persons entitled thereto until such sums shall be paid to such Persons or otherwise disposed of as herein provided and pay such sums to such Persons as herein provided;
- (c) if such Paying Agent is not the Trustee, immediately resign as a Paying Agent and forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums held by it in trust for the payment of Notes if at any time it ceases to meet the standards set forth above required to be met by a Paying Agent at the time of its appointment;
- (d) if such Paying Agent is not the Trustee, immediately give the Trustee notice of any default by the Issuer in the making of any payment required to be made; and
- (e) if such Paying Agent is not the Trustee, during the continuance of any such default, upon the written request of the Trustee, forthwith pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent.

The Issuer may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture or for any other purpose, pay, or by Issuer Order direct any Paying Agent to pay, to the Trustee all sums held for the benefit of the Secured Parties by the Issuer or such Paying Agent, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same terms as those upon which such sums were held by the Issuer or such Paying Agent; and, upon such payment by any Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such Money.

Except as otherwise required by applicable law, any Money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent for any payment on any Notes and remaining unclaimed for two years after such amount has become due and payable shall be paid to the Issuer on Issuer Order; and the Holder of such Notes shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Issuer for payment of such amounts (but only to the extent of the amounts so paid to the Issuer) and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such deposited Money shall

thereupon cease. The Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such release of payment, may, but shall not be required to, adopt and employ, at the expense of the Issuer any reasonable means of notification of such release of payment, including, but not limited to, providing notice of such release to Holders whose Notes have been called but have not been surrendered for redemption or whose right to or interest in Monies due and payable but not claimed is determinable from the records of any Paying Agent, at the last address of record of each such Holder.

- Section 1.4 <u>Existence of the Issuer</u>. (a) The Issuer shall, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, maintain in full force and effect their existence and rights as companies formed or organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and shall obtain and preserve their qualification to do business as foreign corporations in each jurisdiction in which such qualifications are or shall be necessary to protect the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, the Notes or any of the Assets.
- (a) The Issuer shall ensure that all corporate or other formalities regarding its existence (including, to the extent required by applicable law, holding regular board of directors', members', partners' and shareholders' or other similar meetings) are followed. The Issuer shall not take any action, or conduct its affairs in a manner, that is likely to result in its separate existence being ignored or in its assets and liabilities being substantively consolidated with any other Person in a bankruptcy, reorganization or other insolvency proceeding. Without limiting the foregoing, (i) the Issuer shall not have any subsidiaries (except as permitted in this Indenture) and shall not permit to be enacted, or engage in, any division or plan of division under Delaware law (or any comparable event under a different jurisdiction's laws), (ii) the Issuer shall not (A) have any employees (other than its directors, members or managers, as applicable, to the extent any thereof is deemed to be an employee), (B) except as contemplated by the Collateral Management Agreement, the Certificate of Formation and Limited Liability Company Agreement, engage in any transaction with any shareholder or member, as applicable, that would constitute a conflict of interest or (C) pay dividends other than in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, the Certificate of Formation and Limited Liability Company Agreement and (iii) the Issuer shall (A) maintain books and records separate from any other Person, (B) maintain its accounts separate from those of any other Person, (C) not commingle its assets with those of any other Person, (D) conduct its own business in its own name, (E) maintain separate financial statements (if any), (F) pay its own liabilities out of its own funds, (G) maintain an arm's length relationship with its Affiliates, (H) use separate identity.
- Section 1.5 Protection of Assets. (a) The Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer will cause the taking of such action within the Collateral Manager's control as is reasonably necessary in order to maintain the perfection and priority of the security interest of the Trustee in the Assets; provided that the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to rely on any Opinion of Counsel delivered pursuant to Section 7.6 and any Opinion of Counsel with respect to the same subject matter delivered pursuant to Section 3.1(c) to determine what actions are reasonably necessary, and shall be fully protected in so relying on such an Opinion of Counsel, unless the Collateral Manager has actual knowledge that the procedures described in any such Opinion of Counsel are no longer adequate to maintain such perfection and priority. The Issuer shall from time to time execute and deliver all such supplements and amendments hereto and file or authorize the filing of all such Financing Statements, continuation statements, instruments of further assurance and other instruments, and shall take such other action as may be necessary or advisable or desirable to secure the rights and remedies of the Secured Parties hereunder and to:
 - (i) Grant more effectively all or any portion of the Assets;

- (ii) maintain, preserve and perfect any Grant made or to be made by this Indenture including, without limitation, the first priority nature of the lien or carry out more effectively the purposes hereof;
- (iii) perfect, publish notice of or protect the validity of any Grant made or to be made by this Indenture (including, without limitation, any and all actions necessary or desirable as a result of changes in law or regulations);
 - (iv) enforce any of the Assets or other instruments or property included in the Assets;
- (v) preserve and defend title to the Assets and the rights therein of the Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Assets against the claims of all Persons and parties; or
 - (vi) pay or cause to be paid any and all taxes levied or assessed upon all or any part of the Assets.

The Issuer hereby designates the Trustee as its agent and attorney in fact to file and hereby authorizes the filing of any Financing Statement, continuation statement and all other instruments, prepared and delivered to it, and take all other actions, required pursuant to this Section 7.5. Such designation shall not impose upon the Trustee, or release or diminish, the Issuer's and the Collateral Manager's obligations under this Section 7.5. The Issuer further authorizes and shall cause the Issuer's counsel to file without the Issuer's signature an initial Financing Statement on the Closing Date that names the Issuer as debtor and the Trustee, on behalf of the Secured Parties, as secured party and that describes "all personal property of the Debtor now owned or hereafter acquired" as the Assets in which the Trustee has a Grant.

- (a) The Trustee shall not, except in accordance with <u>Section 5.5</u> or <u>Section 10.10(a)</u>, (b) and (c) and Section 12.1, as applicable, permit the removal of any portion of the Assets or transfer any such Assets from the Account to which it is credited, or cause or permit any change in the Delivery made pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u> with respect to any Assets, if, after giving effect thereto, the jurisdiction governing the perfection of the Trustee's security interest in such Assets is different from the jurisdiction governing the perfection at the time of delivery of the most recent Opinion of Counsel pursuant to <u>Section 7.6</u> (or, if no Opinion of Counsel has yet been delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7.6</u>, the Opinion of Counsel delivered at the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(c)</u>) unless the Trustee shall have received an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the lien and security interest created by this Indenture with respect to such property and the priority thereof will continue to be maintained after giving effect to such action or actions.
- (b) The Issuer shall make an entry with respect to the security interest created under this Indenture in the register of mortgages and charges at the Issuer's registered office in Delaware.
- Section 1.6 Opinions as to Assets. On or before each five-year anniversary of the Closing Date, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee and S&P an Opinion of Counsel relating to the continued perfection of the security interest granted by the Issuer to the Trustee, stating that, as of the date of such opinion, the lien and security interest created by this Indenture with respect to the Assets remain perfected and that no further action (other than as specified in such opinion) needs to be taken to ensure the continued perfection of such lien over the next five years.

- Section 1.7 <u>Performance of Obligations</u>. (a) The Issuer, each as to itself, shall not take any action, and will use their best efforts not to permit any action to be taken by others, that would release any Person from any of such Person's covenants or obligations under any instrument included in the Assets, except in the case of enforcement action taken with respect to any Defaulted Obligation in accordance with the provisions hereof, and actions by the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement and in conformity therewith or with this Indenture, as applicable, or as otherwise required hereby or deemed necessary or advisable by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the Collateral Management Agreement.
- (a) The Issuer shall notify S&P within 10 Business Days after it has received notice from any Holder or the Trustee of any material breach of any Transaction Document, following any applicable cure period for such breach.

Section 1.8 Negative Covenants. (a) The Issuer will not from and after the Closing Date:

- (i) sell, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, or pledge, mortgage, hypothecate or otherwise encumber (or permit such to occur or suffer such to exist), any part of the Assets, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture and the Collateral Management Agreement;
- (ii) claim any credit on, make any deduction from, or dispute the enforceability of payment of the principal or interest payable (or any other amount) in respect of the Notes (other than amounts withheld or deducted in accordance with the Code or any applicable laws of any other applicable jurisdiction);
- (iii) (A) incur or assume or guarantee any indebtedness, other than the Notes, this Indenture and the transactions contemplated hereby or (B)(1) issue any additional class of Notes except in accordance with <u>Section 2.13</u> and <u>3.2</u> or incur any additional class of Notes except in accordance herewith or (2) issue any additional ordinary shares;
- (iv) (A) permit the validity or effectiveness of this Indenture or any Grant hereunder to be impaired, or permit the lien of this Indenture to be amended, hypothecated, subordinated, terminated or discharged, or permit any Person to be released from any covenants or obligations with respect to this Indenture or the Notes except as may be permitted hereby or by the Collateral Management Agreement, (B) except as permitted by this Indenture, permit any lien, charge, adverse claim, security interest, mortgage or other encumbrance (other than the lien of this Indenture) to be created on or extend to or otherwise arise upon or burden any part of the Assets, any interest therein or the proceeds thereof, or (C) except as permitted by this Indenture, take any action that would permit the lien of this Indenture not to constitute a valid first priority security interest in the Assets;
 - (v) amend the Collateral Management Agreement except pursuant to the terms thereof and Article XV of this Indenture;
 - (vi) dissolve or liquidate in whole or in part, except as permitted hereunder or required by applicable law;
 - (vii) pay any Cash distributions other than in accordance with the Priority of Payments;
 - (viii) permit the formation of any subsidiaries (except as provided in this Indenture);

- (ix) conduct business under any name other than its own;
- (x) have any employees (other than its officers, if any, and managers to the extent such officers or managers might be considered employees);
- (xi) sell, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of Assets, or enter into an agreement or commitment to do so or enter into or engage in any business with respect to any part of the Assets, except as expressly permitted by both this Indenture and the Collateral Management Agreement; and
 - (xii) permit the transfer of any of its membership interests so long as any Secured Notes are Outstanding.
- (a) The Issuer shall not be party to any agreements without including customary "non-petition" and "limited recourse" provisions therein (and shall not amend or eliminate such provisions in any agreement to which it is party), except for any agreements related to the purchase and sale of any Assets which contain customary (as determined by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion) purchase or sale terms or which are documented using customary (as determined by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion) loan trading documentation.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Issuer may not acquire any of the Notes; <u>provided</u> that this <u>Section 7.8(c)</u> shall not be deemed to limit any redemption pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.
- (c) The Issuer shall not fail to maintain an independent director (the "<u>Independent Director</u>"), which independent director, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be Independent of the Collateral Manager.
- Section 1.9 <u>Statement as to Compliance</u>. On or before March 14 in each calendar year commencing in 2025, or promptly after an Officer of the Issuer becomes aware thereof if there has been a Default under this Indenture and prior to the issuance of any additional Notes pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u>, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee (to be forwarded by the Trustee to the Collateral Manager, each Holder making a written request therefor and S&P) an Officer's certificate of the Issuer that, having made reasonable inquiries of the Collateral Manager, and to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Issuer, there did not exist, as at a date not more than five days prior to the date of the certificate, nor had there existed at any time prior thereto since the date of the last certificate (if any), any Default hereunder or, if such Default did then exist or had existed, specifying the same and the nature and status thereof, including actions undertaken to remedy the same, and that the Issuer has complied with all of its obligations under this Indenture or, if such is not the case, specifying those obligations with which it has not complied.

Section 1.10 The Issuer May Consolidate, etc.

The Issuer (the "Merging Entity") shall not consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or, except as permitted under this Indenture, transfer or convey all or substantially all of its assets to any Person, unless permitted by Delaware law and unless:

(a) the Merging Entity shall be the surviving entity, or the Person (if other than the Merging Entity) formed by such consolidation or into which the Merging Entity is merged or to which all or substantially all of the assets of the Merging Entity are transferred (the "Successor Entity") (A) if the Merging Entity is the Issuer, shall be a company organized and existing under the laws of Delaware or such other jurisdiction approved by a Majority of the

Controlling Class; <u>provided</u> that no such approval shall be required in connection with any such transaction undertaken solely to effect a change in the jurisdiction of incorporation pursuant to <u>Section 7.4</u>, and (B) shall expressly assume, by an indenture supplemental hereto and an omnibus assumption agreement, executed and delivered to the Trustee, each Holder, the Collateral Administrator and the Collateral Manager, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all Secured Notes, the payments or distributions on the Subordinated Notes and the performance and observance of every covenant of this Indenture and of each other Transaction Document on its part to be performed or observed, all as provided herein or therein, as applicable;

- (b) the S&P Rating Condition shall have been satisfied;
- (c) if the Merging Entity is not the Successor Entity, the Successor Entity shall have agreed with the Trustee (i) to observe the same legal requirements for the recognition of such formed or surviving entity as a legal entity separate and apart from any of its Affiliates as are applicable to the Merging Entity with respect to its Affiliates and (ii) not to consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or, except as permitted by this Indenture, transfer or convey the Assets or all or substantially all of its assets to any other Person except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.10;
- (d) if the Merging Entity is not the Successor Entity, the Successor Entity shall have delivered to the Trustee and S&P an Officer's certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such Person is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing in the jurisdiction in which such Person is organized; that such Person has sufficient power and authority to assume the obligations set forth in subsection (a) above and to execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto and an omnibus assumption agreement for the purpose of assuming such obligations; that such Person has duly authorized the execution, delivery and performance of a supplemental indenture hereto and an omnibus assumption agreement for the purpose of assuming such obligations and that such supplemental indenture is a valid, legal and binding obligation of such Person, enforceable in accordance with its terms, subject only to bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium and other laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law);
- (e) if the Merging Entity is the Issuer, that, immediately following the event which causes such Successor Entity to become the successor to the Issuer, (i) such Successor Entity has title, free and clear of any lien, security interest or charge, other than the lien and security interest of this Indenture and any other Permitted Liens, to the Assets securing all of the Notes and (ii) the Trustee continues to have a valid perfected first priority security interest in the Assets securing all of the Secured Notes; and in each case as to such other matters as the Trustee or any Holder may reasonably require; <u>provided</u> that nothing in this clause shall imply or impose a duty on the Trustee to require such other documents;
 - (f) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing;
- (g) the Merging Entity shall have notified S&P of such consolidation, merger, transfer or conveyance and shall have delivered to the Trustee and each Holder an Officer's certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that such consolidation, merger, transfer or conveyance and such supplemental indenture comply with this Article VII and that all conditions precedent in this Article VII relating to such transaction have been complied with;
- (h) the Merging Entity shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that after giving effect to such transaction, neither of the Issuer (or, if applicable,

the Successor Entity) will not be required to register as an investment company under the 1940 Act;

- (i) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, the Merging Entity or Successor Entity, as applicable, is not treated as an association or publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes or otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis (including any withholding tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code);
- (j) the fees, costs and expenses of the Trustee (including any reasonable legal fees and expenses) associated with the matters addressed in this <u>Section 7.10</u> shall have been paid by the Merging Entity (or, if applicable, the Successor Entity) or otherwise provided for to the satisfaction of the Trustee; and
- (k) if the Merging Entity is the Issuer, unanimous consent of the designated manager of the Issuer and the Independent Manager, has been obtained.
- Section 1.11 Successor Substituted. Upon any consolidation or merger, or transfer or conveyance of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer in accordance with Section 7.10 in which the Merging Entity is not the surviving entity, the Successor Entity shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Merging Entity under this Indenture with the same effect as if such Person had been named as the Issuer herein. In the event of any such consolidation, merger, transfer or conveyance, the Person named as the "Issuer" in the first paragraph of this Indenture or any successor which shall theretofore have become such in the manner prescribed in this Article VII may be dissolved, wound up and liquidated at any time thereafter, and such Person thereafter shall be released, without further action by any Person, from its liabilities as obligor and maker on all the Notes and from its obligations under this Indenture and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.
- Section 1.12 No Other Business. The Issuer shall not have any employees (other than its officers, if any, and managers to the extent such officers or managers might be considered employees) and shall not engage in any business or activity other than issuing, selling, paying, redeeming and refinancing the Notes and any additional Notes pursuant to this Indenture, acquiring, holding, selling, exchanging, redeeming and pledging, solely for its own account, the Assets and other incidental activities thereto, including entering into the Transaction Documents to which it is a party. The Issuer may amend or permit the amendment of the provisions of the Certificate of Formation and Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Issuer (or any other organizational document thereof), respectively, only if such amendment would satisfy the S&P Rating Condition.

Section 1.13 [Reserved].

- Section 1.14 <u>Annual Rating Review</u>. (a) So long as any Secured Notes of any Class remain Outstanding, on or before April 20, 2025, the Issuer shall request and pay for an annual review of the rating of each such Class of Secured Notes from S&P. The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee and the Collateral Manager in writing (and the Trustee shall promptly provide the applicable Holders with a copy of such notice) if at any time the Issuer is notified or has actual knowledge that the then-current rating of any such Class of Secured Notes has been, or is known will be, changed or withdrawn.
- (a) The Issuer shall request and pay for an annual review of (i) any Collateral Obligation that has an S&P Rating or an S&P Rating determined pursuant to clause (c)(ii) of the definition of "S&P Rating" and (ii) any DIP Collateral Obligation.

- Section 1.15 Reporting. At any time when the Issuer is not subject to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act and are not exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act, upon the request of a Holder or beneficial owner of any Notes that completes a Beneficial Ownership Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit D, the Issuer shall promptly furnish or cause to be furnished Rule 144A Information to such Holder or beneficial owner, to a prospective purchaser of such Note designated by such Holder or beneficial owner, or to the Trustee for delivery upon an Issuer Order to such Holder or beneficial owner or a prospective purchaser designated by such Holder or beneficial owner, as the case may be, in order to permit compliance by such Holder or beneficial owner with Rule 144A in connection with the resale of such Note. "Rule 144A Information" shall be such information as is specified pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act (or any successor provision thereto).
- Section 1.16 <u>Calculation Agent</u>. (a) The Issuer hereby agrees that for so long as any Secured Notes remain Outstanding there will at all times be an agent appointed by the Issuer (which does not control or is not controlled or under common control with the Issuer or its Affiliates or the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates) to calculate the Reference Rate for each Interest Accrual Period on the Interest Determination Date or, if the Reference Rate is not the Term SOFR Rate, the time determined by the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) and adopted in accordance with the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes (the "Calculation Agent"). The Issuer hereby appoints the Collateral Administrator as Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent may be removed by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, at any time. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or is removed by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer or the Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, will promptly appoint a replacement Calculation Agent which does not control or is not controlled by or under common control with the Issuer or its Affiliates or the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates and provide notice thereof to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties or be removed without a successor having been duly appointed.
- (a) The Calculation Agent shall be required to agree (and the Collateral Administrator as Calculation Agent does hereby agree) that, as soon as possible after 5:00 a.m. Chicago time on each Interest Determination Date, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. New York time on the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following each Interest Determination Date, the Calculation Agent will calculate the Interest Rate applicable to each Class of Secured Notes during the related Interest Accrual Period and the Note Interest Amount (in each case, rounded to the nearest cent, with half a cent being rounded upward) payable on the related Payment Date in respect of such Class of Secured Notes in respect of the related Interest Accrual Period. At such time, the Calculation Agent will communicate such rates and amounts to the Issuer, the Trustee, each Paying Agent, DTC, the Collateral Manager, Euroclear and Clearstream. The Calculation Agent will also specify to the Issuer the quotations upon which the foregoing rates and amounts are based, and in any event the Calculation Agent shall notify the Issuer before 5:00 p.m. New York time on every Interest Determination Date if it has not determined and is not in the process of determining any such Interest Rate or Note Interest Amount together with its reasons therefor. The Calculation Agent's determination of the foregoing rates and amounts for any Interest Accrual Period will (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties. Neither the Calculation Agent nor Trustee shall have any responsibility or liability for the selection of an alternative base rate (including a Reference Rate, an Alternative Rate, a Fallback Rate and/or a Benchmark Replacement Rate) or determination thereof, or any liability for any failure or delay in performing its duties hereunder as a result of the unavailability of a "base rate" in accordance herewith.
- (b) Neither the Calculation Agent nor the Collateral Manager shall have any liability for any interest rate published by any publication that is the source for determining the

interest rates of the Secured Notes, including but not limited to rates published by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or on the Federal Reserve Bank of New York's Website.

- (c) The Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Collateral Administrator and the Calculation Agent shall have no obligation, responsibility or liability for (i) monitoring, determining or verifying the unavailability or cessation of the Term SOFR Rate (or other Reference Rate), or whether or when there has occurred, or to give notice to any other transaction party of the occurrence of, a Benchmark Transition Event or Benchmark Replacement Date, (ii) the designation, determination, selection, identification or adoption of an Alternative Rate (including any Benchmark Replacement Rate, Designated Base Rate, Fallback Rate, SOFR, Term SOFR Rate, Benchmark Replacement Rate Adjustment or any other reference rate component or modifier thereto and any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes) as a successor or replacement benchmark to the Term SOFR Rate or determining whether any such rate is a Benchmark Replacement Rate or Fallback Rate or whether the conditions to the designation of such rate or the adoption of a Reference Rate Amendment have been satisfied (subject to, and except as otherwise provided in, this Indenture) and shall be entitled to rely upon any designation, determination or selection of such rate by the Collateral Manager or (iii) determining whether or what Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes or Reference Rate Amendment, if any, are necessary or advisable in connection with any of the foregoing or, with respect to each Floating Rate Obligation, neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Administrator shall have any responsibility or liability to (w) monitor the status of the Term SOFR Rate or other applicable reference rate, (x) determine whether a substitute index or reference rate should or could be selected, (y) determine the selection of any such substitute reference rate and (z) exercise any right related to the foregoing on behalf of the Issuer, the Holders or any other Person.
- (d) The Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Collateral Administrator and the Calculation Agent shall have no liability for any inability, failure or delay in the performance of its duties hereunder or under the other Transaction Documents as a result of the unavailability or disruption of "Term SOFR Rate" or other Reference Rate (including any inability to calculate the Alternative Rate selected by the Collateral Manager) and absence of an alternate or replacement reference rate, including as a result of any inability, delay, error or inaccuracy on the part of any other transaction party, including without limitation the Collateral Manager, in providing any direction, instruction, notice or information required or contemplated by the terms of this Indenture and reasonably required for the performance of such duties.
- (e) None of the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Collateral Administrator or the Calculation Agent shall have any liability for any interest rate published by any publication that is the source for determining the Interest Rates of the Secured Notes, or for any rates compiled by the LSTA or ARRC or any successors thereto, or for any rates published on any publicly available source, or in any of the foregoing cases for any delay, error or inaccuracy in the publication of any such rates, or for any subsequent correction or adjustment thereto.
- Section 1.17 <u>Certain Tax Matters</u>. (a)The Issuer will treat the Issuer and the Notes as described in the "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" section of the Offering Circular for all U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes and will take no action inconsistent with such treatment unless required by law.
- (b) The Issuer will prepare and file (or will hire accountants and the accountants will prepare and file) for each taxable year of the Issuer any U.S. federal, state and local tax returns and reports required under the Code or any other applicable law, and will provide (or cause to be provided) to each Holder (including, for purposes of this <u>Section 7.17</u>, any beneficial owner of Notes) any information that such Holder reasonably requests in order for

such Holder to comply with its U.S. federal, state or local tax return filing and information reporting obligations.

- (c) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Issuer shall take, any and all reasonable actions that may be necessary or appropriate to ensure that the Issuer satisfies any and all withholding and tax payment obligations under Code Sections 1441, 1442, 1445, 1446, 1471, 1472, and any other provision of the Code or other applicable law. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, (i) Issuer may withhold any amount that it or any advisor retained by the Trustee on its behalf determines is required to be withheld from any amounts otherwise distributable to any Person and (ii) if reasonably able to do so, the Issuer shall deliver or cause to be delivered an IRS W-9 or successor applicable form and other properly completed and executed documentation, as it determines is necessary to permit the Issuer to receive payments without withholding or deduction or at a reduced rate of withholding or deduction.
- (d) Upon the Issuer's or the Trustee's receipt of a written request of a Holder or written request of a Person certifying that it is an owner of a beneficial interest in Notes, delivered in accordance with the notice procedures of Section 14.3, for the information described in United States Treasury Regulations Section 1.1275-3(b)(1)(i) that is applicable to such Holder, the Issuer shall promptly cause its Independent accountants to provide such information to the Trustee, and the Trustee shall promptly provide such information to the requesting Holder.
- The Collateral Manager will be the initial "partnership representative" (the "Partnership Representative") (or, if not eligible under the Code to be the Partnership Representative, the agent and attorney-in-fact of the Partnership Representative) and may designate the Partnership Representative from time to time with respect to any taxable year of the Issuer during which the Collateral Manager holds or has held any Subordinated Notes (and if such designee is not eligible under the Code to be the Partnership Representative, it shall be the agent and attorney-in-fact of the Partnership Representative); provided, that during any other period or if the Collateral Manager declines to so designate a Partnership Representative, the Issuer (after consultation with the Collateral Manager) shall designate the Partnership Representative from among any beneficial owners of Subordinated Notes (and if such designee is not eligible under the Code to be the Partnership Representative, it shall be the agent and attorney-in-fact of the Partnership Representative). The Partnership Representative (or, if applicable, its agent and attorney in fact), shall sign the Issuer's tax returns and is authorized to make tax elections on behalf of the Issuer in its reasonable discretion, to determine the amount and characterization of any allocations or tax items described in this Indenture in its reasonable discretion, and to take all actions and do such things as required or as it shall deem appropriate under the Code, at the Issuer's sole expense, including representing the Issuer before taxing authorities and courts in tax matters affecting the Issuer and the beneficial owners of Subordinated Notes (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) in their capacity as partners in the Issuer. Any action taken by the Partnership Representative in connection with audits of the Issuer under the Code will, to the extent permitted by law, be binding upon the "equity owners" (for U.S. federal income tax purposes) of the Issuer. Each such beneficial owner agrees that it will treat any Issuer item on such beneficial owner's income tax returns consistently with the treatment of the item on the Issuer's tax return and that such beneficial owner will not independently act with respect to tax audits or tax litigation affecting the Issuer, unless previously authorized to do so in writing by the Partnership Representative (or, if applicable, its agent and attorney-in-fact), which authorization may be withheld in the complete discretion of the Partnership Representative (or, if applicable, its agent and attorney in fact). The Issuer will, to the fullest extent permitted by law, reimburse and indemnify the Partnership Representative and any agent and attorney-in-fact of such Partnership Representative in connection with any expenses reasonably incurred in connection with its performance of its duties as or on behalf of the Partnership Representative. For the avoidance of doubt, any indemnity or reimbursement

provided pursuant to the immediately foregoing sentence shall be treated as an Administrative Expense pursuant to the definition thereof.

- (f) The Partnership Representative shall establish and maintain or cause to be established and maintained on the books and records of the Issuer an individual capital account for each Holder of Subordinated Notes (which, for purposes of this Section 7.17(f) and Section 7.17(g) through (j) and (m), shall include any "partner" of the Issuer (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes)), in accordance with Section 704(b) of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv).
- (g) After giving effect to Section 7.17(g) and Section 7.17(h), all Issuer items of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated among the Holders of Subordinated Notes in a manner such that, after the allocation, each such Holder's capital account is equal (as nearly as possible) to the amount that such Holder would receive from the Issuer if the Issuer (i) sold all of its assets for their Book Values, (ii) applied the proceeds to discharge Issuer liabilities at face amount, and (iii) distributed the remaining proceeds in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture (other than this Section 7.17), minus the sum of such Holder's share of "partnership minimum gain" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(2)) and "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain" (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(3)).
- (h) This <u>Section 7.17(h)(i)</u> incorporates by reference, as if fully set forth herein, the "minimum gain chargeback" requirement contained in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(f), the "partner minimum gain chargeback" requirement contained in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i), and the "qualified income offset" requirement contained in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d).
 - (xiii) In the event that any Holder of Subordinated Notes has a deficit capital account at the end of any Issuer taxable year that is in excess of the amount such Holder is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Holder will be allocated items of Issuer income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an allocation pursuant to this Section 7.17(h)(ii) will be made only if and to the extent that such Holder would have a deficit capital account in excess of such amount after all other allocations provided for in this Section 7.17 have been tentatively made as if this Section 7.17 did not include this Section 7.17(h)(ii) or the "qualified income offset" requirement of Section 7.17(h)(i).
 - (xiv) Nonrecourse deductions (within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b)(1)) will be specially allocated to the Holders of Subordinated Notes in the same manner as if they were not nonrecourse deductions.
 - (xv) No Holder of Subordinated Notes will be allocated items of loss or deduction under <u>Section 7.17(g)</u> or <u>Section 7.17(i)</u> if such allocation would cause or increase a deficit balance in such Holder's capital account as of the end of the Issuer taxable year to which such allocation relates, within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d).
- (i) It is the intent of the Issuer that, to the extent possible, all special allocations made pursuant to Section 7.17(g) be offset either with other special allocations made pursuant to Section 7.17(h) or with special allocations made pursuant to this Section 7.17(i). Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 7.17 (other than Section 7.17(h)), offsetting special allocations of Issuer items of income, gain, loss and deduction will be made so that, after such offsetting allocations are made, the capital account balance of each Holder of

Subordinated Notes is, to the extent possible, equal to the capital account balance such Holder would have had if the special allocations made pursuant to <u>Section 7.17(h)</u> were not part of this <u>Section 7.17</u> and all Issuer items of income, gain, loss and deduction were allocated pursuant to <u>Section 7.17(g)</u>.

- (j) For U.S. federal, state and local income tax purposes, items of Issuer income, gain, loss, and deduction will be allocated among the Holders of Subordinated Notes in accordance with the allocations of the corresponding items for capital account purposes under this Section 7.17(j), except that items with respect to which there is a difference between adjusted tax basis and Book Value will be allocated in accordance with Section 704(c) of the Code using a method chosen by the Partnership Representative as described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-3.
- (k) The Partnership Representative is authorized to amend the allocations described in this <u>Section 7.17</u> as necessary to ensure that all allocations made pursuant to this <u>Section 7.17</u> are treated as having "substantial economic effect" within the meaning of Section 704 of the Code.
- (l) In connection with a Re-Pricing or a Reference Rate Amendment constituting a significant modification for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Issuer will, and will cause its Independent accountants to, comply with any requirements under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1273-2(f)(9) (or any successor provision), including (i) determining whether Notes of the Re-Priced Class or Notes replacing the Re-Priced Class or the Notes subject to the Reference Rate Amendment, as applicable, are traded on an established market, (ii) if so traded, causing its Independent accountants to determine the fair market value of such Notes, and (iii) making available such fair market value determination available to Holders in a commercially reasonable fashion, including by electronic publication, within 90 days of the date that the new Notes are issued.
- If the IRS, in connection with an audit governed by the tax audit rules that apply to partnerships that are contemplated by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (the "Partnership Tax Audit Rules"), proposes an adjustment greater than \$25,000 in the amount of any item of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit of the Issuer, or any partner's distributive share thereof, and such adjustment results in an "imputed underpayment" as described in Section 6225(b) of the Code, as amended by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, together with any guidance issued thereunder or successor provisions (a "Covered Audit Adjustment"), the Partnership Representative will use commercially reasonable efforts (taking into account whether the Partnership Representative has received any needed information on a timely basis from the Holders of the Subordinated Notes), to apply the alternative method provided by Section 6226 of the Code, as amended by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, together with any guidance issued thereunder or successor provisions (the "Alternative Method"). In the event the proposed adjustment is equal to or less than \$25,000, the Partnership Representative may in its sole discretion elect to have the Issuer pay such adjustment. To the extent that the Partnership Representative does not (or is unable to) elect the Alternative Method with respect to a Covered Audit Adjustment and such Covered Audit Adjustment is material as to the Issuer (determined in the Partnership Representative's sole discretion), the Partnership Representative shall use commercially reasonable efforts to (i) to the extent not economically or administratively burdensome or onerous, make reasonable modifications available under Sections 6225(c)(3), (4) and (5) of the Code, as amended by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, together with any guidance issued thereunder or successor provisions, to the extent that such modifications are available (taking into account whether the Partnership Representative has received any needed information on a timely basis from the Holders of the Subordinated Notes) and would reduce any taxes payable by the Issuer with respect to the Covered Audit Adjustment, and (ii) if reasonably requested by a Holder of a Subordinated Note, provide to such Holder available information

allowing such Holder to file an amended U.S. federal income tax return, as described in Section 6225(c)(2) of the Code, as amended by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, together with any guidance issued thereunder or successor provisions, to the extent that such amended return and payment of any related U.S. federal income taxes would reduce any taxes payable by the Issuer with respect to the Covered Audit Adjustment (after taking into account any modifications described in clause (i)). Similar procedures shall be followed in connection with any state or local income tax audit governed by the Partnership Tax Audit Rules. Any U.S. federal income taxes (and any related interest and penalties) paid by the Issuer (or any diminution in distributable proceeds resulting from an adjustment under Partnership Tax Audit Rules) may be allocated in the reasonable discretion of the Issuer to those Holders to whom such amounts are specifically attributable (whether as a result of their status, actions, inactions or otherwise), as determined in the reasonable discretion of the Issuer. The Issuer shall not elect or cause any election to be made to apply the Partnership Tax Audit Rules to the Issuer prior to the generally applicable effective date of such legislation, unless the Issuer, in good faith, reasonably determines that such an election would be in the best interests of the Issuer and all Holders of the Notes

- Section 1.18 <u>Effective Date; Purchase of Additional Collateral Obligations</u>. (a)The Issuer will use commercially reasonable efforts to purchase, on or before June 20, 2024 Collateral Obligations (i) such that the Target Initial Par Condition is satisfied and (ii) that satisfy, as of the Effective Date, the Concentration Limitations, the Collateral Quality Test and the Coverage Tests.
- (b) During the period from the Closing Date to and including the Effective Date, the Issuer will use funds to purchase additional Collateral Obligations in the following order: (i) to pay for the principal portion of any Collateral Obligation, first, any amounts on deposit in the Ramp-Up Account, and second, any Principal Proceeds on deposit in the Collection Account and (ii) to pay for accrued interest on any such Collateral Obligation, first, any amounts on deposit in the Ramp-Up Account and second, any Principal Proceeds on deposit in the Collection Account. In addition, the Issuer will use commercially reasonable efforts to acquire such Collateral Obligations that will satisfy, on the Effective Date, the Concentration Limitations, the Collateral Quality Test and each Overcollateralization Ratio Test.
- (c) Within 30 Business Days after the Effective Date (but in no event later than the Determination Date immediately preceding the first Payment Date), (i) the Issuer will provide, or cause the Collateral Manager to provide, to the Trustee, an accountants' report: (x) confirming the identity of the obligor (it being understood that the same obligor may be referred to differently due to the use of abbreviations or shorthand references by different record keepers), principal balance, coupon/spread, stated maturity, S&P Rating and country of Domicile with respect to each Collateral Obligation as of the Effective Date and the information provided by the Issuer with respect to every other asset included in the Assets, by reference to such sources as shall be specified therein (such report, the "Accountants' Effective Date Comparison AUP Report") and (y) recalculating and comparing as of the Effective Date the level of compliance with, or satisfaction or non-satisfaction of the Effective Date Specified Tested Items and specifying the procedures undertaken by them to review data and computations relating to such report (the "Accountants' Effective Date Recalculation AUP Report"), and (ii) the Issuer will cause the Collateral Administrator to compile and deliver to S&P a report (the "Effective Date Report"), determined as of the Effective Date, containing (A) the information required in a Monthly Report, (B) the results of calculations indicating satisfaction of the Effective Date Specified Tested Items and (C) a calculation of the Aggregate Principal Balance that indicates whether the Aggregate Principal Balance equals or exceeds the Target Initial Par Amount in satisfaction of the Target Initial Par Condition. For the avoidance of doubt, the Effective Date Report shall not include or refer to the Accountants' Report and no Accountants' Report shall be provided to or otherwise shared with S&P.

- (d) In accordance with SEC Release No. 34-72936, Form 15-E, only in its complete and unedited form which includes the Accountants' Effective Date Comparison AUP Report as an attachment, will be provided by the Independent accountants to the Issuer who will post such Form 15-E, except for the redaction of any sensitive information, on the 17g-5 Website. Copies of the Accountants' Effective Date Recalculation AUP Report or any other accountants' report provided by the Independent accountants to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager or the Collateral Administrator will not be provided to any other party including S&P (other than as provided in an access letter between the accountants and such party).
- (e) If (1) the Effective Date Condition has not been satisfied prior to the date that is 30 Business Days after the Effective Date (but in no event later than the Determination Date immediately preceding the first Payment Date) and (2) S&P has not provided written confirmation (which may take the form of a press release or other written communication) of its initial rating of the Secured Notes by the date 30 Business Days following the Effective Date, then the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) shall request S&P to provide written confirmation of its Initial Ratings (which may take the form of a press release or other written communication). In such case, if S&P does not provide written confirmation of its Initial Ratings on or prior to the Determination Date immediately preceding the first Payment Date, then the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) will instruct the Trustee to transfer amounts from the Interest Collection Subaccount to the Principal Collection Subaccount (and may, prior to the first Payment Date, use such funds on behalf of the Issuer for the purchase of additional Collateral Obligations) sufficient to obtain from S&P written confirmation of its Initial Ratings; provided that in lieu of complying with this paragraph, the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) may take such action, including, but not limited to, a Special Redemption and/or transferring amounts from the Interest Collection Subaccount to the Principal Collection Subaccount as Principal Proceeds (for use in a Special Redemption), sufficient to enable the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) to obtain written confirmation from S&P, of its Initial Ratings.
- (f) The Issuer hereby directs the Trustee to deposit the amount specified in the Closing Date Certificate to the Ramp-Up Account on the Closing Date. At the direction of the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer), the Trustee shall apply amounts held in the Ramp-Up Account to purchase additional Collateral Obligations from the Closing Date to and including the Effective Date as described in clause (b) above. If on the Effective Date, any amounts on deposit in the Ramp-Up Account have not been applied to purchase Collateral Obligations, such amounts shall be applied as described in Section 10.3(c).
- (g) Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate; S&P CDO Monitor. On or prior to the later of (x) the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date and (y) the Effective Date, the Collateral Manager will elect the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate that will apply on and after such date to the Collateral Obligations for purposes of determining compliance with the Minimum Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate Test, and the Collateral Manager will so notify the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator. Thereafter, at any time on written notice to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator and S&P, the Collateral Manager may elect a different S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate to apply to the Collateral Obligations; provided, that if (i) the Collateral Obligations are currently in compliance with the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate case then applicable to the Collateral Obligations but the Collateral Obligations would not be in compliance with the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate case to which the Collateral Manager desires to change, then such changed case shall not apply or (ii) the Collateral Obligations are not currently in compliance with the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate case then applicable to the Collateral Obligations and would not be in compliance with any other S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate case, the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate to apply to the Collateral Obligations shall be the lowest S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate in Schedule 4. If

the Collateral Manager does not notify the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator that it will alter the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate in the manner set forth in this Indenture, the S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate chosen as of the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date or the Effective Date, as applicable, shall continue to apply.

(h) Compliance with the S&P CDO Monitor Test will be measured by the Collateral Manager on each Measurement Date on or after the Effective Date and on or prior to the last day of the Reinvestment Period; provided, however, that on each Measurement Date occurring on and after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, after receipt by the Issuer of the S&P CDO Monitor, the Collateral Manager will be required to provide to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator a report on the portfolio of Collateral Obligations containing such information as shall be reasonably necessary to permit the Collateral Administrator to calculate the Class Default Differential with respect to the Highest Ranking S&P Class on such Measurement Date. In the event that the Collateral Manager's measurement of compliance and the Collateral Administrator's measurement of compliance show different results, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Administrator shall be required to cooperate promptly in order to reconcile such discrepancy.

(i) [Reserved].

- (j) The failure of the Issuer to satisfy the requirements of this <u>Section 7.18</u> will not constitute an Event of Default unless such failure constitutes an Event of Default under <u>Section 5.1(d)</u> hereof and the Issuer, or the Collateral Manager acting on behalf of the Issuer, has acted in bad faith.
- Section 1.19 <u>Representations Relating to Security Interests in the Assets</u>. (a) The Issuer hereby represents and warrants that, as of the Closing Date (which representations and warranties shall survive the execution of this Indenture and be deemed to be repeated on each date on which an Asset is Granted to the Trustee hereunder):
 - (i) The Issuer owns each Asset free and clear of any lien, claim or encumbrance of any Person, other than such as are being released on the Closing Date contemporaneously with the sale of the Notes on the Closing Date or on the related Cut-Off Date contemporaneously with the purchase of such Asset on the Cut-Off Date, created under, or permitted by, this Indenture and any other Permitted Liens.
 - (ii) Other than the security interest Granted to the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Indenture, except as permitted by this Indenture, the Issuer has not pledged, assigned, sold, granted a security interest in, or otherwise conveyed any of the Assets. The Issuer has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any Financing Statements against the Issuer that include a description of collateral covering the Assets other than any Financing Statement relating to the security interest granted to the Trustee hereunder or that has been terminated; the Issuer is not aware of any judgment, PBGC liens or tax lien filings against the Issuer.
 - (iii) All Assets constitute Cash, accounts (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(2) of the UCC), Instruments, general intangibles (as defined in Section 9-102(a)(42) of the UCC), uncertificated securities (as defined in Section 8-102(a)(18) of the UCC), Certificated Securities or security entitlements to financial assets resulting from the crediting of financial assets to a "securities account" (as defined in Section 8-501(a) of the UCC).
 - (iv) All Accounts constitute "securities accounts" under Section 8-501(a) of the UCC.

- (v) This Indenture creates a valid and continuing security interest (as defined in Section 1-201(37) of the UCC) in such Assets in favor of the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties, which security interest is prior to all other liens, claims and encumbrances (except as permitted otherwise herein), and is enforceable as such against creditors of and purchasers from the Issuer.
- (a) The Issuer hereby represents and warrants that, as of the Closing Date (which representations and warranties shall survive the execution of this Indenture and be deemed to be repeated on each date on which an Asset is Granted to the Trustee hereunder), with respect to Assets that constitute Instruments:
 - (i) Either (x) the Issuer has caused or will have caused, within ten days after the Closing Date, the filing of all appropriate Financing Statements in the proper office in the appropriate jurisdictions under applicable law in order to perfect the security interest in the Instruments granted to the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties or (y)(A) all original executed copies of each promissory note or mortgage note that constitutes or evidences the Instruments have been delivered to the Trustee or the Issuer has received written acknowledgement from a custodian that such custodian is holding the mortgage notes or promissory notes that constitute evidence of the Instruments solely on behalf of the Trustee and for the benefit of the Secured Parties and (B) none of the Instruments that constitute or evidence the Assets has any marks or notations indicating that they are pledged, assigned or otherwise conveyed to any Person other than the Trustee, for the benefit of the Secured Parties.
 - (ii) The Issuer has received all consents and approvals required by the terms of the Assets to the pledge hereunder to the Trustee of its interest and rights in the Assets.
- (b) The Issuer hereby represents and warrants that, as of the Closing Date (which representations and warranties shall survive the execution of this Indenture and be deemed to be repeated on each date on which an Asset is Granted to the Trustee hereunder), with respect to the Assets that constitute Security Entitlements:
 - (i) All of such Assets have been and will have been credited to one of the Accounts which are securities accounts within the meaning of Section 8-501(a) of the UCC. The Securities Intermediary for each Account has agreed to treat all assets credited to such Accounts as "financial assets" within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC.
 - (ii) The Issuer has received all consents and approvals required by the terms of the Assets to the pledge hereunder to the Trustee of its interest and rights in the Assets.
 - (iii) (x) The Issuer has caused or will have caused, within ten days after the Closing Date, the filing of all appropriate Financing Statements in the proper office in the appropriate jurisdictions under applicable law in order to perfect the security interest granted to the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties, hereunder and (y)(A) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee a fully executed Securities Account Control Agreement pursuant to which the Custodian has agreed to comply with all Entitlement Orders and other instructions originated by the Trustee relating to the Accounts without further consent by the Issuer or (B) the Issuer has taken all steps necessary to cause the Custodian to identify in its records the Trustee as the Person having a security entitlement against the Custodian in each of the Accounts.
 - (iv) The Accounts are not in the name of any Person other than the Issuer or the Trustee. The Issuer has not consented to the Custodian to comply with the

Entitlement Order of any Person other than the Trustee (and the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) prior to a notice of exclusive control being provided by the Trustee, which notice the Trustee agrees it shall not deliver except after the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default).

- (c) The Issuer hereby represents and warrants that, as of the Closing Date (which representations and warranties shall survive the execution of this Indenture and be deemed to be repeated on each date on which an Asset is Granted to the Trustee hereunder), with respect to Assets that constitute general intangibles:
 - (i) The Issuer has caused or will have caused, within ten days after the Closing Date, the filing of all appropriate Financing Statements in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under applicable law in order to perfect the security interest in the Assets granted to the Trustee, for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties, hereunder.
 - (ii) The Issuer has received, or will receive, all consents and approvals required by the terms of the Assets to the pledge hereunder to the Trustee of its interest and rights in the Assets.
- (d) The Issuer agrees to notify the Collateral Manager and S&P promptly if it becomes aware of the breach of any of the representations and warranties contained in this <u>Section 7.19</u> and shall not, without satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition, waive any of the representations and warranties in this <u>Section 7.19</u> or any breach thereof.
- Section 1.20 Limitation on Certain Maturity Amendments. (a) The Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) may agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification to any Collateral Obligation that would extend the stated maturity date thereof; provided, that neither the Issuer nor the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf may agree to any Maturity Amendment unless, as determined by the Collateral Manager, both (x) the stated maturity of the related Collateral Obligation is not extended beyond the earliest Stated Maturity and (y) (1) the Weighted Average Life Test will be satisfied after giving effect to such Maturity Amendment or (2) if the Weighted Average Life Test was not satisfied immediately prior to giving effect to such Maturity Amendment, the level of compliance with the Weighted Average Life Test will be improved or maintained after giving effect to such Maturity Amendment; provided further that the Issuer may enter into any Maturity Amendment that does not meet the requirements described in the first proviso above if (a) in the Collateral Manager's reasonable judgment such Maturity Amendment is necessary (i) to prevent the related Collateral Obligation from becoming a Defaulted Obligation or (ii) due to the materially adverse financial condition of the related Obligor, to minimize material losses on the related Collateral Obligation (any such Maturity Amendment described in this clause (a), a "Credit Amendment"), (b) the stated maturity of any Collateral Obligation subject to a Credit Amendment is not extended to more than 24 months beyond the earliest Stated Maturity, (c) immediately following such amendment or modification, not more than 2.5% of the Collateral Principal Amount consists of Collateral Obligations subject to a Credit Amendment that does not meet the requirements described in clause (x) of the first proviso above and (d) immediately following such amendment or modification, the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations subject to a Credit Amendment that does not meet the requirements described in clause (x) of the first proviso above since the Closing Date is not more than 10.0% of the Target Initial Par Amount.

Section 1.21 <u>Maintenance of Listing</u>. So long as any Notes that are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange remain Outstanding, the Issuer shall use all reasonable efforts to maintain such listing.

ARTICLE VIII

SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURES

- Section 1.1 <u>Supplemental Indentures Without Consent of Holders of Notes.</u> Without the consent of the Holders of any Notes (except as may be expressly required herein) but with the written consent of the Collateral Manager at any time and from time to time, subject to <u>Section 8.3</u>, and without an Opinion of Counsel being provided to the Issuer or the Trustee as to whether any Class of Notes would be materially and adversely affected thereby (except as may be expressly required herein), the Issuer and the Trustee may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any of the following purposes:
 - (i) to evidence the succession of another Person to the Issuer and the assumption by any such successor Person of the covenants of the Issuer in this Indenture and in the Notes;
 - (ii) to add to the covenants of the Issuer or the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Parties;
 - (iii) to convey, transfer, assign, mortgage or pledge any property to or with the Trustee or add to the conditions, limitations or restrictions on the authorized amount, terms and purposes of the issue, authentication and delivery of the Notes;
 - (iv) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, pursuant to the requirements of <u>Sections 6.9</u>, <u>6.10</u> and <u>6.12</u> hereof;
 - (v) to correct or amplify the description of any property at any time subject to the Lien of this Indenture, or to better assure, convey and confirm unto the Trustee any property subject or required to be subjected to the lien of this Indenture (including, without limitation, any and all actions necessary or desirable as a result of changes in law or regulations, whether pursuant to <u>Section 7.5</u> or otherwise) or to subject to the Lien of this Indenture any additional property;
 - (vi) to modify the restrictions on and procedures for resales and other transfers of Notes to reflect any changes in ERISA or other applicable law or regulation (or the interpretation thereof) or to enable the Issuer to rely upon any exemption from registration under the Securities Act or the 1940 Act or otherwise comply with any applicable securities law;
 - (vii) to remove restrictions on resale and transfer of any Secured Notes to the extent not required under clause (vi) above;
 - (viii) to make such changes as shall be necessary or advisable in order for the Notes to be or remain listed on any exchange;
 - (ix) to correct any inconsistent or defective provisions in this Indenture or to cure any ambiguity, omission or errors therein;
 - (x) to conform the provisions of this Indenture to the final Offering Circular;
 - (xi) to take any action necessary or helpful (1) to prevent the Issuer, the holders of any Notes or the Trustee from becoming subject to (or otherwise to minimize)

any withholding or other taxes or assessments (including any tax liability under Sections 1446 or 6221 of the Code) and (2) to prevent the Issuer from becoming a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

- (xii) (A) with the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder, to permit the Issuer to issue additional debt in accordance herewith; or (B) at the direction of the Collateral Manager with the consent of the Retention Holder, to permit the Issuer to issue replacement securities in connection with a Refinancing or to reduce the Interest Rate of a Class of Notes in connection with a Re-Pricing, in each case in accordance herewith (including, in connection with (x) a Refinancing of less than all Classes of Secured Notes or a Re-Pricing, with the consent the Collateral Manager, modifications to establish a non-call period for the obligations providing such Refinancing or Re-Pricing or prohibit a future Refinancing or Re-Pricing of such obligations providing such Refinancing or Re-Pricing or (y) a Refinancing of all Classes of Secured Notes in full, modifications to (a) effect an extension of the end of the Reinvestment Period, (b) establish a non-call period or prohibit a future Refinancing, (c) modify the Weighted Average Life Test, (d) provide for a stated maturity of the obligations or loans or other financial arrangements issued or entered into in connection with such Refinancing that is later than the Stated Maturity of the Secured Notes, (e) effect an extension of the Stated Maturity of the Subordinated Notes or (f) any other changes to the Transaction Documents, in the case of each of (a) through (f), as consented to by the Collateral Manager and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes); provided, further that any supplemental indenture pursuant to this clause (xii), without the consent of any holders of any Classes of Notes, may make any modification or amendment determined by the Collateral Manager (based on the advice of Dechert LLP or other nationally recognized counsel) to be necessary in order for a Re-Pricing or Refinancing not to be subject to, or not cause the Collateral Manager or any other "sponsor" (as defined for purposes of the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) to violate, the U.S. Risk Retention Rules;
- (xiii) to modify the procedures herein relating to compliance with Rule 17g-5 under the Exchange Act or to permit compliance, or reduce the costs to the Issuer (including as amounts payable to the Collateral Manager) of compliance, with the Dodd-Frank Act (as amended from time to time) and any rules or regulations thereunder applicable to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor or the Notes;
- (xiv) with the written consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class, to conform to ratings criteria and other guidelines (including, without limitation, any alternative methodology published by S&P or any use of S&P's credit models or guidelines for ratings determination) relating to collateral debt obligations in general published or otherwise communicated by S&P; <u>provided</u> that, the Issuer shall not execute any such supplemental indenture without the consent of the Retention Holder;
- (xv) following receipt by the Issuer of written advice (which may be email) of counsel of national reputation experienced in such matters and with the consent of the Retention Holder, to amend, modify or otherwise accommodate changes to this Indenture to comply with any statute, rule, regulation, or technical or interpretive guidance enacted, effective, or issued by regulatory agencies of the United States federal government or any Member State of the European Economic Area or otherwise under European law, after the Closing Date that are applicable to the Issuer, the Notes or the transactions contemplated by this Indenture or by the Offering Circular, including, without limitation, any applicable Risk Retention Rules, any applicable EU and UK disclosure requirements under the Securitization Regulation, securities laws or the Dodd-Frank Act and all rules, regulations, and technical or interpretive guidance thereunder:

- (xvi) to modify any provision to facilitate an exchange of one debt instrument for another debt instrument that has substantially identical terms except transfer restrictions, including to effect any serial designation relating to the exchange;
- (xvii) with the written consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class, to evidence any waiver or modification by S&P as to any requirement or condition, as applicable, of S&P set forth in this Indenture;
 - (xviii) to accommodate the settlement of the Notes in book-entry form through the facilities of DTC or otherwise;
 - (xix) to change the date within the month on which reports are required to be delivered hereunder;
- (xx) with the written consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class, to modify (A) the definitions of "Credit Improved Obligation," "Credit Risk Obligation," "Coverage Tests", "Defaulted Obligation," "Equity Security" or "Concentration Limitations", (B) the restrictions on the sales of Collateral Obligations or the Investment Criteria or (C) the restrictions described in Section 7.20, in each case, in a manner that would not materially adversely affect any Holder of Notes, as evidenced by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager or an opinion of counsel delivered to the Trustee (which may be supported as to factual (including financial and capital markets) matters by any relevant certificates and other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering the opinion);
- (xxi) for so long as any Class A Notes are Outstanding, with the written consent of a Majority of the Class A Notes, to enter into any additional agreements not expressly prohibited by this Indenture as well as any amendment, modification or waiver; provided that, any such additional agreements include customary limited recourse and non-petition provisions;
- (xxii) following receipt by the Issuer of written advice (which may be email) of counsel of national reputation experienced in such matters, to make any modification determined by the Collateral Manager necessary or advisable to comply with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules or the Securitization Regulations, including (without limitation) in connection with a Refinancing, Re-Pricing, additional issuance of debt or other amendment:
- (any amendment pursuant to this clause (xxiii), a "Reference Rate Amendment") or, with the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes, to modify the definition of the terms "Benchmark Replacement Rate" and/or "Fallback Rate" set forth herein; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, any amendment that is necessary or advisable in the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager to facilitate a Reference Rate Amendment pursuant to this clause (xxiii) shall, notwithstanding any other provision set forth in this Section 8.1 or in Section 8.2, be subject only to the requirements of this clause (xxiii); provided further that, a Reference Rate Amendment will not be required for purposes of a change to the Reference Rate pursuant to clause (d) of the definition of Benchmark Transition Event;
 - (xxiv) to implement any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

- (xxv) with the written consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class, to modify (i) any Collateral Quality Test, (ii) any defined term identified herein utilized in the determination of any Collateral Quality Test, or (iii) any defined term herein or any schedule thereto that begins with or includes the word "S&P" solely to conform to applicable ratings criteria, in each case, in a manner that would not materially adversely affect any Holder of Notes, as evidenced by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager or an opinion of counsel delivered to the Trustee (which may be supported as to factual (including financial and capital markets) matters by any relevant certificates and other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering the opinion);
- (xxvi) to change the name of the Issuer in connection with the change in name or identity of the Collateral Manager or as otherwise required pursuant to a contractual obligation or to avoid the use of a trade name or trademark in respect of which the Issuer does not have a license;
- (xxvii) to change the day of the month on which reports are required to be delivered hereunder; <u>provided</u> that such change does not decrease the frequency with which such reports are required to be delivered;
- (xxviii) to amend, modify or otherwise accommodate changes to this Indenture to comply with any rule or regulation enacted by regulatory agencies of the United States federal government after the Closing Date that are applicable to the Notes or the transactions contemplated hereby;
- (xxix) to authorize the appointment of any listing agent, transfer agent, paying agent or additional registrar for any Class of Notes required or advisable in connection with the listing of any Class of Notes on any stock exchange, and otherwise to amend this Indenture to incorporate any changes required or requested by any governmental authority, stock exchange authority, listing agent, transfer agent, paying agent or additional registrar for any Class of Notes in connection therewith; or
- (xxx) to make any modification or amendment as necessary or advisable (A) for any Class of Notes to not be considered an "ownership interest" in a "covered fund" as defined for purposes of the Volcker Rule or (B) for the Issuer to not be considered a "covered fund" as defined for purposes of the Volcker Rule; or
- (xxxi) to make such other changes not described in clause (i) (xxx) above as the Issuer deems appropriate and that do not materially and adversely affect the interests of any holder of the Notes, as evidenced by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager or an opinion of counsel delivered to the Trustee (which may be supported as to factual (including financial and capital markets) matters by any relevant certificates and other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering the opinion); provided that, a Majority of the Controlling Class has not objected to such supplemental indenture entered into pursuant to this clause (xxxi) within 10 Business Days following notice to the Holders of such supplemental indenture.

To the extent the Issuer executes a supplemental indenture for purposes of conforming this Indenture to the final Offering Circular pursuant to clauses (ix) or (x) above and one or more other amendment provisions described above also applies, such supplemental indenture will be deemed to be a supplemental indenture to conform this Indenture to the final Offering Circular pursuant to clause (ix) or (x) above, as applicable, regardless of the applicability of any other provision regarding supplemental indentures set forth in this Indenture.

- Section 1.2 <u>Supplemental Indentures With Consent of Holders of Notes.</u> The Issuer and the Trustee may, with the consent of a Majority of each Class of Secured Notes materially and adversely affected thereby, if any, and of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes if materially and adversely affected thereby (and with prior notice to all Holders pursuant to Section 8.3(e)) and with the consent of the Collateral Manager and of the Retention Holder, with notice to S&P and subject to <u>Section 8.3</u>, execute one or more indentures supplemental to this Indenture to add provisions to, or change in any manner or eliminate any of the provisions of, this Indenture or modify in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Notes of any Class under this Indenture; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no such supplemental indenture shall, without the consent of each Holder of Outstanding Notes of each Class materially and adversely affected thereby:
 - (i) change the Stated Maturity of the principal of or the due date of any installment of interest on any Secured Notes, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon (except in connection with a Re-Pricing or Reference Rate Amendment) or, except as otherwise expressly permitted by this Indenture, the Redemption Price with respect to any Notes, or change the earliest date on which Notes of any Class may be redeemed or re-priced, extend the Reinvestment Period, change the provisions of this Indenture relating to the application of proceeds of any Assets to the payment of principal of or interest on the Secured Notes, or distributions on the Subordinated Notes or change any place where, or the coin or currency in which, Notes or the principal thereof or interest or any distribution thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the Stated Maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the applicable Redemption Date);
 - (ii) reduce the percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Holders of each Class whose consent is required for the authorization of any such supplemental indenture or for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain defaults hereunder or their consequences provided for in this Indenture;
 - (iii) impair or adversely affect the Assets except as otherwise permitted in this Indenture;
 - (iv) except as otherwise permitted by this Indenture, permit the creation of any lien ranking prior to or on a parity with the lien of this Indenture with respect to any part of the Assets or terminate such lien on any property at any time subject hereto or deprive the Holder of any Secured Notes of the security afforded by the lien of this Indenture;
 - (v) reduce the percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Holders of any Class of Secured Notes whose consent is required to request the Trustee to preserve the Assets or rescind the Trustee's election to preserve the Assets pursuant to Section 5.5 or to sell or liquidate the Assets pursuant to Section 5.4 or 5.5;
 - (vi) modify any of the provisions of this Indenture with respect to (x) entering into supplemental indentures requiring the consent of the holders of a Majority of each Class of Notes or of the holder of Outstanding Notes of each Class, except to increase the percentage of Outstanding Notes the consent of the Holders of which is required for any such action or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of Outstanding Notes affected thereby or (y) entering into supplemental indentures without the consent of such holders or the requirements relating to the execution of such supplemental indentures;

- (vii) modify the definition of the term "Outstanding" or the Priority of Payments set forth in Section 11.1(a);
- (viii) modify any of the provisions of this Indenture in such a manner as to affect the calculation of the amount of any payment of interest or principal on any Secured Notes or any amount available for distribution to the Subordinated Notes, or to affect the rights of the Holders of any Notes to the benefit of any provisions for the redemption of such Notes contained herein; or
- (ix) result in the Issuer becoming subject to U.S. federal tax with respect to its net income (including any withholding tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code) or becoming a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
- Section 1.3 <u>Execution of Supplemental Indentures.</u> (a) The Collateral Manager shall not be bound to follow any amendment or supplement to this Indenture unless it has consented thereto in accordance with this <u>Article VIII</u>. The Issuer hereby agrees that it shall not permit to become effective any supplemental indenture unless the Collateral Manager has been given prior written notice of such amendment and the Collateral Manager has expressly consented thereto in writing.
 - (a) The Issuer shall provide notice of any supplemental indenture entered into pursuant to <u>Section 8.1</u> or <u>Section 8.2</u> to S&P.
- (b) The Trustee shall join in the execution of any such supplemental indenture and shall make any further appropriate agreements and stipulations which may be therein contained, but the Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any such supplemental indenture or amendment which adversely affects such entity's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, except to the extent required by law.
- The Trustee may conclusively rely on an Opinion of Counsel (which may be supported as to factual (including financial and capital markets) matters by any relevant certificates and other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering the opinion) or a Responsible Officer's certificate of the Collateral Manager as to whether the interests of any Holder of Notes would be materially and adversely affected by the modifications set forth in any supplemental indenture, it being expressly understood and agreed that the Trustee shall have no obligation to make any determination as to the satisfaction of the requirements related to any supplemental indenture which may form the basis of such Opinion of Counsel or such Responsible Officer's certificate; provided that if a Majority of the Holders of any Class of Notes has provided to the Trustee at least five (5) Business Days prior to the execution of such supplemental indenture a written certification that such Class would be materially and adversely affected thereby, setting forth its reasonable basis for such determination, the Trustee shall not be entitled to rely upon an Opinion of Counsel or Responsible Officer's certificate of the Collateral Manager as to whether or not the Holders of such Class would be materially and adversely affected by such supplemental indenture and the Trustee shall not enter into such supplemental indenture without the consent of a Majority of such Class. Such determination shall be conclusive and binding on all present and future holders. The Trustee shall not be liable for any such determination made in good faith and in reliance upon an Opinion of Counsel or such a Responsible Officer's certificate delivered to such entity as described herein. For the avoidance of doubt, no Holder who would not constitute a Holder after giving effect to a Refinancing or Re-Pricing shall be materially and adversely affected by any provision of any supplemental indenture that becomes effective after such Refinancing or Re-Pricing or otherwise have any right to object to any such Refinancing or Re-Pricing.

- (d) At the cost of the Issuer, for so long as any Notes shall remain Outstanding, not later than 15 Business Days (or 5 Business Days if in connection with an additional issuance, Re-Pricing or Refinancing or a Reference Rate Amendment which does not require the consent of a Majority of the Class A Notes) prior to the execution of any proposed supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall deliver to the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator, the Holders and S&P, a copy of such proposed supplemental indenture. At the cost of the Issuer, the Trustee shall provide to S&P and the Holders (in the manner described in Section 14.4) a copy of the executed supplemental indenture after its execution. Any failure of the Trustee to publish or deliver such notice, or any defect therein, shall not in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture.
- (e) It shall not be necessary for any Act of Holders to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture, but it shall be sufficient, if the consent of any Holders to such proposed supplemental indenture is required, that such Act shall approve the substance thereof.
- Following delivery of any proposed supplemental indenture to the applicable holders (other than a supplemental indenture that effects a Refinancing of all Classes of Secured Notes), if any changes are made to such supplemental indenture other than changes of a technical nature or to correct typographical errors or to adjust formatting, then at the expense of the Issuer, not later than five Business Days (or three Business Days if in connection with an additional issuance, Re-Pricing or Refinancing or a Reference Rate Amendment which does not require the consent of a Majority of the Class A Notes) prior to the execution of such proposed supplemental indenture, the Trustee, shall deliver to the applicable holders a copy of such supplemental indenture as revised, indicating the changes that were made. Any consent given to a proposed supplemental indenture by a holder will be irrevocable and binding on such holder and all future holders or beneficial owners of those Notes, irrespective of the execution date of the supplemental indenture. If the required consent to a proposed supplemental indenture is received from the applicable Holders prior to the end of the relevant notice period, the supplemental indenture may be executed prior to the end of such period. If the holders of less than the Requisite Voting Percentage consents to such proposed supplemental indenture within the relevant notice period, on the first Business Day following such period, the Trustee will provide copies of consents received to the Issuer and the Collateral Manager so that they may determine which holders have consented to the proposed supplemental indenture and which holders (and, to the extent such information is available to the Trustee, which beneficial owners (unless otherwise directed by such beneficial owner)) have not consented to the proposed supplemental indenture. In addition, if a holder notifies the Trustee prior to the conclusion of the relevant notice period that it will not consent to the proposed supplemental indenture, the Trustee shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Collateral Manager of the identity of such holder (and, to the extent such information is available to the Trustee, its beneficial owners (unless otherwise directed by such beneficial owner)).
 - (g) [Reserved].
 - (h) [Reserved].
- (i) In executing or accepting the additional trusts created by any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article VIII or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee and the Issuer shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Sections 6.1 and 6.3) shall be fully protected in relying in good faith upon, an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent thereto have been satisfied. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental indenture which affects such entity's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

(j) Except to the extent required by applicable law, no amendment to this Indenture shall be effective against the Collateral Administrator if such amendment would adversely affect the Collateral Administrator, including, without limitation, any amendment or supplement that would increase the duties or liabilities of, or adversely change the economic consequences to, the Collateral Administrator, unless the Collateral Administrator consents in writing thereto.

Notwithstanding any other provision relating to supplemental indentures herein, at any time after the expiration of the Non-Call Period, if any Class of Notes has been or contemporaneously with the effectiveness of any supplemental indenture will be paid in full in accordance with this Indenture as so supplemented (including, without limitation, in connection with a Refinancing), the written consent of any Holder of any Notes of such Class will not be required with respect to such supplemental indenture.

- Section 1.4 <u>Effect of Supplemental Indentures or Amendments</u>. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture under this <u>Article VIII</u>, this Indenture shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental indenture shall form a part of this Indenture for all purposes; and every Holder theretofore and thereafter authenticated and delivered hereunder shall be bound thereby.
- Section 1.5 <u>Reference in Notes to Supplemental Indentures</u>. Notes authenticated and delivered as part of a transfer, exchange or replacement pursuant to <u>Article II</u> or Notes originally issued hereunder after the execution of any supplemental indenture or amendment pursuant to this <u>Article VIII</u> may, and if required by the Issuer shall, bear a notice in form approved by the Trustee as to any matter provided for in such supplemental indenture or amendment. If the Issuer shall so determine, new Notes, so modified as to conform in the opinion of the Issuer to any such supplemental indenture or amendment, may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Trustee in exchange for Outstanding Notes.

ARTICLE IX

REDEMPTION OF NOTES

- Section 1.1 <u>Mandatory Redemption</u>. If a Coverage Test is not met on any Determination Date on which such Coverage Test is applicable, the Issuer shall apply available amounts in the Payment Account to make payments on the Notes on the applicable Payment Date pursuant to the Priority of Payments.
- Section 1.2 Optional Redemption. (a) The Secured Notes may be redeemed by the Issuer, at the written direction of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes with the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder or of the Collateral Manager with the consent of the Retention Holder as follows: (i) in whole (with respect to all Classes of Secured Notes) but not in part on any Business Day after the end of the Non-Call Period from Sale Proceeds and/or Refinancing Proceeds or (ii) in part by Class from Refinancing Proceeds and Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds on any Business Day after the end of the Non-Call Period as long as the Secured Notes to be redeemed represent not less than the entire Class of such Secured Notes. In connection with any such Optional Redemption, the Secured Notes shall be redeemed at the applicable Redemption Prices and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, must provide the above described written direction to the Issuer and the Trustee not later than 15 Business Days (or such shorter period of time as the Trustee and the Collateral Manager find reasonably acceptable) prior to the Business Day on which such redemption is to be made; provided that all Secured Notes to be redeemed must be redeemed

simultaneously. For the avoidance of doubt, the Class A Notes will be treated as one Class for purposes of an Optional Redemption (other than a Refinancing).

(a) Upon receipt of a copy of any direction for a redemption of Secured Notes in whole pursuant to Section 9.2(a)(i), the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion shall direct the sale (and the manner thereof) of all or part of the Collateral Obligations and other Assets in an amount sufficient that the proceeds from such sale and all other funds available for such purpose in the Collection Account and the Payment Account will be at least sufficient to pay the Redemption Prices of the Secured Notes to be redeemed and to pay all Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) and Aggregate Collateral Management Fees due and payable under the Priority of Payments. If such proceeds of such sale and all other funds available for such purpose in the Collection Account and the Payment Account would not be sufficient to redeem all Secured Notes and to pay such fees and expenses, the Notes may not be redeemed. The Collateral Manager, in its sole discretion, may effect the sale of all or any part of the Collateral Obligations or other Assets through the direct sale of such Collateral Obligations or other Assets or by participation or other arrangement.

(b) [Reserved].

- (c) In addition to (or in lieu of) a sale of Collateral Obligations and/or Eligible Investments in the manner provided in Section 9.2(b), the Secured Notes may be redeemed in whole from Sale Proceeds and/or Refinancing Proceeds or in part by Class from Refinancing Proceeds and Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds by obtaining a loan or an issuance of replacement securities, whose terms in each case will be negotiated by the Issuer or, upon request of the Issuer, by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, from one or more financial institutions or purchasers; provided that the terms of such Refinancing and any financial institutions acting as lenders thereunder or purchasers thereof must be acceptable to the Collateral Manager and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes, if the Subordinated Notes are materially and adversely affected thereby, and such Refinancing otherwise satisfies the conditions described below. Any obligations providing the Refinancing will be first offered to the Collateral Manager and the U.S. Retention Holder, in such amount that such person has determined on the basis of advice of counsel is required for the Risk Retention Rules to be satisfied.
- (d) In the case of a Refinancing upon a redemption of the Secured Notes in whole but not in part pursuant to Section 9.2(a) (i), such Refinancing will be effective only if (i) the Refinancing Proceeds (including any amounts available for such purpose in the Permitted Use Account), all Sale Proceeds from the sale of Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments in accordance with the procedures set forth herein, and all other available funds will be at least sufficient to redeem simultaneously the Secured Notes then required to be redeemed at the respective Redemption Prices thereof (subject to any election by Holders of 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any Class of Secured Notes to receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price as noted below), in whole but not in part, and to pay all accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap), including, without limitation, the reasonable fees, costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator and the Collateral Manager (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) in connection with such Refinancing, (ii) the Sale Proceeds, Refinancing Proceeds and other available funds are used (to the extent necessary) to make such redemption, (iii) the agreements relating to the Refinancing contain limited recourse and non-petition provisions equivalent (mutatis mutandis) to those contained in Section 13.1(b) and Section 2.7(i) and (iv) (A) neither the Issuer nor any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will fail to be in compliance with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules as a result of such Refinancing, (B) there has been no change in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules of the Issuer to hold more than 5%

of the credit risk collateralizing the Refinancing Obligations and (C) unless it consents to do so, none of the Collateral Manager, the U.S. Retention Holder, any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will be required to purchase any Refinancing Obligations.

In the case of a Refinancing upon a redemption of the Secured Notes in part by Class pursuant to Section 9.2(a)(ii), such Refinancing will be effective only if: (i) the Trustee (at the direction of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) shall have given prior written notice of the Refinancing to S&P, (ii) the Refinancing Proceeds (including any amounts available for such purpose in the Permitted Use Account) will be at least sufficient to pay in full the aggregate Redemption Prices of the entire Class or Classes of Secured Notes subject to Refinancing, (iii) the Refinancing Proceeds are used (to the extent necessary) to make such redemption, (iv) the agreements relating to the Refinancing contain limited recourse and non-petition provisions equivalent (mutatis mutandis) to those contained herein, (v) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of any obligations providing the Refinancing for a given Class is no greater than the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the corresponding Class of Notes being redeemed with the proceeds of such obligations plus, subject to satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition, an amount equal to the reasonable fees, costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with such Refinancing, (vi) the stated maturity of each class of obligations providing the Refinancing is the same as the Stated Maturity of each Class of Secured Notes being refinanced, (vii) the reasonable fees, costs, charges and expenses incurred in connection with such Refinancing have been paid or will be adequately provided for on or prior to the second Payment Date immediately following such Refinancing from the Refinancing Proceeds (except for expenses owed to Persons that the Collateral Manager informs the Trustee will be paid solely as Administrative Expenses payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments), (viii) the spread over the Reference Rate or the fixed interest rate, as applicable, of each class of obligations providing the Refinancing will not be greater than the spread over the Reference Rate or the fixed interest rate, as applicable, of the Secured Notes of the corresponding Class being refinanced by such new class of obligations or the weighted average of the spread over the Reference Rate and the fixed rates payable in respect of all of the obligations providing the Refinancing is less than or equal to the weighted average of the spread over the Reference Rate and the fixed rate payable on all of the Classes of Secured Notes being refinanced (determined based on the respective spreads over the Reference Rate or the fixed interest rate, as applicable, of such Classes of Secured Notes); provided that any Class of Secured Notes may be refinanced with obligations that bear interest at a fixed rate so long as (x) the fixed rate of the obligations comprising the Refinancing is less than the applicable Reference Rate plus the relevant spread with respect to such Class of Secured Notes on the date of such Refinancing and (y) the S&P Rating Condition is satisfied with respect to the Secured Notes not subject to such Refinancing; provided, further that, if more than one Class of Secured Notes is subject to a Refinancing, the spread over the Reference Rate or the fixed interest rate, as applicable, of the obligations providing the Refinancing for a Class of Secured Notes may be greater than the spread over the Reference Rate or the fixed interest rate, as applicable, for such Class of Secured Notes subject to Refinancing so long as (x) the weighted average (based on the aggregate principal amount of each Class of Secured Notes subject to Refinancing) of the spread over the Reference Rate and the fixed interest rate of the obligations comprising the Refinancing shall be less than the weighted average (based on the aggregate principal amount of each such Class) of the spread over the Reference Rate and the fixed interest rate with respect to all Classes of Secured Notes subject to such Refinancing as of the date of such Refinancing and (y) the S&P Rating Condition is satisfied with respect to the Secured Notes not subject to such Refinancing, (ix) the obligations providing the Refinancing are subject to the Priority of Payments and do not rank higher in priority pursuant to the Priority of Payments than the corresponding Class of Notes being refinanced, (x) either the Majority of the Subordinated Notes with the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder or the Collateral Manager with the consent of the Retention Holder directs the Issuer to effect such Refinancing, (xi) the Issuer shall have obtained written

advice of Dechert LLP or an opinion of nationally recognized U.S. tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that such Refinancing will not result in the Issuer becoming subject to U.S. federal tax with respect to its net income (including any withholding tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code) or becoming a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (xii) (A) neither the Issuer nor any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will fail to be in compliance with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules as a result of such Refinancing, (B) there has been no change in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules that would require any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer to hold more than 5% of the credit risk collateralizing the Refinancing Obligations and (C) unless it consents to do so, none of the Collateral Manager, the U.S. Retention Holder, any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will be required to purchase any Refinancing Obligations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the terms of the issuance providing the Refinancing may either (i) contain a make-whole fee in the case of an early repayment of such issuance or (ii) provide that the non-call period applicable to such issuance may be extended beyond the Non-Call Period; provided, that any such make-whole fee (x) shall be paid solely with Interest Proceeds and (y) shall not cause nonpayment of interest on the next succeeding Payment Date.

- (f) The Holders of the Subordinated Notes will not have any cause of action against the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator or the Trustee for any failure to obtain a Refinancing. If a Refinancing is obtained meeting the requirements specified above pursuant to Section 9.2(e) or Section 9.2(f) as certified by the Collateral Manager, the Issuer and, at the direction of the Issuer, the Trustee shall amend this Indenture to the extent necessary to reflect the terms of the Refinancing and no consent for such amendments shall be required from the Holders of any other Class of Notes. The Trustee shall not be obligated to enter into any amendment that, in its view, adversely affects its duties, obligations, liabilities or protections under this Indenture, and the Trustee shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel as to matters of law (which may be supported as to factual (including financial and capital markets) matters by any relevant certificates and other documents necessary or advisable in the judgment of counsel delivering such Opinion of Counsel) provided by the Issuer to the effect that such amendment meets the requirements specified above, is authorized or permitted under this Indenture and that all conditions precedents thereto have been complied with (except that such officer or counsel shall have no obligation to certify or opine as to the sufficiency of the Refinancing Proceeds or the sufficiency of the Accountants' Report or other accountants' certificates or other information under this Indenture).
- (g) To the extent that Refinancing Proceeds are not applied to redeem the Class or Classes of Notes subject to a Refinancing or to pay expenses in connection with the Refinancing, such proceeds will be treated as Principal Proceeds. If a Class or Classes of Notes is redeemed in connection with a Refinancing upon a redemption of the Notes in part by Class, Refinancing Proceeds, together with Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds, will be applied on the related Redemption Date to pay the Redemption Price(s) of such Class or Classes of Notes in accordance with the Priority of Partial Refinancing Proceeds.
- (h) In the event of any redemption pursuant to this <u>Section 9.2</u>, the Issuer shall, at least 10 Business Days (or such shorter period of time as the Trustee and the Collateral Manager find reasonably acceptable) prior to the Redemption Date, notify the Trustee in writing of such Redemption Date, the applicable Record Date, the principal amount of Secured Notes to be redeemed on such Redemption Date and the applicable Redemption Prices; <u>provided</u>, that failure to effect any Optional Redemption which is withdrawn by the Issuer in accordance with this Indenture or with respect to which a Refinancing fails to occur shall not constitute an Event of Default.

- (i) In connection with any Optional Redemption of the Secured Notes in whole or of any Class of the Secured Notes in connection with a Refinancing of such Class, Holders of 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any such Class of Secured Notes may elect to receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price that would otherwise be payable to the Holders of such Class of Secured Notes by notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing of such election prior to the Redemption Date.
- (j) The Issuer may redeem the Subordinated Notes at their Redemption Price, in whole but not in part, on any Business Day upon five Business Days' notice to the Trustee on or after the Optional Redemption or repayment of the Secured Notes in full, at the direction of the Collateral Manager or at the direction of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes (with the consent of the Collateral Manager).
- (k) If a Refinancing of all Secured Notes occurs, the Collateral Manager may designate Principal Proceeds in an amount up to the Excess Par Amount as Interest Proceeds (such designated amount, the "<u>Designated Excess Par</u>"), and direct the Trustee to apply such Designated Excess Par on such Redemption Date or up to the first Payment Date after such Redemption Date as Interest Proceeds in accordance with the Priority of Payments.
- Section 1.3 <u>Tax Redemption</u>. (a) The Notes shall be redeemed in whole but not in part (any such redemption, a "<u>Tax Redemption</u>") on any Payment Date at its applicable Redemption Price at the written direction (delivered to the Trustee) of (x) a Majority of any Affected Class or (y) a Majority of the Subordinated Notes, in either case following the occurrence and continuation of a Tax Event.
- (b) In connection with any Tax Redemption, Holders of 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any Class of Secured Notes may elect to receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price that would otherwise be payable to the Holders of such Class of Secured Notes by notifying the Trustee in writing of such election prior to the Redemption Date.
- (c) Upon its receipt of such written direction directing a Tax Redemption, the Trustee shall promptly notify the Collateral Manager, the Holders and the S&P thereof.
- (d) If an Officer of the Collateral Manager obtains actual knowledge of the occurrence of a Tax Event, the Collateral Manager shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Trustee thereof, and upon receipt of such notice the Trustee shall promptly notify the Holders of the Notes and S&P thereof. Until the Trustee receives written notice from the Collateral Manager or otherwise, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any Tax Event.
- Section 1.4 <u>Redemption Procedures.</u> (a) In the event of any redemption pursuant to <u>Section 9.2</u>, the written direction of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes with the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder, or the written direction of the Collateral Manager with the consent of the Retention Holder, as applicable, shall be provided to the Issuer, the Trustee and the Collateral Manager not later than 15 Business Days (or such shorter period of time as the Trustee and the Collateral Manager find reasonably acceptable) prior to the Business Day on which such redemption is to be made (which date shall be designated in such notice). In the event of any redemption pursuant to <u>Section 9.2</u>, <u>9.3</u> or <u>9.8</u>, a notice of redemption shall be provided by the Trustee not later than nine Business Days prior to the applicable Redemption Date, to each Holder of Notes, at such Holder's address in the Note Register and S&P. In addition, so long as any Notes are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require, the notice of redemption to the Holders of such Notes shall also be sent to the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange.

- (a) All notices of redemption delivered pursuant to Section 9.4(a) shall state:
 - (i) the applicable Redemption Date;
 - (ii) the Redemption Prices of the Notes to be redeemed;
- (iii) all of the Notes that are to be redeemed is to be redeemed in full and that interest on such Notes shall cease to accrue on the Payment Date specified in the notice; and
- (iv) the place or places where Notes are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Prices, which shall be the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.
- (b) The Issuer may (at the direction of the Collateral Manager) withdraw any notice of redemption delivered pursuant to Section 9.2 at any time prior to 10:00 a.m. New York time on the Business Day immediately preceding the scheduled Redemption Date. In addition, the Issuer may withdraw any notice of Tax Redemption if the conditions required hereunder for such redemption are not satisfied at any time prior to 10:00 a.m. New York time on the scheduled Redemption Date. The Issuer shall provide notice of any such withdrawal to S&P and to each of the Trustee (who shall each forward such notice to the Holders).
- (c) Notice of redemption pursuant to <u>Section 9.2</u>, <u>9.3</u> or <u>9.8</u> shall be given by the Issuer or, upon an Issuer Order, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer. Failure to give notice of redemption, or any defect therein, to any Holder of any Notes selected for redemption shall not impair or affect the validity of the redemption of any other Notes.
- Unless Refinancing Proceeds are being used to redeem the Secured Notes in whole or in part, in the event of any redemption pursuant to Section 9.2, 9.3 or 9.8, no Secured Notes may be optionally redeemed unless (i) at least one Business Day before the scheduled Redemption Date the Collateral Manager shall have furnished to the Trustee a certification, in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, that the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer has entered into a binding agreement or agreements with (x) a financial or other institution or institutions or (y) a special purpose entity meeting all then-current S&P bankruptcy-remoteness criteria to purchase (directly or by participation or other arrangement), not later than the Business Day immediately preceding the scheduled Redemption Date in immediately available funds, all or part of the Assets at a purchase price at least sufficient, together with the Eligible Investments maturing, redeemable or putable to the issuer thereof at par on or prior to the scheduled Redemption Date, to pay all Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) and Aggregate Collateral Management Fees payable in connection with such Optional Redemption, Tax Redemption or Clean-Up Call Redemption prior to any distributions with respect to the Subordinated Notes, in each case, as applicable and in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and redeem the applicable Class or Classes of Secured Notes on the scheduled Redemption Date at the applicable Redemption Prices (including, without limitation, any such amount that the Holders of such Class or Classes have elected to receive, where Holders of such Class or Classes have elected to receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price that would otherwise be payable to the Holders of such Class or Classes), or (ii) prior to selling any Collateral Obligations and/or Eligible Investments, the Collateral Manager shall certify to the Trustee that, in its judgment (which may be based on the Issuer having entered into an agreement to sell such Assets to another special purpose entity that has committed financing or has priced but has not yet closed its securities offering), the aggregate sum of (A) expected proceeds from the sale of Eligible Investments, and (B) the aggregate Market Value of the Collateral Obligations shall exceed the sum of (x) the aggregate Redemption Prices of the applicable Class of Secured Notes (including, without limitation, any such amount that the Holders of such Class have elected to receive, where Holders of such Class have elected to

receive less than 100% of the Redemption Price that would otherwise be payable to the Holders of such Class) and (y) all Administrative Expenses (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap) and Aggregate Collateral Management Fees payable in connection with such Optional Redemption, Tax Redemption or Clean-Up Call Redemption, in each case, as applicable and in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Any certification delivered by the Collateral Manager pursuant to this Section 9.4(e) shall include (1) the prices of, and expected proceeds from, the sale (directly or by participation or other arrangement) of any Collateral Obligations and/or Eligible Investments and (2) all calculations required by this Section 9.4(e). Any holder of Notes, the Collateral Manager, the Retention Holder or any of their respective affiliates or accounts managed thereby or by any of their respective affiliates may, subject to the same terms and conditions afforded to other bidders, bid on Assets to be sold as part of an Optional Redemption or Tax Redemption.

- Section 1.5 Notes Payable on Redemption Date. (a) Notice of redemption pursuant to Section 9.4 having been given as aforesaid, the Notes to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, subject to Section 9.4(e) and the right or obligation to withdraw any notice of redemption pursuant to Section 9.4(c), become due and payable at the Redemption Prices therein specified, and from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Issuer shall default in the payment of the Redemption Prices and accrued interest) all such Notes shall cease to bear interest on the Redemption Date. Upon final payment on any Notes to be so redeemed, the Holder shall present and surrender such Notes at the place specified in the notice of redemption on or prior to such Redemption Date; provided that if there is delivered to the Issuer and the Trustee such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save such party harmless and an undertaking thereafter to surrender such Notes, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Trustee that the applicable Notes instrument has been acquired by a protected purchaser, such final payment shall be made without presentation or surrender. Payments of interest on Notes so to be redeemed which are payable on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Notes, or one or more predecessor Notes instruments, registered as such at the close of business on the relevant Record Date according to the terms and provisions of Section 2.7(e).
- (a) If any Secured Notes called for redemption shall not be paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal thereof shall, until paid, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the applicable Interest Rate for each successive Interest Accrual Period such Secured Notes remain Outstanding; provided that the reason for such non-payment is not the fault of such Holder.
- Section 1.6 Special Redemption. Principal payments on the Secured Notes shall be made in part in accordance with the Priority of Payments on any Payment Date or, with respect to a redemption pursuant to clause (ii), as otherwise described in Section 7.18, (i) during the Reinvestment Period, if the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion notifies the Trustee at least five Business Days prior to the applicable Special Redemption Date that it has been unable, for a period of at least 20 consecutive Business Days, to identify additional Collateral Obligations that are deemed appropriate by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion and which would satisfy the Investment Criteria in sufficient amounts to permit the investment or reinvestment of all or a portion of the funds then in the Collection Account that are to be invested in additional Collateral Obligations, (ii) if the Collateral Manager elects to direct a Special Redemption to the extent necessary to enable the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) to (1) confirm to S&P that the Effective Date Condition has been satisfied or (2) obtain from S&P written confirmation of its Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes, or (iii) if an EU/UK Retention Deficiency exists to the extent necessary to reduce such EU/UK Retention Deficiency to zero. On the first Payment Date (and all subsequent Payment Dates) following the Collection Period in which such notice is given (a "Special Redemption Date"), the amount in the Collection Account representing, as applicable, (x) Principal Proceeds that the Collateral Manager has determined (with written notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator)

cannot be reinvested in additional Collateral Obligations, (y) Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds available therefor in accordance with the Priority of Payments on each Payment Date until the Issuer obtains written confirmation from S&P of its Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes (provided such confirmation is not required if the Effective Date Condition has been satisfied), or (z) Principal Proceeds necessary to reduce any outstanding EU/UK Retention Deficiency to zero (such amount, a "Special Redemption Amount"). In addition, in connection with a redemption pursuant to clause (ii), the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf may elect to direct a Special Redemption on any Business Day other than a Payment Date as described in Section 7.18 (such date also a "Special Redemption Date" and the applicable amount paid as a redemption thereunder, also a "Special Redemption Amount"). Notice of payments pursuant to this Section 9.6 shall be provided by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer not less than three Business Days prior to the applicable Special Redemption Date to each Holder of Notes affected thereby at such Holder's facsimile number, email address or mailing address in the Note Register and to S&P. In addition, for so long as any Listed Notes are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require, notice of Special Redemption to the holders of such Notes shall also be given by publication on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange.

Section 1.7 Optional Re-Pricing.

- (a) On any Business Day after the Non-Call Period, at the written direction of either (i) the Collateral Manager with the consent of the Retention Holder or (ii) a Majority of the Subordinated Notes with the consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder, the Issuer shall reduce the spread over the Reference Rate with respect to any Class of Secured Notes, where such Class of Notes constitutes Re-Pricing Eligible Notes (such reduction with respect to any such Class of Notes, a "Re-Pricing" and any Class of Notes to be subject to a Re-Pricing, a "Re-Priced Class"); provided that the Issuer shall not effect any Re-Pricing unless each condition specified in this Section 9.7 is satisfied with respect thereto. For the avoidance of doubt, no terms of any Notes other than the Interest Rate applicable thereto may be modified or supplemented in connection with a Re-Pricing. In connection with any Re-Pricing, the Issuer may engage a broker-dealer (the "Re-Pricing Intermediary") upon the recommendation and subject to the approval of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes and such Re-Pricing Intermediary shall assist the Issuer in effecting the Re-Pricing.
- (b) At least 15 Business Days (or such shorter period of time as the Trustee and the Collateral Manager find reasonably acceptable) prior to the Business Day fixed by the Collateral Manager or a Majority of the Subordinated Notes, as applicable, for any proposed Re-Pricing (the "Re-Pricing Date"), the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, shall deliver a notice in writing to the Trustee (who shall promptly forward a copy of such notice to each Holder of the proposed Re-Priced Class, the Collateral Manager, S&P and the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (so long as any Listed Notes are listed thereon and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require)), which notice shall:
 - (i) specify the proposed Re-Pricing Date and the revised spread over the Reference Rate or range of spreads over the Reference Rate to be applied with respect to such Class (the "Re-Pricing Rate");
 - (ii) request each Holder of the Re-Priced Class to approve the proposed Re-Pricing; and
 - (iii) specify the price at which Notes of any Holder of the Re-Priced Class which does not approve the Re-Pricing may be sold and transferred pursuant to Section 9.7(c), which, for purposes of such Re-Pricing, shall be the Redemption Price

after giving effect on a *pro forma* basis to all payments to be made pursuant to the Priority of Payments on the Re-Pricing Date if such date is a Payment Date.

- In the event any Holders of the Re-Priced Class do not deliver written consent to the proposed Re-Pricing on or before the date that is five (5) Business Days after the date of such notice, the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, shall deliver written notice thereof to the Trustee (who shall promptly forward a copy of such notice to the consenting Holders of the Re-Priced Class), specifying the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by such non-consenting Holders, and shall request each such consenting Holder provide written notice to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and the Re-Pricing Intermediary if such Holder would like to purchase all or any portion of the Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by the non-consenting Holders (each such notice, an "Exercise Notice") within five (5) Business Days after receipt of such notice. In the event the Issuer shall receive Exercise Notices with respect to more than the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders, the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, shall cause the sale and transfer of such Notes, without further notice to the nonconsenting Holders thereof (for settlement on the Re-Pricing Date) to the Holders delivering Exercise Notices with respect thereto, pro rata based on the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes such Holders indicated an interest in purchasing pursuant to their Exercise Notices. In the event the Issuer shall receive Exercise Notices with respect to less than the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders, the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, shall cause the sale and transfer of such Notes, without further notice to the non-consenting Holders thereof (for settlement on the Re-Pricing Date) to the Holders delivering Exercise Notices with respect thereto, and any excess Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders shall be sold (for settlement on the Re-Pricing Date) to one or more transferees designated by the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer. All sales of Notes to be effected pursuant to this clause (c) shall be made at the Redemption Price after giving effect on a pro forma basis to all payments to be made pursuant to the Priority of Payments on the Re-Pricing Date if such date is a Payment Date, and shall be effected only if the related Re-Pricing is effected in accordance with the provisions hereof. The Holder of any Notes, by its acceptance of an interest in such Notes, agrees that the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, may enter into binding commitments to sell and transfer all Notes of a Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders in accordance with this <u>Section 9.7</u> and, if it is a non-consenting Holder, hereby irrevocably appoints the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact (with full power of substitution) in its name, place and stead and at its expense, in connection with such sale and transfer, and agrees to sell and transfer its Notes in accordance with this Section 9.7 and to cooperate with the Issuer, the Re-Pricing Intermediary and the Trustee to effectuate such sale and transfers. The Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, shall deliver written notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Manager not later than one Business Day prior to the proposed Re-Pricing Date confirming that the Issuer has received written commitments to purchase all Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders. For the avoidance of doubt, such Re-Pricing will apply to all the Notes of the Re-Priced Class, including the Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders.
- (d) The Issuer shall not effect any proposed Re-Pricing unless: (i) the Issuer and the Trustee shall have entered into a supplemental indenture dated as of the Re-Pricing Date to decrease (x) the spread over the Reference Rate or (y) the fixed rate of interest, as applicable, for the Re-Priced Class in accordance with Section 8.1; (ii) the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, has received written commitments to purchase all Notes of the Re-Priced Class held by non-consenting Holders; (iii) S&P shall have been notified of such Re-Pricing; (iv) the Issuer has obtained written advice of Dechert LLP or an opinion of nationally recognized U.S. tax counsel experienced in such matters to the effect that such Re-

Pricing will not result in the Issuer becoming subject to U.S. federal tax with respect to its net income (including any withholding tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code) or becoming a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes; (v) in the case of any Re-Pricing directed by a Majority of the Subordinated Notes, the written consent of the Collateral Manager and the Retention Holder, and in the case of any Re-Pricing directed by the Collateral Manager, the written consent of the Retention Holder, shall have been obtained; (vi) all expenses of the Issuer and the Trustee, along with the fees of the Re-Pricing Intermediary and fees of counsel incurred in connection with the Re-Pricing shall not exceed the amount of Interest Proceeds available after taking into account all amounts required to be paid pursuant to the Priority of Payments on the subsequent Payment Date prior to distributions to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes, unless such expenses shall have been paid (including from proceeds of any additional issuance of Subordinated Notes) or shall be adequately provided for by an entity other than the Issuer and (vii) (A) neither the Issuer nor any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will fail to be in compliance with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules as a result of such Re-Pricing, (B) there has been no change in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules that would require any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer to hold more than 5% of the credit risk collateralizing the debt issued in connection with the Re-Pricing and (C) unless it consents to do so, none of the Collateral Manager, the U.S. Retention Holder, any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or any "sponsor" (as defined in the U.S. Risk Retention Rules) of the Issuer will be required to purchase any debt issued in connection with the Re-Pricing. If the Trustee receives written notice from the Issuer that a proposed Re-Pricing is not effectuated b

- (e) Any notice of a Re-Pricing may be withdrawn by the Collateral Manager on or prior to the Business Day prior to the scheduled Re-Pricing Date by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee for any reason. Upon receipt of such notice of withdrawal, the Trustee shall send such notice to the Holders of Notes and S&P.
- (f) The Issuer shall direct the Trustee to segregate payments and take other reasonable steps to effect the Re-Pricing and the Trustee shall have the authority to take such actions as may be directed by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager as the Issuer, or the Re-Pricing Intermediary on behalf of the Issuer, or the Collateral Manager shall deem necessary or desirable to effect a Re-Pricing. In order to give effect to the Re-Pricing, the Issuer may, to the extent necessary or desirable, obtain and assign a separate CUSIP or CUSIPs to the Notes of each Class held by such consenting or non-consenting Holder(s). The Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon an Opinion of Counsel stating that the Re-Pricing is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and that all conditions precedent thereto have been complied with. The Trustee may request and rely on an Issuer Order providing direction and any additional information requested by the Trustee in order to effect a Re-Pricing.
- Section 1.8 <u>Clean-Up Call Redemption</u>. (a) At the written direction of the Collateral Manager delivered to the Issuer and, the Trustee not later than 15 Business Days prior to the proposed Redemption Date specified in such direction, the Notes will be subject to redemption by the Issuer, in whole but not in part (a "<u>Clean-Up Call Redemption</u>"), at the Redemption Price therefor, on any Payment Date after the Non-Call Period on which the Collateral Principal Amount is less than 20% of the Target Initial Par Amount.
- (a) Upon receipt of notice directing the Issuer to effect a Clean-Up Call Redemption, the Issuer (or, at the written direction of the Issuer, the Trustee on its behalf) will offer the Collateral Manager, the holders of the Subordinated Notes and any other Person identified by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager the right to bid to purchase the Collateral Obligations at a price not less than the Clean-Up Call Purchase Price. Any Clean-Up Call

Redemption is subject to (i) the sale of the Collateral Obligations by the Issuer to the highest bidder or bidders therefor pursuant to the immediately preceding sentence on or prior to the third Business Day immediately preceding the related Redemption Date, for a purchase price or purchase prices in cash (the "Clean-Up Call Purchase Price") payable on or prior to the third Business Day immediately preceding the related Redemption Date at least equal to the greater of (1) the sum of (a) the sum of the Redemption Prices of the Secured Notes, plus (b) the aggregate of all other amounts owing by the Issuer on the date of such redemption that are payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments prior to distributions in respect of the Subordinated Notes (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap), minus (c) all other Assets available for application in accordance with the Priority of Payments on the Redemption Date and (2) the Market Value of such Assets being purchased, and (ii) the receipt by the Trustee from the Collateral Manager, prior to such purchase(s), of certification from the Collateral Manager that the sum expected to be so received satisfies clause (i). Upon receipt by the Trustee of the certification referred to in the preceding sentence, the Trustee (pursuant to written direction from the Issuer) and the Issuer shall take all actions necessary to sell, assign and transfer the Assets to the applicable holder of Subordinated Notes, the Collateral Manager or such other Person upon payment in immediately available funds of the Clean-Up Call Purchase Price. The Trustee shall deposit such payment into the applicable sub-account of the Collection Account in accordance with the instructions of the Collateral Manager. Any sale, assignment and/or transfer pursuant to this Section 9.8(b) shall be carried out in accordance with the restrictions of Section 12.4(a) hereof.

- (b) Upon receipt from the Collateral Manager of a direction in writing to effect a Clean-Up Call Redemption, the Issuer shall set the related Redemption Date (as specified in such direction) and give written notice thereof to the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and S&P not later than 15 Business Days prior to the proposed Redemption Date.
- (c) Any notice of Clean-Up Call Redemption may be withdrawn by the Issuer up to two Business Days prior to the related scheduled Redemption Date by written notice to the Trustee, the Collateral Manager and S&P only if amounts equal to the Clean-Up Call Purchase Price are not received in full in immediately available funds by the third Business Day immediately preceding such Redemption Date.
- (d) On the Redemption Date related to any Clean-Up Call Redemption, the Clean-Up Call Purchase Price and all other Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds available for distribution on such date shall be distributed pursuant to the Priority of Payments (without regard to the Administrative Expense Cap).

ARTICLE X

ACCOUNTS, ACCOUNTINGS AND RELEASES

Section 1.1 <u>Collection of Money.</u> Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, the Trustee may demand payment or delivery of, and shall receive and collect, directly and without intervention or assistance of any fiscal agent or other intermediary, all Money and other property payable to or receivable by the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture, including all payments due on the Assets, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such Assets. The Trustee shall segregate and hold (or cause the Custodian to segregate and hold) all such Money and property received by it for the benefit of Holders of the Notes and shall apply it as provided herein. Each Account shall be established and maintained (a) with a federal or state-chartered depository institution that has a long-term issuer credit rating of at least "A" and a short-term issuer credit rating of "A-1" (or in the absence of a short-term issuer credit rating, a long-term issuer credit rating of at least "A+") by S&P, and if such institution's rating falls below such

ratings, the assets held in such Account shall be moved by the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) no later than 31 calendar days after such event to another institution that has such ratings or (b) in segregated accounts with the corporate trust department of a federal or state-chartered depository institution that has a long-term issuer credit rating of at least "A" and a short-term issuer credit rating of "A-1" (or in the absence of a short-term issuer credit rating, a long-term issuer credit rating of at least "A+") by S&P (and if such institution's rating falls below such ratings, the assets held in such Account shall be moved by the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf) no later than 31 calendar days after such event to another institution that has such ratings) and is subject to regulations regarding fiduciary funds on deposit similar to Title 12 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 9.10(b). Such institution shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least U.S.\$200,000,000. All Cash deposited in the Accounts shall be invested only in Eligible Investments or Collateral Obligations in accordance with the terms of this Indenture. The accounts established by the Trustee pursuant to this Article X may include any number of subaccounts deemed necessary for convenience in administering the Assets.

Collection Account. (a) In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian two segregated accounts, one of which will be designated the "Interest Collection Subaccount" and one of which will be designated the "Principal Collection Subaccount" (and which together will comprise the Collection Account), each held in the name of the Issuer subject to the Lien of this Indenture and each of which shall be maintained with the Custodian in accordance with the Securities Account Control Agreement. The Trustee shall from time to time deposit into the Interest Collection Subaccount, in addition to the deposits required pursuant to Section 10.7(a), immediately upon receipt thereof or upon transfer from the Expense Reserve Account or the Payment Account, all Interest Proceeds (unless simultaneously reinvested in additional Collateral Obligations in accordance with Article XII). The Trustee shall deposit immediately upon receipt thereof or upon transfer from the Expense Reserve Account or the Revolver Funding Account all other amounts remitted to the Collection Account into the Principal Collection Subaccount, including in addition to the deposits required pursuant to Section 10.7(a), (i) any funds designated as Principal Proceeds by the Collateral Manager in accordance with this Indenture, (ii) the net proceeds from the issuance of any additional Notes and (iii) all other Principal Proceeds (unless simultaneously reinvested in additional Collateral Obligations in accordance with Article XII or in Eligible Investments). The Issuer may, but under no circumstances shall be required to, deposit from time to time into the Collection Account, in addition to any amount required hereunder to be deposited therein, such Monies received from external sources for the benefit of the Secured Parties or the Issuer (other than payments on or in respect of the Collateral Obligations, Eligible Investments or other existing Assets) as the Issuer deems, in its sole discretion, to be advisable and to designate them as Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds. All Monies deposited from time to time in the Collection Account pursuant to this Indenture shall be held by the Trustee as part of the Assets and shall be applied to the purposes herein provided. Subject to Section 10.2(d), amounts in the Collection Account shall be reinvested pursuant to Section 10.7(a).

(a) The Trustee, within one Business Day after receipt of any distribution or other proceeds in respect of the Assets which are not Cash, shall so notify the Issuer and the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to, within five Business Days after receipt of such notice from the Trustee (or as soon as practicable thereafter), sell such distribution or other proceeds for Cash in an arm's length transaction and deposit the proceeds thereof in the Collection Account; provided that the Issuer (i) need not sell such distributions or other proceeds if it delivers an Issuer Order or an Officer's certificate to the Trustee certifying that such distributions or other proceeds constitute Collateral Obligations, Equity Securities or Eligible Investments or (ii) may otherwise retain such distribution or other proceeds for up to two years from the date of receipt thereof if it delivers an

Officer's certificate to the Trustee certifying that (x) it will sell such distribution within such two-year period and (y) retaining such distribution is not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture.

- (b) At any time when reinvestment is permitted pursuant to Article XII, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may by Issuer Order direct the Trustee to, and upon receipt of such Issuer Order the Trustee shall, withdraw funds on deposit in the Principal Collection Subaccount representing Principal Proceeds (together with any Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest) and reinvest (or invest, in the case of funds referred to in Section 7.18) such funds in additional Collateral Obligations, in each case in accordance with the requirements of Article XII and such Issuer Order. At any time, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may by Issuer Order direct the Trustee to, and upon receipt of such Issuer Order the Trustee shall, withdraw funds on deposit in the Principal Collection Subaccount representing Principal Proceeds and deposit such funds in the Revolver Funding Account to meet funding requirements on Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations or Revolving Collateral Obligations.
- Order the Trustee shall, pay from amounts on deposit in the Collection Account on any Business Day during any Interest Accrual Period (i) any amount required to purchase additional Collateral Obligations, and (ii) from Interest Proceeds only, (x) any Administrative Expenses (such payments to be counted against the Administrative Expense Cap for the applicable period and to be subject to the order of priority as stated in the definition of Administrative Expenses) and/or (y) to exercise a warrant or right to acquire securities held in the Assets in accordance with the requirements of Article XII and such Issuer Order; provided that the aggregate Administrative Expenses paid pursuant to this Section 10.2(d) during any Collection Period shall not exceed the Administrative Expense Cap for the related Payment Date; provided, further, that the Trustee shall be entitled (but not required) without liability on its part, to refrain from making any such payment of an Administrative Expense pursuant to this Section 10.2 on any day other than a Payment Date if, in its reasonable determination, the payment of such amount is likely to leave insufficient funds available to pay in full each of the items described in Section 11.1(a)(i)(A) as reasonably anticipated to be or become due and payable on the next Payment Date, taking into account the Administrative Expense Cap.
- (d) The Trustee shall transfer to the Payment Account, from the Collection Account for application pursuant to Section 11.1(a), on the Business Day immediately preceding each Payment Date, the amount set forth to be so transferred in the Distribution Report for such Payment Date.
- (e) Subject to <u>Section 12.2(f)</u>, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may direct the Trustee to withdraw Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds from the Collection Account on any Business Day during any Interest Accrual Period in any amount required to acquire a Workout Loan.
- (f) The Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may direct the Trustee to transfer from amounts on deposit in the Interest Collection Subaccount to the Principal Collection Subaccount, amounts necessary for application as described under Section 7.18. In addition, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may direct the Trustee to deposit from the Principal Collection Subaccount into the Revolver Funding Account amounts that are required to meet funding requirements with respect to Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations.

Section 1.3 Transaction Accounts.

- (a) Payment Account. In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian a single, segregated non-interest bearing account held in the name of the Issuer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, which shall be designated as the Payment Account, which shall be maintained with the Custodian in accordance with the Securities Account Control Agreement. Except as provided in Section 11.1(a), the only permitted withdrawal from or application of funds on deposit in, or otherwise to the credit of, the Payment Account shall be to pay amounts due and payable on the Notes in accordance with their terms and the provisions of this Indenture and, upon Issuer Order, to pay Administrative Expenses, fees and other amounts due and owing to the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement and other amounts specified herein, each in accordance with the Priority of Payments. The Issuer shall not have any legal, equitable or beneficial interest in the Payment Account other than in accordance with this Indenture (including the Priority of Payments) and the Securities Account Control Agreement. Amounts in the Payment Account shall remain uninvested.
- (b) <u>Custodial Account</u>. In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian a single, segregated non-interest bearing account held in the name of the Issuer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, which shall be designated as the Custodial Account, which shall be maintained with the Custodian in accordance with the Securities Account Control Agreement. All Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Restructured Loans and Specified Equity Securities shall be credited to the Custodial Account. The only permitted withdrawals from the Custodial Account shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture. The Trustee agrees to give the Issuer immediate notice if (to the actual knowledge of a Trust Officer of the Trustee) the Custodial Account or any assets or securities on deposit therein, or otherwise to the credit of the Custodial Account, shall become subject to any writ, order, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process. The Issuer shall not have any legal, equitable or beneficial interest in the Custodial Account other than in accordance with this Indenture and the Priority of Payments. Amounts in the Custodial Account shall remain uninvested.
- (c) Ramp-Up Account. In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian a single, segregated non-interest bearing account held in the name of the Issuer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, which shall be designated as the Ramp-Up Account, which shall be maintained with the Custodian in accordance with the Securities Account Control Agreement. The Issuer hereby directs the Trustee to deposit the amount specified in Section 3.1(k) to the Ramp-Up Account on the Closing Date. In connection with any purchase of an additional Collateral Obligation, the Trustee will apply amounts held in the Ramp-Up Account as provided by Section 7.18(b) and Section 7.18(f). Any income earned on amounts deposited in the Ramp-Up Account will be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount. All other amounts on deposit in the Ramp-Up Account will be deemed to represent Principal Proceeds. On the Effective Date (and excluding any proceeds that will be used to settle binding commitments entered into prior to that date), the Trustee will deposit from amounts remaining in the Ramp-Up Account: (x) an amount designated by the Collateral Manager (the "Designated Ramp-Up Proceeds") not greater than 1.0% of the Target Initial Par Amount (the "Designated Deposit Cap") into the Interest Collection Subaccount as Interest Proceeds; provided that, before and after giving effect to such deposit, (i) the Target Initial Par Condition would be satisfied if determined as of such time, (ii) the Concentration Limitations are satisfied, (iii) each Coverage Test is satisfied, (iv) the Collateral Quality Test is satisfied, (v) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (vi) a Restricted Trading Period is not in effect; and

- (y) any remaining amounts (after any deposit pursuant to clause (x) above) into the Principal Collection Subaccount as Principal Proceeds. Following the Effective Date and on or prior to the Determination Date related to the first Payment Date after the Closing Date, the Collateral Manager may make a one-time designation of Principal Proceeds received by the Issuer as Interest Proceeds (the "Designated Principal Proceeds"), so long as, after giving effect to such designation (i) the aggregate amount of Designated Ramp-Up Proceeds and Designated Principal Proceeds will not exceed the Designated Deposit Cap and (ii) the Target Initial Par Condition would be satisfied if determined as of such time, (iii) the Concentration Limitations are satisfied, (iv) each Coverage Test is satisfied, (v) the Collateral Quality Test is satisfied, (vi) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (vii) a Restricted Trading Period is not in effect.
- (d) Expense Reserve Account. In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian a single, segregated non-interest bearing account held in the name of the Issuer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, which shall be designated as the Expense Reserve Account. The Issuer shall direct the Trustee to deposit the amount specified in Section 3.1(k) to the Expense Reserve Account. On any Business Day from the Closing Date to and including the Determination Date relating to the third Payment Date following the Closing Date, the Trustee shall apply funds from the Expense Reserve Account, as directed by the Collateral Manager, (i) to pay expenses of the Issuer incurred in connection with the establishment of the Issuer, the structuring and consummation of the Offering and the issuance of the Notes or (ii) to the Collection Account as Principal Proceeds. By the Determination Date relating to the third Payment Date following the Closing Date, all funds in the Expense Reserve Account (after deducting any expenses paid on such Determination Date) will be deposited in the Collection Account as Interest Proceeds (or Principal Proceeds if directed by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion) and the Expense Reserve Account will be closed. Any income earned on amounts deposited in the Expense Reserve Account will be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount as Interest Proceeds as it is received.
- (e) Permitted Use Account. In accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish at the Custodian a single, segregated non-interest bearing account in the name of the Issuer, subject to the Lien of this Indenture, which shall be designated as the Permitted Use Account. Contributions made as described in Section 10.6 hereof will be deposited into the Permitted Use Account and transferred to the Collection Account for a Permitted Use designated by the Collateral Manager. In addition, amounts designated for deposit into the Permitted Use Account pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i) and/or the proceeds of the issuance of Junior Mezzanine Notes or additional Subordinated Notes designated for deposit into the Permitted Use Account will be deposited into the Permitted Use Account and transferred to the Collection Account at the direction of the Collateral Manager to be applied for a Permitted Use. Amounts on deposit in the Permitted Use Account will be invested in the Standby Directed Investment until such time as the Trustee receives written direction from the Collateral Manager (which direction may be in the form of standing instructions) to invest such amounts in other Eligible Investments. Any income earned on amounts deposited in the Permitted Use Account will be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount as Interest Proceeds.
- Section 1.4 The Revolver Funding Account. Upon the purchase or acquisition of any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation identified by written notice to the Trustee, funds in an amount equal to the undrawn portion of such obligation shall be withdrawn first from the Ramp-Up Account (if prior to the Effective Date) and, if necessary, from the Principal Collection Subaccount and deposited in a single, segregated account established (in accordance with this Indenture and the Securities Account Control Agreement) in the name of the Issuer subject to the Lien of this Indenture (the "Revolver Funding Account"). The Issuer hereby directs the Trustee to deposit the amount specified in

Section 3.1(k) to the Revolver Funding Account on the Closing Date. Upon initial purchase or acquisition of any such obligations, funds deposited in the Revolver Funding Account in respect of any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation will be treated as part of the purchase price therefor. Amounts on deposit in the Revolver Funding Account will be invested in overnight funds that are Eligible Investments selected by the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section 10.7 and earnings from all such investments will be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount as Interest Proceeds. All other amounts held in the Revolver Funding Account will be deemed to represent Principal Proceeds.

The Issuer shall, at all times, maintain sufficient funds on deposit in the Revolver Funding Account such that the sum of the amount of funds on deposit in the Revolver Funding Account shall be equal to or greater than the sum of the unfunded funding obligations under all such Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations then included in the Assets. Funds shall be deposited in the Revolver Funding Account upon the purchase of any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation and upon the receipt by the Issuer of any Principal Proceeds with respect to a Revolving Collateral Obligation as directed by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer. In the event of any shortfall in the Revolver Funding Account, the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) may direct the Trustee to, and the Trustee thereafter shall, transfer funds in an amount equal to such shortfall from the Principal Collection Subaccount to the Revolver Funding Account.

Any funds in the Revolver Funding Account (other than earnings from Eligible Investments therein) will be treated as Principal Proceeds and will be available solely to cover any drawdowns on the Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations; provided, that any excess of (A) the amounts on deposit in the Revolver Funding Account over (B) the sum of the unfunded funding obligations under all Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations that are included in the Assets (which excess may occur for any reason, including upon (i) the sale or maturity of a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation, (ii) the occurrence of an event of default with respect to any such Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation or (iii) any other event or circumstance which results in the irrevocable reduction of the undrawn commitments under such Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation or Revolving Collateral Obligation) may be transferred by the Trustee (at the written direction of the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) from time to time as Principal Proceeds to the Principal Collection Subaccount.

Section 1.5 The Interest Reserve Account. The Issuer will, on or prior to the Closing Date, cause the Trustee to establish a single, segregated non-interest bearing account in the name of the Issuer subject to the Lien of this Indenture which will be designated as the "Interest Reserve Account." On the Closing Date, the Issuer will deposit an amount equal to the Interest Reserve Amount into the Interest Reserve Account. On or before the Determination Date in the first Collection Period, the Collateral Manager may direct that any portion of the Interest Reserve Amount be transferred to the Collection Account and included as Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds for such Collection Period; provided that the purchase of Collateral Obligations with such funds shall not cause an EU/UK Retention Deficiency. On the first Payment Date, all amounts on deposit in the Interest Reserve Account will be transferred to the Payment Account and applied as Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds (as directed by the Collateral Manager) in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and the Trustee will close the Interest Reserve Account.

Section 1.6 <u>Contributions</u>. At any time during the Reinvestment Period, any Holder of Subordinated Notes (each such person, a "<u>Contributor</u>") may provide a contribution notice ("<u>Contribution Notice</u>") to the Issuer (with a copy to the Collateral Manager) and the

Trustee, substantially in the form of Exhibit C hereto, and make a subsequent contribution of cash to the Issuer (each, a "Contribution"); provided that, unless such Contribution is to be applied to acquire a Workout Loan, Restructured Loan or a Specified Equity Security, each Contribution must be in an aggregate amount equal to at least U.S.\$500,000 (counting all Contributions made on the same day as a single Contribution for this purpose). The Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, may accept or reject any Contribution in its sole discretion and shall notify the Trustee in writing of any such acceptance. Each accepted Contribution shall be received into the Permitted Use Account and applied by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer to a Permitted Use as directed by the Collateral Manager at the time such Contribution is made. No Contribution or portion thereof shall be returned to the Contributor at any time (other than by operation of the Priority of Payments) and no additional equity interest in the Issuer shall be issued or other rights against the Issuer shall be credited in favor of the Contributor as a result of such Contribution.

Reinvestment of Funds in Accounts; Reports by Trustee. (a) By Issuer Order (which may be in the form of standing instructions), the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) shall at all times direct the Trustee to, and, upon receipt of such Issuer Order, the Trustee shall, invest all funds remaining on deposit in the Collection Account, the Ramp-Up Account, the Revolver Funding Account, the Expense Reserve Account, the Permitted Use Account and the Interest Reserve Account, as so directed in Eligible Investments having stated maturities no later than the Business Day preceding the next Payment Date (or such other maturities expressly provided herein). If prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Issuer shall not have given any such investment directions, the Trustee shall seek instructions from the Collateral Manager within three Business Days after transfer of any funds to such accounts. If the Trustee does not thereafter receive written instructions from the Collateral Manager within five Business Days after transfer of such funds to such accounts, it shall invest and reinvest the funds held in such accounts, as fully as practicable, in the Standby Directed Investment or other Eligible Investments of the type described in clause (ii) of the definition of "Eligible Investments" maturing no later than the Business Day immediately preceding the next Payment Date (or such other maturities expressly provided herein), as selected by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager on its behalf. If after the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Issuer shall not have given such investment directions to the Trustee for three consecutive days, the Trustee shall invest and reinvest such Monies as fully as practicable in the Standby Directed Investment unless and until contrary investment instructions as provided in the preceding sentence are received or the Trustee receives a written instruction from the Issuer, or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, changing the Standby Directed Investment. Except to the extent expressly provided otherwise herein, all interest and other income from such investments shall be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount, any gain realized from such investments shall be credited to the Principal Collection Subaccount upon receipt, and any loss resulting from such investments shall be charged to the Principal Collection Subaccount. The Trustee shall not in any way be held liable by reason of any insufficiency of such accounts which results from any loss relating to any such investment; provided that nothing herein shall relieve the Bank of (i) its obligations or liabilities under any security or obligation issued by the Bank or any Affiliate thereof or (ii) liability for any loss resulting from gross negligence, willful misconduct or fraud on the part of the Bank or any Affiliate thereof. Except as expressly provided herein, the Trustee shall not otherwise be under any duty to invest (or pay interest on) amounts held hereunder from time to time.

(a) The Trustee agrees to give the Issuer immediate notice if any Trust Officer has actual knowledge that any Account or any funds on deposit in any Account, or otherwise to the credit of an Account, shall become subject to any writ, order, judgment, warrant of attachment, execution or similar process.

(b) The Trustee shall supply, in a timely fashion, to the Issuer, S&P, the Collateral Administrator and the Collateral Manager any information regularly maintained by the Trustee that the Issuer, S&P, the Collateral Administrator or the Collateral Manager may from time to time reasonably request with respect to the Assets, the Accounts and the other Assets and provide any other requested information reasonably available to the Trustee by reason of its acting as Trustee hereunder and required to be provided by Section 10.8 or to permit the Collateral Manager to perform its obligations under the Collateral Management Agreement or the Issuer's obligations hereunder that have been delegated to the Collateral Manager. The Trustee shall promptly forward to the Collateral Manager copies of notices and other writings received by it from the Obligor or issuer of any Asset or from any Clearing Agency with respect to any Asset which notices or writings advise the holders of such Asset of any rights that the holders might have with respect thereto (including, without limitation, requests to vote with respect to amendments or waivers and notices of prepayments and redemptions) as well as all periodic financial reports received from such Obligor or issuer and Clearing Agencies with respect to such Obligor or issuer.

Section 1.8 Accountings.

- (a) Monthly. Not later than the 27 calendar day (or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day) of each calendar month (other than January, April, July and October in each year) and commencing in June 2024, the Issuer shall compile (or cause to be compiled) and give to the Collateral Manager and the Trustee (who shall make available to S&P, the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (so long as any Notes are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require), Moody's Analytics, Inc., the Initial Purchaser, any other Holder shown in the Note Register, any beneficial owner of any Note who has delivered a Beneficial Ownership Certificate to the Trustee and the Investor Information Services by posting such report to its website), a monthly report on a trade date basis (each such report a "Monthly Report"). As used herein, the "Monthly Report Determination Date" with respect to any calendar month will be the seventh day of such calendar month; provided, that if such seventh day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day. The Monthly Report for a calendar month shall contain the following information with respect to the Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments included in the Assets, based on information provided by the Collateral Manager, and shall be determined as of the close of business on the Monthly Report Determination Date for such calendar month:
 - (i) Aggregate Principal Balance of Collateral Obligations, the aggregate unfunded commitments of the Collateral Obligations, any capitalized interest on the Collateral Obligations and Eligible Investments representing Principal Proceeds.
 - (ii) Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount of Collateral Obligations.
 - (iii) Collateral Principal Amount of Collateral Obligations.
 - (iv) A list of Collateral Obligations, including, with respect to each such Collateral Obligation, the following information:
 - (A) The obligor thereon (including the issuer ticker, if any);
 - (B) The number, identity, Bloomberg Loan ID, FIGI, ISIN, Loan/X, CUSIP or security identifier thereof (as applicable);
 - (C) The Principal Balance thereof (other than any accrued interest that was purchased with Principal Proceeds) and any unfunded commitment pertaining thereto;

- (D) The percentage of the aggregate Collateral Principal Amount represented by such Collateral Obligation;
- (E) (x) The related interest rate or spread (in the case of a Reference Rate Floor Obligation, calculated both with and without regard to the excess of any applicable specified "floor" rate per annum over the Reference Rate in effect for the current Interest Accrual Period), (y) if such Collateral Obligation is a Reference Rate Floor Obligation, the related reference rate floor and (z) the identity of any Collateral Obligation that is not a Reference Rate Floor Obligation and for which interest is calculated with respect to any index other than the Reference Rate;
 - (F) The stated maturity thereof;
 - (G) The related S&P Industry Classification;
- (H) For each Collateral Obligation with an S&P Rating derived from a Moody's Rating, the Moody's Rating, unless such rating is based on a credit estimate unpublished by Moody's (and, in the event of a downgrade or withdrawal of the applicable Moody's Rating, the prior rating and the date such Moody's Rating was changed);
 - (I) [Reserved];
 - (J) [Reserved];
 - (K) The S&P Rating, unless such rating is based on a credit estimate or is a private or confidential rating from S&P;
 - (L) [Reserved];
 - (M) The country of Domicile;
- (N) An indication as to whether each such Collateral Obligation is (1) a Senior Secured Loan, (2) a Second Lien Loan, (3) a Defaulted Obligation, (4) a Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligation, (5) a Revolving Collateral Obligation, (6) a Participation Interest (indicating the related Selling Institution, if applicable, and its ratings by S&P), (7) a Permitted Deferrable Obligation, (8) a Fixed Rate Obligation, (9) a Current Pay Obligation, (10) a Discount Obligation, (11) a Discount Obligation purchased in the manner described in clause (y) of the proviso to the definition "Discount Obligation", (12) a DIP Collateral Obligation, (13) a First-Lien Last-Out Loan, (14) a Cov-Lite Loan, (15) a Credit Improved Obligation, (16) a Credit Risk Obligation, (17) a Workout Loan designated as a Collateral Obligation and (18) Uptier Priming Debt (including identification of an Uptier Priming Debt that is also a Long Dated Obligation);
- (O) With respect to each Collateral Obligation that is a Discount Obligation purchased in the manner described in clause (i) of the proviso to the definition "Discount Obligation",
 - (I) the identity of the Collateral Obligation (including whether such Collateral Obligation was classified as a Discount Obligation at the time of its original purchase) the proceeds of whose sale are used to purchase the purchased Collateral Obligation;

- (II) the purchase price (as a percentage of par) of the purchased Collateral Obligation and the sale price (as a percentage of par) of the Collateral Obligation the proceeds of whose sale are used to purchase the purchased Collateral Obligation; and
- (III) the Aggregate Principal Balance of Collateral Obligations that have been excluded from the definition of "Discount Obligation" and relevant calculations indicating whether such amount is in compliance with the limitations described in clauses (ii)(x) and (ii)(y) of the proviso to the definition of "Discount Obligation;"
- (P) The S&P Recovery Rate; and
- (Q) The most recently calculated EBITDA for the related Obligor (as provided by the Collateral Manager to the Trustee).
- (v) If the Monthly Report Determination Date occurs on or after the Effective Date, for each of the limitations and tests specified in the definitions of Concentration Limitations and Collateral Quality Test (including, for this purpose only, the Diversity Score), (1) the result, (2) the related minimum or maximum test level and (3) if such Monthly Report Determination Date occurs on or prior to the last day of the Reinvestment Period, a determination as to whether such result satisfies the related test.
 - (vi) The calculation of each of the following:
 - (A) Each Interest Coverage Ratio (and setting forth the percentage required to satisfy each Interest Coverage Test); and
 - (B) Each Overcollateralization Ratio (and setting forth the percentage required to satisfy each Overcollateralization Ratio Test).
 - (vii) The calculation specified in <u>Section 5.1(e)</u>.
- (viii) The identity of each Defaulted Obligation, the S&P Collateral Value and Market Value of each such Defaulted Obligation and date of default thereof.
- (ix) The identity of each Collateral Obligation with an S&P Rating of "CCC+" or below and, if the CCC Excess is greater than zero, the Market Value of each such Collateral Obligation.
- (x) The identity of each Deferring Obligation, the S&P Collateral Value and Market Value of each Deferring Obligation, and the date on which interest was last paid in full in Cash thereon.
- (xi) The identity of each Current Pay Obligation, the Market Value of each such Current Pay Obligation, and the percentage of the Collateral Principal Amount comprised of Current Pay Obligations.
- (xii) The identity of each Workout Loan not designated as a Collateral Obligation, Restructured Loan, Specified Equity Security and Equity Security held by the Issuer.

- (xiii) The Weighted Average Coupon, the Weighted Average Floating Spread, the Weighted Average Life, the Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate, the S&P Weighted Average Rating Factor.
- (xiv) The results of the S&P CDO Monitor Test (with a statement as to whether it is passing or failing), including the Class Default Differentials, the Class Break-even Default Rates and the Class Scenario Default Rate for the Highest Ranking S&P Class of Notes, and, after the S&P CDO Monitor Election Date, the Weighted Average Floating Spread that is calculated for purposes of the S&P CDO Monitor Test, the characteristics of the Current Portfolio and the S&P CDO Monitor Benchmarks.
- (xv) A copy of the notice provided by the Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Section 12.2(b)</u> hereof setting forth the details of any Trading Plan (including the proposed amendments and/or proposed investments identified by the Collateral Manager for acquisition or entry, as applicable, as part of such Trading Plan (which details shall be reported by providing a copy of the notice from the Collateral Manager on a dedicated page of the Monthly Report)).
 - (xvi) [Reserved].
- (xvii) The identity of each Collateral Obligation subject to a Maturity Amendment during the related calendar month and the details of any such Maturity Amendment (which details shall be reported on a dedicated page of the Monthly Report) and confirmation that not more than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount consists of Collateral Obligations subject to a Credit Amendment that does not meet the requirement described in the first proviso to Section 7.20(a) (as provided by the Collateral Manager to the Trustee).
- (xviii) With respect to the EU/UK Retention Interests: (A) confirmation that the Collateral Administrator has received written confirmation from the EU/UK Retention Holder that (x) it continues to hold the EU/UK Retention Interest and (y) it has not sold, hedged or otherwise mitigated its credit risk under or associated with the EU/UK Retention Interest or the underlying portfolio of Collateral Obligations, except to the extent permitted in accordance with the EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements; (B) as calculated by the Collateral Manager, the calculation of 5% of the EU/UK Retention Basis Amount as of the most recent Determination Date for the purposes of the Collateral Manager's determination of whether an EU/UK Retention Deficiency has occurred; and (C) confirmation from the Collateral Manager as to whether, since the last Monthly Report Determination Date, an actual or potential EU/UK Retention Deficiency has prohibited the Collateral Manager from reinvesting in any Collateral Obligations.
 - (xix) The balance of all Eligible Investments and cash in each of the Accounts.
- (xx) The name of the financial institution that holds each Account and the applicable ratings by S&P required under Section 10.1 for such institution.
- (xxi) On a dedicated page of the Monthly Report, the amount of any Contributions received by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.6 since the previous Monthly Report Determination Date.
- (xxii) Such other information as S&P or the Collateral Manager may reasonably request and as may be reasonably available to the Collateral Administrator at no undue burden or expense.

For each instance in which the Market Value is reported pursuant to the foregoing, the Monthly Report shall also indicate the manner in which such Market Value was determined and the source(s) (if applicable) used in such determination (as provided by the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Administrator).

Upon receipt of each Monthly Report, the Trustee shall compare the information contained in such Monthly Report to the information contained in its records with respect to the Assets and shall, within three Business Days after receipt of such Monthly Report, notify the Issuer (and the Issuer shall notify S&P), the Collateral Administrator and the Collateral Manager if the information contained in the Monthly Report does not conform to the information maintained by the Trustee with respect to the Assets. If any discrepancy exists, the Issuer, or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer, shall attempt to resolve the discrepancy. If such discrepancy cannot be promptly resolved, the Trustee shall within ten (10) Business Days notify the Collateral Manager who shall, on behalf of the Issuer, request that the Independent accountants appointed by the Issuer pursuant to Section 10.11 review such Monthly Report and the Trustee's records to determine the cause of such discrepancy. If such review reveals an error in the Monthly Report or the Trustee's records, the Monthly Report or the Trustee's records shall be revised accordingly and, as so revised, shall be utilized in making all calculations pursuant to this Indenture and notice of any error in the Monthly Report shall be sent as soon as practicable by the Issuer to all recipients of such report which may be accomplished by making a notation of such error in the subsequent Monthly Report.

- (b) <u>Payment Date Accounting</u>. The Issuer shall render (or cause to be rendered) an accounting (each a "<u>Distribution Report</u>"), determined as of the close of business on each Determination Date preceding a Payment Date, to the Collateral Manager and the Trustee (who shall make available such Distribution Report to the Initial Purchaser, S&P, Moody's Analytics, Inc., any Holder shown in the Note Register, any beneficial owner of any Note who has delivered a Beneficial Ownership Certificate to the Trustee and the Investor Information Services by posting such report to its website) not later than the related Payment Date. The Distribution Report shall contain the following information:
 - (i) the information required to be in the Monthly Report pursuant to Section 10.8(a);
 - (ii) (a) the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of each Class at the beginning of the Interest Accrual Period and such amount as a percentage of the original Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Class, (b) the amount of principal payments to be made on the Secured Notes of each Class on the next Payment Date and the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Secured Notes of each Class after giving effect to the principal payments, if any, on the next Payment Date and such amount as a percentage of the original Aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Notes of such Secured Notes and (c) the amount of distributions, if any, to be made on the Subordinated Notes on the next Payment Date;
 - (iii) the Interest Rate and accrued interest for each applicable Class of Notes for such Payment Date;
 - (iv) the amounts payable pursuant to each clause of <u>Section 11.1(a)(ii)</u> and each clause of <u>Section 11.1(a)(iii)</u> or each clause of <u>Section 11.1(a)(iii)</u>, as applicable, on the related Payment Date;

- (v) for the Collection Account:
 - (A) the Balance on deposit in the Collection Account at the end of the related Collection Period;
- (B) the amounts payable from the Collection Account to the Payment Account, in order to make payments pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i) and Section 11.1(a)(ii) on the next Payment Date (net of amounts which the Collateral Manager intends to reinvest in additional Collateral Obligations pursuant to Article XII); and
- (C) the Balance remaining in the Collection Account immediately after all payments and deposits to be made on such Payment Date;
- (vi) for each Account, a schedule showing the beginning balance, each credit or debit specifying the nature, source and amount, and the ending balance;
- (vii) a schedule showing for each of the following the beginning balance, the amount of Interest Proceeds received from the date of determination of the immediately preceding Distribution Report, and the ending balance for the Determination Date preceding the current Payment Date:
 - (A) Interest Proceeds from Collateral Obligations; and
 - (B) Interest Proceeds from Eligible Investments;
 - (viii) purchases, prepayments, and sales:
 - (A) the identity, Principal Balance (other than any accrued interest that was purchased with Principal Proceeds), unfunded commitment (if any), capitalized interest (if any), Principal Proceeds and Interest Proceeds received, and date for (X) each Collateral Obligation that was released for sale or disposition pursuant to Section 12.1 since the Determination Date immediately preceding the last Distribution Report and (Y) each prepayment or redemption of a Collateral Obligation, and in the case of (X), whether such Collateral Obligation was a Credit Risk Obligation or a Credit Improved Obligation, whether the sale of such Collateral Obligation was a discretionary sale; and
 - (B) the identity, Principal Balance (other than any accrued interest that was purchased with Principal Proceeds), unfunded commitment (if any), capitalized interest (if any) and Principal Proceeds and Interest Proceeds expended to acquire each Collateral Obligation acquired pursuant to Section 12.2 since the Determination Date immediately preceding the last Distribution Report; and
 - (ix) such other information as the Collateral Manager may reasonably request.

Each Distribution Report shall constitute instructions to the Trustee to withdraw funds from the Payment Account and pay or transfer such amounts set forth in such Distribution Report in the manner specified and in accordance with the priorities established in <u>Section 11.1</u> and <u>Article XIII</u>.

- (c) <u>Interest Rate Notice</u>. The Trustee shall include in the Monthly Report a notice setting forth the Interest Rate for each Class of Secured Notes for the Interest Accrual Period preceding the next Payment Date.
- (d) Failure to Provide Accounting. If the Trustee shall not have received any accounting provided for in this Section 10.8 on the first Business Day after the date on which such accounting is due to the Trustee, the Trustee shall notify the Collateral Manager who shall use all reasonable efforts to obtain such accounting by the applicable Payment Date. To the extent the Collateral Manager is required to provide any information or reports pursuant to this Section 10.8 as a result of the failure of the Issuer to provide such information or reports, the Collateral Manager shall be entitled to retain an Independent certified public accountant in connection therewith and the reasonable costs incurred by the Collateral Manager for such Independent certified public accountant shall be paid by the Issuer.
- (e) <u>Required Content of Certain Reports</u>. Each Monthly Report and each Distribution Report sent to any Holder or beneficial owner of an interest in any Notes shall contain, or be accompanied by, the following notices:

The Notes may be beneficially owned only by Persons that are (a) Qualified Purchasers that are not "U.S. persons" (as defined in Regulation S) and are purchasing their beneficial interest outside of the United States in reliance on Regulation S, (b) both (i) Qualified Institutional Buyers or, solely in the case of Notes issued as Certificated Notes, Institutional Accredited Investors and (ii) Qualified Purchasers (or corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies or other entities (other than trusts) each shareholder, partner, member or other equity owner of which is either a Qualified Purchaser) or (c) solely in the case of Subordinated Notes issued as Certificated Notes, other Accredited Investors that are Knowledgeable Employees with respect to the Issuer. The Issuer has the right to compel any beneficial owner of an interest in Global Notes that does not meet the qualifications set forth in the preceding sentence to sell its interest in such Notes, or may sell such interest on behalf of such owner, pursuant to Section 2.11 hereof.

Each holder receiving this report agrees to keep all non-public information herein confidential and not to use such information for any purpose other than its evaluation of its investment in the Notes; <u>provided</u> that any holder may provide such information on a confidential basis to any prospective purchaser of such holder's Notes that is permitted by the terms hereof to acquire such holder's Notes and that agrees to keep such information confidential in accordance with the terms hereof.

- (f) <u>The Initial Purchaser Information</u>. The Issuer and the Initial Purchaser, or any successor to the Initial Purchaser, may post the information contained in a Monthly Report or Distribution Report to a password-protected internet site accessible only to the Holders of the Notes and to the Collateral Manager.
- (g) <u>Distribution of Reports</u>. On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall cause a schedule of the Assets owned by the Issuer (on a trade date basis) as of the Closing Date to be supplied to Moody's Analytics, Inc. The Trustee will make the Monthly Report and the Distribution Report available via its website. The Trustee's website shall initially be located at https://pivot.usbank.com. The Trustee may change the way such statements are distributed. As a condition to access to the Trustee's website, the Trustee may require registration and the acceptance of a disclaimer. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on but shall not be responsible

for the content or accuracy of any information provided in the Monthly Report and the Distribution Report which the Trustee disseminates in accordance with this Indenture and may affix thereto any disclaimer it deems appropriate in its reasonable discretion.

- (h) <u>Effective Date Report</u>. The Issuer shall compile (or cause the Collateral Administrator to compile) and make available to S&P the Effective Date Report based solely on information contained in the Monthly Reports or provided by the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Administrator. The Collateral Manager shall cooperate with the Collateral Administrator in connection with the preparation of the Effective Date Report. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Collateral Manager shall supply in a timely fashion any information maintained by it that the Collateral Administrator may from time to time request with respect to the Assets and reasonably need to complete the Effective Date Report or required to permit the Issuer to perform its obligations hereunder. The Collateral Manager shall review and verify the contents of the aforesaid reports, instructions, statements and certificates to the Issuer for execution.
- (i) <u>Delivery to Moody's</u>. The Collateral Manager or the Trustee (in each case, on behalf of the Issuer) shall provide or make available copies of this Indenture and the Offering Memorandum to be delivered to Moody's Analytics, Inc.
- Section 1.9 EU/UK Transparency Requirements. (a) The Issuer hereby agrees that it shall be designated pursuant to Article 7(2) of each Securitization Regulation as the designated entity required to fulfill the EU/UK Transparency Requirements (the "Reporting Entity"). As the Reporting Entity, the Issuer hereby agrees and further covenants that it will make available to the Holders, potential investors in the Notes, any Competent Authority, the Trustee, the Initial Purchaser and the Collateral Manager (together, the "Relevant Recipients") the Loan Reports, the Investor Reports and any information or reports in respect of Significant Events necessary to fulfill any applicable reporting obligations under the EU/UK Transparency Requirements and the documentation and information referred to in paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) of Article 7 of each Securitization Regulation, including the final versions of certain Transaction Documents and the Offering Circular. The Issuer shall also determine (which determination may be made in consultation with the Collateral Manager) whether any reports, data and other information is necessary or essential in connection with the preparation of any Loan Reports, Investor Reports and any reports in respect of Significant Events that are required in connection with the proper performance of its obligations pursuant to the EU/UK Transparency Requirements (such reports, collectively, the "<u>Transparency Reports</u>"). As more fully described in, and subject to, the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Collateral Administrator shall cause compilation of the Transparency Reports and provide such reports to the Issuer (or its designee), which the Issuer shall (through the Collateral Administrator acting on the Issuer's behalf and as described below) make available to or provide to the Relevant Recipients (a) in the case of the Loan Reports and Investor Reports, beginning no later than one month after the first Payment Date and thereafter on a quarterly basis and within one month of each subsequent Payment Date or once Revised Templates are available, the Issuer (through the Collateral Administrator acting on its behalf) may provide information in the form of the Revised Templates, commencing on a date reasonably determined by the Issuer (which determination may be made in consultation with the Collateral Manager and no earlier than one month following the implementation of the Revised Templates unless a shorter period is agreed by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the EU/UK Retention Holder and the Collateral Administrator); provided that, if the Issuer does not agree to provide information in the form of the Revised Templates, the Issuer (through the Collateral administrator acting on its behalf) shall continue to provide the information in the form required prior to the adoption of the Revised Templates in accordance with this Indenture and (b) in the case of any Significant Events, without delay.

The Issuer shall also be entitled (with the consent of the Collateral Manager at the cost and expense of the Issuer, subject to and in accordance with the Priority of Payments) to appoint a Reporting Agent to prepare, or assist in the preparation of, the Transparency Reports and/or to make such information available to any Relevant Recipients. The Collateral Administrator will compile the Transparency Reports on behalf of the Issuer and make available such Transparency Reports on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the EU/UK Transparency Requirements via (i) posting on a website currently located at https://pivot.usbank.com (or such other website as may be notified in writing by the Collateral Administrator to the Issuer, the Collateral Trustee, the Initial Purchaser, the Collateral Manager, the EU/UK Retention Holder and the Holders) (the "Reporting Website") accessible to any Relevant Recipient and (ii) such other method of dissemination as is required by each Securitization Regulation. The Issuer shall, upon request by the EU/UK Retention Holder and subject to the terms of the Collateral Administration Agreement, direct the Collateral Administrator to make available the documentation and information referred to in paragraphs (1)(b) and (c) of Article 7 of each Securitization Regulation on the Closing Date via (i) the Reporting Website and (ii) such other method of dissemination as is required by each Securitization Regulation.

(a) The Collateral Administrator will not assume any responsibility for the Issuer's reporting obligations under the Transaction Documents and shall not have any duty to verify, investigate or audit any information or data, or to determine or monitor on an independent basis the veracity, accuracy or completeness of any documentation, in each case provided to it by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, or any other party in connection with the Transparency Reports or whether or not the provision of such information accords with the EU/UK Transparency Requirements. The Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) shall provide any necessary instructions to the Collateral Administrator and/or any Reporting Agent, as applicable, in respect of the compilation, preparation and/or provision of the Transparency Reports and any other documentation required to be provided by the EU/UK Transparency Requirements. In providing such services described above, the Collateral Administrator assumes no responsibility or liability to the Holders, any potential investor in the Notes or any other party (including for their use and/or onward disclosure of such information or documentation), shall not be responsible for compliance with the EU/UK Transparency Requirements and shall have the benefit of the powers, protections and indemnities granted to it under the Transaction Documents.

Section 1.10 Release of Assets. (a) Subject to Article XII, the Issuer may, by Issuer Order executed by an Officer of the Collateral Manager, delivered to the Trustee at least one Business Day prior to the settlement date for any sale of an Asset certifying that the sale of such Asset is being made in accordance with Section 12.1 hereof and such sale complies with all applicable requirements of Section 12.1 hereof (provided that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, neither the Issuer nor the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Issuer) may direct the Trustee to release or cause to be released such Asset from the lien of this Indenture pursuant to a sale under Section 12.1(e), Section 12.1(f) or Section 12.1(g) unless the sale of such Asset is permitted pursuant to Section 12.4(c)), direct the Trustee to release or cause to be released such Asset from the lien of this Indenture and, upon receipt of such Issuer Order, the Trustee shall deliver any such Asset, if in physical form, duly endorsed to the broker or purchaser designated in such Issuer Order or, if such Asset is a Clearing Corporation Security, cause an appropriate transfer thereof to be made, in each case against receipt of the sales price therefor as specified by the Collateral Manager in such Issuer Order; provided that the Trustee may deliver any such Asset in physical form for examination in accordance with industry custom; provided, further, that, for purposes of this Section 10.10 and Sections 12.1 and 12.2, Issuer Order shall mean to include the delivery to the Trustee, by email or otherwise in writing, of a trade ticket, confirmation of trade, trade blotter, instruction to post or to commit to the trade or similar instrument or document or other written instruction (including by email or other electronic communication or file transfer protocol) by the Collateral Manager, and shall

constitute a direction and certification that the transaction is in compliance with and satisfies all applicable provisions of such Sections and Article XII of this Indenture.

- (a) Subject to the terms of this Indenture, the Trustee shall upon an Issuer Order (i) deliver any Asset, and release or cause to be released such Asset from the lien of this Indenture, which is set for any mandatory call or redemption or payment in full to the appropriate payor or paying agent, as applicable, on or before the date set for such call, redemption or payment, in each case against receipt of the call or redemption price or payment in full thereof and (ii) provide notice thereof to the Collateral Manager.
- (b) Upon receiving actual notice of any Offer or any request for a waiver, direction, consent, amendment or other modification or action with respect to any Asset, the Trustee on behalf of the Issuer shall notify the Collateral Manager of any Asset that is subject to a tender offer, voluntary redemption, exchange offer, conversion or other similar action (an "Offer") or such request. Unless the Notes have been accelerated following an Event of Default, the Collateral Manager may, by Issuer Order, direct (x) the Trustee to accept or participate in or decline or refuse to participate in such Offer and, in the case of acceptance or participation, to release from the lien of this Indenture such Asset in accordance with the terms of the Offer against receipt of payment therefor, or (y) the Issuer or the Trustee to agree to or otherwise act with respect to such consent, direction, waiver, amendment, modification or action; provided that in the absence of any such direction, the Trustee shall not respond or react to such Offer or request.
- (c) As provided in Section 10.2(a), the Trustee shall deposit any proceeds received by it from the disposition or replacement of an Asset in the applicable subaccount of the Collection Account, unless simultaneously applied to the purchase of additional Collateral Obligations or Eligible Investments as permitted under and in accordance with the requirements of this Article X and Article XII.
- (d) The Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Issuer Order at such time as there is no Notes Outstanding and all obligations of the Issuer hereunder have been satisfied, release any remaining Assets from the lien of this Indenture.
- (e) Any security, Collateral Obligation or amounts that are released pursuant to <u>Section 10.10(a)</u>, (b) or (c) shall be released from the lien of this Indenture.
- (f) Any amounts paid from the Payment Account to the holders of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with the Priority of Payments shall be released from the lien of this Indenture.
- Section 1.11 Reports by Independent Accountants. (a) At the Closing Date, the Issuer shall appoint one or more firms of Independent certified public accountants of recognized international reputation for purposes of reviewing and delivering the reports or certificates of such accountants required by this Indenture, which may be the firm of Independent certified public accountants that performs accounting services for the Issuer or the Collateral Manager. The Issuer may remove any firm of Independent certified public accountants at any time without the consent of any Holder of Notes. Upon any resignation by such firm or removal of such firm by the Issuer, the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) shall promptly appoint by Issuer Order delivered to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator and S&P a successor thereto that shall also be a firm of Independent certified public accountants of recognized international reputation, which may be a firm of Independent certified public accountants that performs accounting services for the Issuer or the Collateral Manager. If the Issuer shall fail to appoint a successor to a firm of Independent certified public accountants which has resigned within 30 days after such resignation, the Issuer shall promptly notify the

Trustee and the Collateral Administrator of such failure in writing. If the Issuer shall not have appointed a successor within ten days thereafter, the Trustee shall promptly notify the Collateral Manager, who shall appoint a successor firm of Independent certified public accountants of recognized international reputation. The fees of such Independent certified public accountants and its successor shall be payable by the Issuer.

- (a) On or before the 20th of May of each year, commencing in 2023, the Issuer shall cause to be delivered to the Trustee a statement from a firm of Independent certified public accountants for the Distribution Reports prepared in the prior year (i) indicating that the calculations within those Distribution Reports (excluding the S&P CDO Monitor Test) have been performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Indenture and (ii) listing the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Assets and the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations securing the Notes as of the relevant Determination Dates; <u>provided</u> that in the event of a conflict between such firm of Independent certified public accountants and the Issuer with respect to any matter in this <u>Section 10.11</u>, the determination by such firm of Independent public accountants shall be conclusive.
- (b) Upon the written request of the Trustee, or any holder of a Subordinated Note, the Issuer will cause the firm of Independent certified public accountants appointed pursuant to <u>Section 10.11(a)</u> to provide any holder of Subordinated Notes with all of the information required to be provided by the Issuer or pursuant to <u>Section 7.17</u> or assist the Issuer in the preparation thereof.
- Neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Administrator shall have any responsibility to make any inquiry or investigation as to, and shall have no obligation in respect of, the terms of any engagement of Independent accountants by the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer) or the terms of any agreed upon procedures in respect of such engagement; provided, however that the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator shall be authorized, and are hereby directed (and shall have no liability or responsibility), to execute any acknowledgement, access letter or other agreement with the Independent accountants required for the Trustee or the Collateral Administrator to receive any of the reports or instructions provided for herein, which acknowledgement, access letter or agreement may include, among other things, (i) acknowledgement that the Issuer has agreed that the procedures to be performed by the Independent accountants are sufficient for the Issuer's purposes, (ii) releases by each of the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator (on behalf of itself and/or the Holders) of claims against the accountants and acknowledgment of any other limitations of liability in favor of the accountants and (iii) restrictions or prohibitions on the disclosure of information or documents provided to it by such firm of Independent accountants (including to the Holders). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Trustee or the Collateral Administrator be required to execute any agreement in respect of the Independent accountants that the Trustee or the Collateral Administrator reasonably determines adversely affects it. In addition, the Trustee shall not be required to forward or otherwise disclose to the Holders any report or statement received by Independent accountants appointed pursuant to this Section 10.11. In the event a Holder wishes to request any such report or statement, it must do so directly from such accountants. Upon request, the Trustee shall provide to the requesting Holder the contact information for such accountants. The Trustee shall not have any liability to any Holder relating to such accountant's report or statement or the unavailability thereof. Notwithstanding any provision in this Indenture to the contrary, the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator shall have no liability or responsibility for taking any action, or omitting to take any action, if such action or omission is in accordance with this Section 10.11, it being understood and agreed that the Trustee and/or the Collateral Administrator, as the case may be, will deliver such acknowledgement, agreement or access letter in conclusive reliance on the foregoing direction of the Issuer, and neither the Trustee nor the Collateral Administrator shall make any inquiry or

investigation as to, or shall have any obligation in respect of, the validity or correctness of such procedures.

Section 1.12 Reports to Rating Agencies and Additional Recipients. In addition to the information and reports specifically required to be provided to S&P pursuant to the terms of this Indenture, the Issuer shall provide S&P with such additional information as it may from time to time reasonably request, and the Issuer shall notify S&P of any Specified Amendment, which notice of a Specified Amendment shall include (x) a copy of such Specified Amendment, (y) a brief summary of its purpose and (z) which criteria under the definition of "Collateral Obligation" are no longer satisfied with respect to such Collateral Obligation after giving effect to the Specified Amendment, if any. S&P may, at its option, re-determine the credit estimate of any such Collateral Obligation which is subject to a Specified Amendment. Within 10 Business Days after the Effective Date, together with each Monthly Report and on each Payment Date, the Issuer shall provide to S&P at cdo_surveillance@spglobal.com or via the Trustee's website, a Microsoft Excel file of the Excel Default Model Input File and, with respect to each Collateral Obligation, the name of each obligor or issuer thereof, the CUSIP number thereof (if applicable) and the Priority Category thereof.

Section 1.13 Procedures <u>Relating to the Establishment of Accounts Controlled by the Trustee</u>. Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, the Trustee agrees that with respect to each of the Accounts, it will cause each Securities Intermediary establishing such accounts to enter into a securities account control agreement and, if the Securities Intermediary is the Bank or an Affiliate of the Bank, shall cause the Bank or such Affiliate to comply with the provisions of such securities account control agreement. The Trustee shall have the right to open such subaccounts of any such account as it deems necessary or appropriate for convenience of administration.

Section 1.14 Section 3(c)(7) Procedures. For so long as any Notes are Outstanding, the Issuer shall do the following:

(a) <u>Notification</u>. Each Monthly Report sent or caused to be sent by the Issuer to the Holders will include a notice to the following effect:

"The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), requires that all holders of the outstanding securities of the Issuer be "Qualified Purchasers" ("Qualified Purchasers") as defined in Section 2(a)(51)(A) of the 1940 Act and related rules. Under the rules, the Issuer must have a "reasonable belief" that all holders of its outstanding securities, including transferees, are Qualified Purchasers. Consequently, all sales and resales of the Notes must be made solely to purchasers that are Qualified Purchasers. Each purchaser of a Note (such Note, a "Restricted Note") will be deemed (or required, as the case may be) to represent at the time of purchase that: (i) the purchaser is a Qualified Purchaser who is either (w) solely in the case of Notes issued as Certificated Notes, an institutional accredited investor ("IAI") within the meaning of Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), (x) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("QIB"), (y) except for with respect to the ERISA Restricted Notes, a non-U.S. person acquiring such notes in an offshore transaction (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act or (z) solely in the case of Subordinated Notes, a U.S. person that is an Accredited Investor that is also a Knowledgeable Employee with respect to the Issuer; (ii) the

purchaser is acting for its own account or the account of another Qualified Purchaser and QIB/IAI/non-U.S. person (as applicable); (iii) the purchaser is not formed for the purpose of investing in the Issuer; (iv) the purchaser, and each account for which it is purchasing, will hold and transfer at least the Minimum Denominations of the Notes specified herein; (v) the purchaser understands that the Issuer may receive a list of participants holding positions in securities from one or more book-entry depositories; and (vi) the purchaser will provide written notice of the foregoing, and of any applicable restrictions on transfer, to any subsequent transferees. The Restricted Notes may only be transferred to another Qualified Purchaser and QIB/IAI/non-U.S. person (as applicable) and all subsequent transferees are deemed to have made representations (i) through (vi) above."

"The Issuer directs that the recipient of this notice, and any recipient of a copy of this notice, provide a copy to any Person having an interest in this Note as indicated on the books of DTC or on the books of a participant in DTC or on the books of an indirect participant for which such participant in DTC acts as agent."

"The Indenture provides that if, notwithstanding the restrictions on transfer contained therein, the Issuer determines that any holder of, or beneficial owner of an interest in, a Restricted Note who is determined not to have been a Qualified Purchaser at the time of acquisition of such Restricted Note, or beneficial interest therein, the Issuer may require, by notice to such Holder or beneficial owner, that such Holder or beneficial owner sell all of its right, title and interest to such Restricted Note (or any interest therein) to a Person that is either (x) a Qualified Purchaser acquiring the Notes in an offshore transaction (as defined in Regulation S) in reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Regulation S, or (y) a Qualified Purchaser who is a QIB (or, solely in the case of a Note issued as a Certificated Note, an IAI), with such sale to be effected within 30 days after notice of such sale requirement is given. If such holder or beneficial owner fails to effect the transfer required within such 30-day period, (i) the Issuer or the Collateral Manager acting for the Issuer, without further notice to such holder, shall and is hereby irrevocably authorized by such holder or beneficial owner, to cause its Restricted Note, or beneficial interest therein to be transferred in a commercially reasonable sale (conducted by the Collateral Manager in accordance with Article 9 of the UCC as in effect in the State of New York as applied to securities that are sold on a recognized market or that may decline speedily in value) to a Person that certifies to the Trustee, the Issuer and the Collateral Manager, in connection with such transfer, that such Person meets the qualifications set forth in clauses (x) and (y) above and (ii) pending such transfer, no further payments will be made in respect of such Restricted Note, or beneficial interest therein held by such holder or beneficial owner.'

(b) <u>DTC Actions</u>. The Issuer will direct DTC to take the following steps in connection with the Global Notes:

(i) The Issuer will direct DTC to include the marker "3c7" in the DTC 20-character security descriptor and the 48-character additional descriptor for the Global Notes in order to indicate that sales are limited to Qualified Purchasers.

- (ii) The Issuer will direct DTC to cause each physical deliver order ticket that is delivered by DTC to purchasers to contain the 20-character security descriptor. The Issuer will direct DTC to cause each deliver order ticket that is delivered by DTC to purchasers in electronic form to contain a "3c7" indicator and a related user manual for participants. Such user manual will contain a description of the relevant restrictions imposed by Section 3(c)(7).
- (iii) On or prior to the Closing Date, the Issuer will instruct DTC to send a Section 3(c)(7) Notice to all DTC participants in connection with the offering of the Global Notes.
- (iv) In addition to the obligations of the Note Registrar set forth in <u>Section 2.5</u>, the Issuer will from time to time (upon the request of the Trustee) make a request to DTC to deliver to the Issuer a list of all DTC participants holding an interest in the Global Notes.
- (v) The Issuer will cause each CUSIP number obtained for a Global Note to have a fixed field containing "3c7" and "144A" indicators, as applicable, attached to such CUSIP number.
- (c) <u>Bloomberg Screens, Etc.</u> The Issuer will from time to time request all third-party vendors to include on screens maintained by such vendors appropriate legends regarding Rule 144A and Section 3(c)(7) under the 1940 Act restrictions on the Global Notes. Without limiting the foregoing, the Initial Purchaser will request that each third-party vendor include the following legends on each screen containing information about the Notes:

(i) Bloomberg.

- (A) "Iss'd Under 144A/3c7", to be stated in the "Note Box" on the bottom of the "Security Display" page describing the Global Notes;
 - (B) a flashing red indicator stating "See Other Available Information" located on the "Security Display" page;
- (C) a link to an "Additional Security Information" page on such indicator stating that the Global Notes are being offered in reliance on the exception from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933 to Persons that are both (i) "Qualified Institutional Buyers" as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act and (ii) "Qualified Purchasers" as defined under Section 2(a)(51) of the 1940 Act, as amended; and
- (D) a statement on the "Disclaimer" page for the Global Notes that the Notes will not be and have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, that the Issuer has not been registered under the 1940 Act, as amended, and that the Global Notes may only be offered or sold in accordance with Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act, as amended.

(ii) Reuters.

- (A) a "144A 3c7" notation included in the security name field at the top of the Reuters Instrument Code screen;
- (B) a "144A3c7Disclaimer" indicator appearing on the right side of the Reuters Instrument Code screen; and

(C) a link from such "144A3c7Disclaimer" indicator to a disclaimer screen containing the following language: "These Notes may be sold or transferred only to Persons who are both (i) Qualified Institutional Buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act, and (ii) Qualified Purchasers, as defined under Section 3(c)(7) under the U.S. Investment Company Act of 1940."

ARTICLE XI

APPLICATION OF MONIES

- Section 1.1 <u>Disbursements of Monies from Payment Account.</u> (a) Notwithstanding any other provision herein, but subject to the other sub-sections of this <u>Section 11.1</u> and to <u>Section 13.1</u>, on each Payment Date, the Trustee shall disburse amounts transferred from the Collection Account to the Payment Account pursuant to <u>Section 10.2</u> in accordance with the following priorities (the "<u>Priority of Payments</u>"); <u>provided</u> that, unless such Payment Date is the Stated Maturity or an Enforcement Event has occurred and is continuing and other than as provided in <u>Section 11.1(a)(iv)</u> on any Redemption Date (other than a Redemption Date that is also a Payment Date), (x) amounts transferred from the Interest Collection Subaccount shall be applied solely in accordance with <u>Section 11.1(a)(i)</u>; and (y) amounts transferred from the Principal Collection Subaccount shall be applied solely in accordance with <u>Section 11.1(a)(ii)</u>.
 - (i) On each Payment Date, unless an Enforcement Event has occurred and is continuing, Interest Proceeds on deposit in the Collection Account, to the extent received on or before the related Determination Date (or if such Determination Date is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) and that are transferred into the Payment Account, shall be applied in the following order of priority:
 - (A) to the payment of (1) *first*, taxes and governmental fees owing by the Issuer, if any and (2) *second*, the accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses, in the priority stated in the definition thereof, up to the Administrative Expense Cap (except as otherwise expressly provided in connection with any Optional Redemption, Clean-Up Call Redemption or Tax Redemption);
 - (B) to the payment to the Collateral Manager of (i) any accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fee due on such Payment Date (including any interest accrued on any Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount) minus the amount of any Current Deferred Management Fee, if any, and (ii) any Cumulative Deferred Management Fee requested to be paid at the option of the Collateral Manager; provided that, to the extent Interest Proceeds are needed to satisfy any of the Coverage Tests (calculated on a pro forma basis after giving effect to all payments pursuant to this subclause (ii), such Interest Proceeds shall not be used to pay such portion of the Cumulative Deferred Management Fee requested to be paid pursuant to this subclause (ii);
 - (C) to the payment, *pro rata* based on amounts due, of (1) accrued and unpaid interest (including any defaulted interest) on the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes and (2) the Class X Note Payment Amount with respect to such Payment Date, if any, plus the aggregate amount of all or any portion of the Class X Note Payment Amount due on any prior Payment Date(s) that was not paid on such prior Payment Date(s);

- (D) to the payment of accrued and unpaid interest (including any defaulted interest) on the Class B Notes;
- (E) if either of the Class A/B Coverage Tests (except, in the case of the Interest Coverage Test, on any date of determination prior to the Interest Coverage Effective Date) is not satisfied on the related Determination Date, to make payments in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence to the extent necessary to cause all Class A/B Coverage Tests that are applicable on such Payment Date to be satisfied on a *pro forma* basis after giving effect to all payments pursuant to this clause (E);
 - (F) [reserved];
 - (G) [reserved];
- (H) (x) with respect to any Payment Date prior to the Effective Date, amounts available for distribution pursuant to this clause (H) will be deposited into the Collection Account as Interest Proceeds, to be applied on the next Payment Date for application in accordance with Section 11.1(a)(i) and (y) if, with respect to any Payment Date following the Effective Date, S&P has not yet confirmed its Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes pursuant to Section 7.18(e) (unless the Effective Date Condition has been satisfied), amounts available for distribution pursuant to this clause (H) for one or both of the following alternatives, as directed by the Collateral Manager: (1) for application in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence on such Payment Date or (2) for application as Principal Proceeds and transferred to the Collection Account to invest in Eligible Investments (pending the purchase of additional Collateral Obligations) and/or to purchase additional Collateral Obligations, in each case in an amount sufficient to satisfy the S&P Rating Condition;
- (I) to the payment of (1) first, (in the same manner and order of priority stated therein) any Administrative Expenses not paid pursuant to clause (A)(2) above due to the limitation contained therein and (2) second, any expenses related to a Re-Pricing;
- (J) to the payment of any obligations of the Issuer or to establish any reserves determined by the Issuer to be necessary or desirable;
- (K) at the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager, to the payment of any Administrative Excess Amount to the Permitted Use Account; and
 - (L) any remaining Interest Proceeds to be paid to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes.
- (ii) On each Payment Date, unless such Payment Date is the Stated Maturity or an Enforcement Event has occurred and is continuing, Principal Proceeds on deposit in the Collection Account that are received on or before the related Determination Date (or if such Determination Date is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) and that are transferred to the Payment Account (which will not include (i) amounts required to meet funding requirements with respect to Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations that are deposited in the Revolver Funding Account or (ii) Principal Proceeds that have previously been reinvested in Collateral Obligations or Principal Proceeds that the Issuer has entered into any commitment to reinvest in Collateral Obligations) shall be applied in the following order of priority:

- (A) to pay the amounts referred to in clauses (A) through (D) of Section 11.1(a)(i) (and in the same manner and order of priority stated therein), but only to the extent not paid in full thereunder;
- (B) to pay the amounts referred to in clause (E) of <u>Section 11.1(a)(i)</u>, but only to the extent not paid in full thereunder and to the extent necessary to cause the Class A/B Coverage Tests that are applicable on such Payment Date to be met as of the related Determination Date on a *pro forma* basis after giving effect to any payments made through this clause (B);
 - (C) [reserved];
 - (D) [reserved];
- (E) with respect to any Payment Date following the Effective Date, if after the application of Interest Proceeds pursuant to clause (H) of Section 11.1(a)(i), S&P has not yet confirmed its Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes pursuant to Section 7.18(e) (unless the Effective Date Condition has been satisfied), amounts available for distribution pursuant to this clause (E) shall be used for application in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence on such Payment Date in an amount sufficient to satisfy the S&P Rating Condition;
- (F) if such Payment Date is a Redemption Date (except in connection with a Refinancing in part but not in whole), to make payments in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence, to redeem each Class of Notes being redeemed on such Redemption Date;
- (G) if such Payment Date is a Special Redemption Date occurring in connection with a Special Redemption pursuant to (1) clause (i) of the first sentence of <u>Section 9.6</u>, to make payments in the amount of the Special Redemption Amount at the election of the Collateral Manager, or (2) clause (iii) of the first sentence of <u>Section 9.6</u>, to make payments in an amount necessary to reduce the outstanding EU/UK Retention Deficiency to zero, in each such case in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence;
- (H) during the Reinvestment Period, to the Collection Account as Principal Proceeds to invest in Eligible Investments (pending the purchase of additional Collateral Obligations) and/or to the purchase of additional Collateral Obligations;
 - (I) after the Reinvestment Period, to make payments in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence;
- (J) after the Reinvestment Period, to pay the amounts referred to in clause (I) of <u>Section 11.1(a)(i)</u> only to the extent not already paid (in the same manner and order of priority stated therein);
 - (K) after the Reinvestment Period, to pay any Cumulative Deferred Management Fee to the extent not already paid;
- (L) to the payment of any obligations of the Issuer or to establish any reserves determined by the Issuer to be necessary or desirable; and

(M) any remaining Principal Proceeds to be paid to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in clause (A) of Section 11.1(a)(ii), if the Issuer is prohibited under subclause (ii) of clause (B) of Section 11.1(a)(i) from using Interest Proceeds on a Payment Date to pay a portion of the Cumulative Deferred Management Fee requested to be paid on such Payment Date pursuant to such subclause (ii), the Issuer may not use Principal Proceeds to pay such portion of the Cumulative Deferred Management Fee.

On the Stated Maturity of the Notes, the Trustee shall pay the net proceeds from the liquidation of the Assets and all available Cash, but only after the payment of (or establishment of a reserve for) all Administrative Expenses (in the same manner and order of priority stated in the definition thereof), Aggregate Collateral Management Fees, and interest and principal on the Secured Notes, to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes in final payment of such Subordinated Notes (such payments to be made in accordance with the priority set forth in Section 11.1(a)(iii)).

- (iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing <u>Sections 11.1(a)(i)</u> and <u>11.1(a)(ii)</u> (other than the last paragraph thereof), on (x) the Stated Maturity of the Notes or (y) if the maturity of the Notes has been accelerated following an Event of Default and has not been rescinded in accordance with the terms herein (such occurrence under clause (y), an "<u>Enforcement Event</u>"), pursuant to <u>Section 5.7</u>, distributions and proceeds in respect of the Assets will be applied at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee in the following order of priority (the "<u>Special Priority of Payments</u>"):
 - (A) to the payment of (1) *first*, taxes and governmental fees owing by the Issuer, if any, and (2) *second*, the accrued and unpaid Administrative Expenses, in the priority stated in the definition thereof, up to the Administrative Expense Cap; <u>provided</u> that following the commencement of the sale of Assets pursuant to <u>Section 5.5</u> or solely in connection with a Redemption of all Classes, or with respect to any payments on the Stated Maturity, the Administrative Expense Cap shall be disregarded;
 - (B) only in the case of an Enforcement Event, to the Revolver Funding Account as directed by the Collateral Manager in an amount necessary to meet funding requirements with respect to Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations and Revolving Collateral Obligations;
 - (C) to the payment of the Aggregate Collateral Management Fee due and payable (including any accrued and unpaid interest thereon) to the Collateral Manager until such amount has been paid in full, other than any Cumulative Deferred Management Fee, to the extent not already paid;
 - (D) to the payment, *pro rata* based on amounts due, of accrued and unpaid interest (including any defaulted interest) on the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes;
 - (E) to the payment, *pro rata* based on the Aggregate Outstanding Amounts thereof, of principal of the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes, until the Class X Notes and the Class A Notes have been paid in full;
 - (F) to the payment of accrued and unpaid interest (including any defaulted interest) on the Class B Notes;

- (G) to the payment of principal of the Class B Notes, until the Class B Notes have been paid in full;
- (H) [reserved];
- (I) [reserved];
- (J) to the payment of (in the same manner and order of priority stated therein) any Administrative Expenses not paid pursuant to clause (A)(2) above due to the limitation contained therein;
 - (K) to the payment of any Cumulative Deferred Management Fees to the extent not already paid;
- (L) to the payment of any obligations of the Issuer or to establish any reserves determined by the Issuer to be necessary or desirable; and
 - (M) any remaining proceeds and distributions to be paid to the Holders of the Subordinated Notes.

If any declaration of acceleration has been rescinded in accordance with the provisions herein, proceeds in respect of the Assets will be applied in accordance with <u>Section 11.1(a)(i)</u> or <u>(ii)</u>, as applicable.

- (iv) On any Redemption Date (other than any Redemption Date that is also a Payment Date) in connection with a Refinancing in part but not in whole, Refinancing Proceeds and Partial Refinancing Interest Proceeds will be distributed in the following order of priority (the "Priority of Partial Refinancing Proceeds"):
 - (A) to pay the Redemption Price (without duplication of any payments received by the Holders of the Notes being redeemed pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i) or the Special Priority of Payments) of the Notes being redeemed in accordance with the Note Payment Sequence;
 - (B) to pay Administrative Expenses related to the Refinancing; and
 - (C) any remaining Refinancing Proceeds will be deposited in the Interest Collection Subaccount as Interest Proceeds.
- (a) If on any Payment Date the amount available in the Payment Account is insufficient to make the full amount of the disbursements required by the Distribution Report, the Trustee shall make the disbursements called for in the order and according to the priority set forth under <u>Section 11.1(a)</u> above, subject to <u>Section 13.1</u>, to the extent funds are available therefor.
- (b) In connection with the application of funds to pay Administrative Expenses of the Issuer in accordance with Section 11.1(a)(ii), Section 11.1(a)(iii) and Section 11.1(a)(iii), the Trustee shall remit such funds, to the extent available (and subject to the order of priority set forth in the definition of "Administrative Expenses"), as directed and designated in an Issuer Order (which may be in the form of standing instructions, including standing instructions to pay Administrative Expenses in such amounts and to such entities as indicated in the Distribution Report in respect of such Payment Date) delivered to the Trustee no later than the Business Day prior to each Payment Date.

or any portion of the Collateral Management Fee otherwise payable or distributable and available to be paid or distributed to it on any Payment Date (including any deferred Collateral Management Fee) in accordance with the Priority of Payments on any Payment Date designated by the Collateral Manager (the "Waived Interest"). Any such Waived Interest shall not thereafter become due and payable and any claim of the Collateral Manager therein will be extinguished. In addition, the Collateral Manager may, in its sole discretion, defer all or any portion of the Collateral Management Fee. Pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Management Agreement, Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. (in its capacity as Collateral Manager thereunder) shall agree that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein or in any other Transaction Document, it will irrevocably waive the Collateral Management Fee on each Payment Date so long as Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. acts as Collateral Manager thereunder; provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, any successor collateral manager shall be entitled to all or any portion of the Collateral Management Fees pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Management Agreement and payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Pursuant to a direction letter delivered to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator prior to the end of the applicable Collection Period, any such successor collateral manager will be entitled to receive or waive the Collateral Management Fees in its discretion pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Management Agreement, and will not be required to, although such successor collateral manager may, waive the Collateral Management Fees on any Payment Date occurring after such appointment.

ARTICLE XII

SALE OF COLLATERAL OBLIGATIONS; PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL COLLATERAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1.1 <u>Sales of Collateral Obligations</u>. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions specified in <u>Section 12.4</u>, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may (except as otherwise specified in this <u>Section 12.1</u>) direct the Trustee to sell and the Trustee shall sell on behalf of the Issuer in the manner directed by the Collateral Manager any Collateral Obligation or Equity Security if, as certified by the Collateral Manager (which may be deemed satisfied by delivery of an Issuer Order or other instruction, trade ticket or direction), such sale meets the requirements of any one of paragraphs (a) through (i) of this <u>Section 12.1</u> (subject in each case to any applicable requirement of disposition under <u>Section 12.1(h)</u> and <u>provided</u> that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Collateral Manager may not direct the Trustee to sell any Collateral Obligation or Equity Security pursuant to <u>Section 12.1(f)</u> or <u>Section 12.1(f)</u> or <u>Section 12.1(g)</u>). For purposes of this <u>Section 12.1</u>, the Sale Proceeds of a Collateral Obligation sold by the Issuer shall include any Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest received in respect of such sale.

- (a) <u>Credit Risk Obligations</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to sell any Credit Risk Obligation at any time.
- (b) <u>Credit Improved Obligations</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to sell any Credit Improved Obligation at any time.
- (c) <u>Defaulted Obligations</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to sell any Defaulted Obligation at any time. With respect to each Defaulted Obligation that remained a Defaulted Obligation for a continuous period of three years after becoming a Defaulted Obligation and has not been sold or terminated during such three year period, the Market Value and the Principal Balance of such Defaulted Obligation shall be deemed to be zero.

- (d) <u>Equity Securities</u>. The Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, may direct the Trustee to sell any Equity Security at any time and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect the sale of any Equity Security within 45 days after receipt, regardless of price, if such Equity Security constitutes Margin Stock, unless such sale is prohibited by applicable law or contractual restriction, in which case such Equity Security shall be sold as soon as such sale is permitted by applicable law or such contract.
- (e) Optional Redemption or Clean-Up Call Redemption. After the Trustee has received notice in accordance with this Indenture of an Optional Redemption of the Secured Notes in accordance with Section 9.2 or a Clean-Up Call Redemption in accordance with Section 9.8, if necessary to effect such Optional Redemption or Clean-Up Call Redemption, the Collateral Manager shall direct the Trustee to sell (which sale may be through participation or other arrangement) all or a portion of the Collateral Obligations if the requirements of Article IX (including the certification requirements of Section 9.4(e)(ii), if applicable) are satisfied. If any such sale is made through participations, the Issuer shall use reasonable efforts to cause such participations to be converted to assignments within six months after the sale
- (f) <u>Tax Redemption</u>. After a Majority of an Affected Class or a Majority of the Subordinated Notes has directed (by a written direction delivered to the Trustee) a Tax Redemption, the Collateral Manager shall, if necessary to effect such Tax Redemption, direct the Trustee to sell (which sale may be through participation or other arrangement) all or a portion of the Collateral Obligations if the requirements of <u>Article IX</u> (including the certification requirements of <u>Section 9.4(e)(ii)</u>, if applicable) are satisfied. If any such sale is made through participations, the Issuer shall use reasonable efforts to cause such participations to be converted to assignments within six months after the sale.
- (g) <u>Discretionary Sales</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to sell any Collateral Obligation (other than a Credit Risk Obligation, Credit Improved Obligation, Defaulted Obligation or Equity Security) at any time other than during a Restricted Trading Period if after giving effect to such sale, the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Collateral Obligations sold as described in this <u>Section 12.1(g)</u> during the preceding period of 12 calendar months (or, for the first 12 calendar months after the Closing Date, during the period commencing on the Closing Date) is not greater than 30% of the Collateral Principal Amount as of the Determination Date immediately preceding the first day of such 12 calendar month period (or as of the Closing Date, as the case may be); <u>provided</u> that for purposes of determining the percentage of Collateral Obligations sold during any such period, the amount of Collateral Obligations so sold shall be reduced to the extent of any purchases of (or irrevocable commitments to purchase) Collateral Obligations of the same Obligor (which are pari passu or senior to such sold Collateral Obligations) occurring within 45 Business Days after such sale, so long as such sale of a Collateral Obligation was entered into with the intention of purchasing such Collateral Obligations of the same Obligor.
- (h) <u>Mandatory Sales</u>. The Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to effect the sale (regardless of price) of any Collateral Obligation that (i) no longer meets the criteria described in clause (vii) of the definition of "Collateral Obligation", within 18 months after the failure of such Collateral Obligation to meet such criteria or (ii) no longer meets the criteria described in clause (vi) of the definition of "Collateral Obligation" within 45 days after the failure of such Collateral Obligation to meet such criteria.
- (i) <u>Material Covenant Defaults; Maturity Amendments</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee at any time without restriction to sell any Collateral Obligation that (i) has a Material Covenant Default or (ii) becomes subject to a proposed Maturity Amendment; provided the Collateral Manager either would not be permitted to, or would not

elect to recommend that the Issuer, enter into such Maturity Amendment pursuant to the Collateral Manager Standard or any provision of this Indenture or the Collateral Management Agreement.

- (j) <u>Stated Maturity</u>. The Collateral Manager shall direct the Trustee pursuant to commercially reasonable arrangements to sell any Asset in order to repay the Notes at their Stated Maturity.
- (k) Equity Securities; Exercise of Warrants. The Issuer shall not exercise any warrant or other similar right received in connection with a workout or a restructuring of a Collateral Obligation that requires a payment that results in receipt of an Equity Security unless the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf certifies to the Trustee (which shall be deemed given upon delivery of any related Issuer Order or other instruction, trade ticket or direction) that exercising the warrant or other similar right is necessary for the Issuer to realize the value of the workout or restructuring; provided, that Interest Proceeds may not be used to exercise any warrant or other similar right (i) if such use would likely result, in the Collateral Manager's reasonable discretion, in a non-payment of interest on the Secured Notes on the next succeeding Payment Date and (b) unless, after giving effect to such use, each Coverage Test is satisfied.
- Section 1.2 <u>Purchase of Additional Collateral Obligations</u>. On any date during the Reinvestment Period, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer may, pursuant to an Issuer Order or trade ticket delivered by an Officer of the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer (which shall be deemed to constitute a certification that any related conditions have been satisfied), subject to the other requirements in this Indenture, direct the Trustee to invest Principal Proceeds, proceeds of additional debt issued pursuant to <u>Section 2.13</u> and <u>3.2</u>, amounts on deposit in the Ramp-Up Account, Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest, and the Trustee shall invest such Principal Proceeds and other amounts in accordance with such direction. After the Reinvestment Period, the Collateral Manager shall not direct the Trustee to invest any such amounts on behalf of the Issuer; <u>provided</u> that in accordance with <u>Section 12.2(d)</u>, Cash on deposit in any Account (other than the Payment Account) may be invested in Eligible Investments following the Reinvestment Period.
- (a) <u>Investment Criteria</u>. No obligation may be purchased by the Issuer unless each of the following conditions is satisfied as of the date the Collateral Manager commits on behalf of the Issuer to make such purchase, in each case as determined by the Collateral Manager after giving effect to such purchase and all other sales or purchases previously or simultaneously committed to; <u>provided</u> that the conditions set forth in clauses (ii), (iii) and (iv) below need only be satisfied with respect to purchases of Collateral Obligations occurring on or after the Effective Date (the "<u>Investment Criteria</u>"):
 - (i) such obligation is a Collateral Obligation;
 - (ii) if the commitment to make such purchase occurs on or after the Effective Date (or in the case of the Interest Coverage Tests, on or after the Interest Coverage Effective Date), each Coverage Test will be satisfied, or if not satisfied, will be maintained or improved; <u>provided</u> that, so long as any Coverage Test is not satisfied, the Principal Proceeds received in respect of any Defaulted Obligation or the proceeds of any sale of a Defaulted Obligation shall not be reinvested in additional Collateral Obligations;
 - (iii) (A) in the case of an additional Collateral Obligation purchased with the proceeds from the sale of a Credit Risk Obligation or a Defaulted Obligation, either (1) the Aggregate Principal Balance of all additional Collateral Obligations purchased with the proceeds from such sale will at least equal the Sale Proceeds from such sale, (2) the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations will be maintained or

increased (when compared to the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations immediately prior to such sale) or (3) the Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount (excluding the Collateral Obligation being sold but including, without duplication, the Collateral Obligation being purchased and the anticipated cash proceeds, if any, of such sale that are not applied to the purchase of such additional Collateral Obligation) will be greater than the Reinvestment Target Par Balance and (B) in the case of any other purchase of additional Collateral Obligations purchased with the proceeds from the sale of a Collateral Obligation, either (1) the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations will be maintained or increased (when compared to the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Collateral Obligations immediately prior to such sale) or (2) the Adjusted Collateral Principal Amount (excluding the Collateral Obligation being sold but including, without duplication, the Collateral Obligation being purchased and the anticipated cash proceeds, if any, of such sale that are not applied to the purchase of such additional Collateral Obligation) will be greater than the Reinvestment Target Par Balance;

- (iv) either (A) each requirement or test, as the case may be, of the Concentration Limitations and the Collateral Quality Test will be satisfied or (B) if any such requirement or test was not satisfied immediately prior to such investment, such requirement or test will be maintained or improved after giving effect to the investment; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to proceeds from the sale of Credit Risk Obligations, Equity Securities, and Defaulted Obligations, the S&P CDO Monitor Test shall not apply;
- (v) the date on which the Issuer (or the Collateral Manager on its behalf) commits to purchase such Collateral Obligation occurs during the Reinvestment Period;
 - (vi) [Reserved];
 - (vii) such purchase would not cause an EU/UK Retention Deficiency; and
- (viii) after giving effect to the settlement of such purchase, the EU/UK Retention Holder will have, itself or through related entities (including without limitation the Issuer), directly or indirectly been involved in the original agreements which created over 50% (measured by total nominal amount) of the Collateral Obligations that are owned by the Issuer (in the manner described in the last paragraph under "The EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements and EU/UK Transparency Requirements —Origination of Collateral Obligations" in the Offering Circular).

If the Issuer has entered into a written trade ticket or other written binding commitment to purchase a Collateral Obligation during the Reinvestment Period which purchase is not scheduled to settle prior to the end of the Reinvestment Period (such Collateral Obligation, a "Post-Reinvestment Period Settlement Obligation"), such Post-Reinvestment Period Settlement Obligation shall be treated as having been purchased by the Issuer prior to the end of the Reinvestment Period for purposes of the Investment Criteria, and Principal Proceeds received after the end of the Reinvestment Period may be applied to the payment of the purchase price of such Post-Reinvestment Period Settlement Obligation.

(b) <u>Trading Plan Period</u>. For purposes of calculating compliance with the Investment Criteria, at the election of the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion and with prior notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator, any proposed investment (whether a single Collateral Obligation or a group of Collateral Obligations) identified as such in such notice by the Collateral Manager at the time when compliance with the Investment Criteria is required to be calculated (a "<u>Trading Plan</u>") may be evaluated after giving effect to all sales and reinvestments proposed to be entered into within the ten Business Days following the date of

determination of such compliance (such period, the "Trading Plan Period"); provided that (i) no Trading Plan Period may include a Determination Date, (ii) no Trading Plan may result in the averaging of the purchase price of one or more Collateral Obligations purchased at separate times for the purpose of determining whether any particular Collateral Obligation is a Discount Obligation, (iii) no Trading Plan may result in the purchase of Collateral Obligations having an aggregate principal balance that exceeds 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount as of the first day of the Trading Plan Period, (iv) no more than one Trading Plan may be in effect at any time during a Trading Plan Period, (v) if the Investment Criteria are satisfied prospectively after giving effect to a Trading Plan but are not satisfied upon the expiry of the related Trading Plan Period, notice will be given to S&P and the Issuer shall satisfy the S&P Rating Condition for each subsequent Trading Plan until a subsequent Trading Plan (for which the S&P Rating Condition has been satisfied) is successfully completed, (vi) no Trading Plan may include a Collateral Obligation with an Average Life of less than 6 months from the date such Collateral Obligation is purchased under such Trading Plan and (vii) the difference between the shortest Average Life and the longest Average Life of any two Collateral Obligations included in such Trading Plan shall be less than or equal to two and a half years; provided further that the Collateral Manager may modify any Trading Plan during the related Trading Plan Period (with notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator), and such modification will not be deemed to constitute a failure of such Trading Plan so long as such Trading Plan is otherwise in compliance. Notice of any Trading Plan from the Collateral Manager shall include the details of such Trading Plan (including the proposed amendments and/or proposed investments identified by the Collateral Manager for acquisition or entry, as applicable, as part of such Trading Plan). The Collateral Manager will provide notice to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator promptly after a Trading Plan is executed, and the Trustee will post such notice on the Trustee's website, and the Trustee will report the details of any such Trading Plan provided by the Collateral Manager (including the proposed amendments and/or proposed investments identified by the Collateral Manager for acquisition or entry, as applicable, as part of such Trading Plan) by a providing a copy of the notice from the Collateral Manager on a dedicated page of the Monthly Report pursuant to Section 10.8(a) hereof.

- (c) <u>Certification by Collateral Manager</u>. Not later than the Cut-Off Date for any Collateral Obligation purchased in accordance with this <u>Section 12.2</u>, the Collateral Manager shall deliver by e-mail or other electronic transmission to the Trustee a Responsible Officer's certificate of the Collateral Manager certifying that such purchase complies with this <u>Section 12.2</u> and <u>Section 12.4</u>. The Trustee hereby agrees to post any notice received from the Collateral Manager of any Trading Plan entered into by the Issuer and provided to the Trustee by the Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Section 12.2(b)</u> on the Trustee's website.
- (d) <u>Investment in Eligible Investments</u>. Cash on deposit in any Account (other than the Payment Account) may be invested at any time in Eligible Investments in accordance with <u>Article X</u>.
 - (e) [Reserved].
- (f) Workout Loans. Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, at any time, the Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to apply Interest Proceeds, Principal Proceeds or amounts designated for a Permitted Use to acquire a Workout Loan; provided, that (a) Interest Proceeds may not be used to acquire Workout Loans (i) if such use would likely result, in the Collateral Manager's reasonable discretion, in a non-payment of interest on the Notes on the next succeeding Payment Date and (ii) unless all Coverage Tests are satisfied, (b) Principal Proceeds may not be used to acquire Workout Loans unless the Workout Loan Payment Condition is satisfied in connection therewith, (c) the Aggregate Principal Balance of Workout Loans held by the Issuer shall not exceed 2.0% of the Target Initial Par Amount and (d) neither Interest Proceeds nor Principal Proceeds may be used to acquire

Workout Loans unless the aggregate amount of Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds (other than proceeds from a Contribution designated as Principal Proceeds) used to acquire a Workout Loan, measured cumulatively since the Closing Date (or the date of any Refinancing of all Outstanding Classes of Notes in full, as applicable), does not exceed 10.0% of the Target Initial Par Amount. Notwithstanding anything in this Indenture to the contrary, the purchase of a Workout Loan is not required to satisfy the Investment Criteria.

- (g) <u>Restructured Loans and Specified Equity Securities</u>. The Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to apply amounts designated for a Permitted Use to acquire a Restructured Loan or Specified Equity Security.
- (h) Additional Conditions to Purchase. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, as a condition to any purchase of an additional Collateral Obligation, if the Principal Proceeds in the Collection Account (and, prior to the date on which such amounts are transferred to the Collection Account, amounts and Eligible Investments on deposit in the principal account of the Ramp-Up Account) after giving effect to (i) all expected debits and credits in connection with such purchase and all other sales and purchases (as applicable) previously or simultaneously committed to, and (ii) without duplication of amounts in the preceding clause (i), anticipated receipts of Principal Proceeds, is a negative amount, the absolute value of such amount may not be greater than 5.0% of the Collateral Principal Amount as of the Measurement Date immediately preceding the trade date for such purchase, as determined by the Collateral Manager.

Section 1.3 Reserved.

- Section 1.4 <u>Conditions Applicable to All Sale and Purchase Transactions</u>. (a) Any transaction effected under this <u>Article XII</u> or in connection with the acquisition or disposition of any Asset shall be conducted on an arm's length basis and, if effected with a Person Affiliated with the Collateral Manager (or with an account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates serves as investment adviser), shall be effected in accordance with the requirements of Section 5 of the Collateral Management Agreement on terms no less favorable to the Issuer than would be the case if such Person were not so Affiliated, <u>provided</u> that the Trustee shall have no responsibility to oversee compliance with this clause (a) by the other parties.
- (a) Upon any acquisition of a Collateral Obligation pursuant to this Article XII, all of the Issuer's right, title and interest to the Asset or Assets shall be Granted to the Trustee pursuant to this Indenture, such Asset or Assets shall be Delivered to the Custodian, and, if applicable, the Custodian shall receive such Asset or Assets. The Trustee shall also receive, not later than the Cut-Off Date, an Officer's certificate of the Issuer containing the statements set forth in Section 3.1(h); provided that such requirement shall be satisfied, and such statements shall be deemed to have been made by the Issuer, in respect of such acquisition by the delivery to the Trustee of an Issuer Order, trade ticket or other instruction in respect thereof.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained in this <u>Article XII</u> or <u>Article V</u> to the contrary, the Issuer shall have the right to effect any sale of any Asset or purchase of any Collateral Obligation (1) with the consent of Holders evidencing at least (i) with respect to purchases during the Reinvestment Period and sales during or after the Reinvestment Period, 75% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of each Class of Notes and (ii) with respect to purchases after the Reinvestment Period, 100% of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of each Class of Notes and (2) of which S&P and the Trustee have been notified.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this <u>Article XII</u> or <u>Article V</u> to the contrary, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Enforcement Event, the Issuer

shall not have the right to effect any sale of any Asset or purchase of any Collateral Obligation without the consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class.

Section 1.5 <u>Hedging</u>. The Issuer will not enter into any hedging transaction or derivatives (each, a "<u>Hedge Agreement</u>") without (a) first obtaining an Opinion of Counsel that such hedging or derivatives transaction will not require the Collateral Manager or the Trustee to register as a "commodity pool operator" with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission with respect to the Issuer, (b) first obtaining a certification from the Collateral Manager that (i) the written terms of the derivative directly relate to the Collateral Obligations and the Notes and (ii) such derivative reduces the interest rate and/or foreign exchange risks related to the Collateral Obligations and the Notes, (c) for so long as any Class A Notes are Outstanding, the consent of a Majority of the Class A Notes and (d) satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition.

ARTICLE XIII

HOLDERS' RELATIONS

- Section 1.1 <u>Subordination</u>. (a) Anything in this Indenture or the Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, the Holders of each Class of Notes that constitute a Junior Class agree for the benefit of the Holders of the Notes of each Priority Class with respect to such Junior Class that such Junior Class shall be subordinate and junior to the Notes of each such Priority Class to the extent and in the manner expressly set forth in the Priority of Payments.
- (a) The Holders of each Class of Notes and beneficial owners of each Class of Notes agree, for the benefit of all Holders of each Class of Notes and beneficial owners of each Class of Notes, not to cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy, insolvency or a similar proceeding in the United States or any other jurisdiction against the Issuer until the payment in full of all Notes and the expiration of a period equal to one year and one day or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day, following such payment in full. If any holder causes the filing of a petition in bankruptcy or winding-up against the Issuer prior to the expiration of the period specified in the previous sentence, any claim that such holder has against the Issuer (including under all Secured Notes of any Class held by such holders) or with respect to any Assets (including any proceeds thereof) shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Priority of Payments and notwithstanding any objection to, or rescission of, such filing, be fully subordinate in right of payment to the claims of each holder of any Secured Notes (and each other secured creditor of the Issuer) that does not seek to cause any such filing, with such subordination being effective until each Secured Note held by each holder (and each claim of each other secured creditor of the Issuer) that does not seek to cause any such filing is paid in full in accordance with the Priority of Payments (after giving effect to such subordination). This agreement shall constitute a "subordination agreement" within the meaning of Section 510(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Issuer shall direct the Trustee to segregate payments and take other reasonable steps to effect the foregoing. The Issuer may obtain and assign a separate CUSIP or CUSIPs to the Notes of each Class held by such Holder(s).
- (b) The foregoing restrictions are a material inducement for each Holder and beneficial owner of the Notes to acquire the Notes and for the Issuer and the Collateral Manager to enter into this Indenture (in the case of the Issuer) and the other applicable Transaction Documents and are an essential term of this Indenture. Any Holder or beneficial owner of Notes or either of the Issuer may seek and obtain specific performance of such restrictions (including injunctive relief), including, without limitation, in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under United States federal or state bankruptcy law or similar laws.

Section 1.2 <u>Standard of Conduct</u>. In exercising any of its or their voting rights, rights to direct and consent or any other rights as a Holder under this Indenture, a Holder or Holders shall not have any obligation or duty to any Person or to consider or take into account the interests of any Person and shall not be liable to any Person for any action taken by it or them or at its or their direction or any failure by it or them to act or to direct that an action be taken, without regard to whether such action or inaction benefits or adversely affects any Holder, the Issuer, or any other Person, except for any liability to which such Holder may be subject to the extent the same results from such Holder's taking or directing an action, or failing to take or direct an action, in bad faith or in violation of the express terms of this Indenture.

ARTICLE XIV

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1.1 <u>Form of Documents Delivered to Trustee</u>. In any case where several matters are required to be certified by, or covered by an opinion of, any specified Person, it is not necessary that all such matters be certified by, or covered by the opinion of, only one such Person, or that they be so certified or covered by only one document, but one such Person may certify or give an opinion with respect to some matters and one or more other such Persons as to other matters, and any such Person may certify or give an opinion as to such matters in one or several documents.

Any certificate or opinion of an Officer of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel (provided that such counsel is a nationally or internationally recognized and reputable law firm, one or more of the partners of which are admitted to practice before the highest court of any State of the United States or the District of Columbia which law firm may, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, be counsel for the Issuer), unless such Officer knows, or should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which such certificate or opinion is based are erroneous. Any such certificate of an Officer of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager or Opinion of Counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or any other Person (on which the Trustee shall be entitled to rely), stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or such other Person, unless such Officer of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager or such counsel knows that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous. Any Opinion of Counsel may also be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an Officer of the Collateral Manager or of the Issuer, stating that the information with respect to such matters is in the possession of the Collateral Manager or of the Issuer, unless such counsel knows that the information with respect to such matters is in the possession of the Collateral Manager or of the Issuer, unless such counsel knows that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.

Where any Person is required to make, give or execute two or more applications, requests, consents, certificates, statements, opinions or other instruments under this Indenture, they may, but need not, be consolidated and form one instrument.

Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the absence of the occurrence and continuation of a Default or Event of Default is a condition precedent to the taking of any action by the Trustee at the request or direction of the Issuer, then notwithstanding that the satisfaction of such condition is a condition precedent to the Issuer's right to make such request or direction, the Trustee shall be protected in acting in accordance with such request or direction if it does not have knowledge of the occurrence and continuation of such Default or Event of Default as provided in Section 6.1(d).

Each of the Bank and U.S. Bank National Association (in any capacity under the Transaction Documents) agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to any Transaction Document sent by unsecured email, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods. If such person elects to give the Bank or U.S. Bank National Association email or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and the Bank or U.S. Bank National Association in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, the Bank's or U.S. Bank National Association's, as applicable, reasonable understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. The Bank and U.S. Bank National Association shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from the Bank's and U.S. Bank National Association's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflicting with or being inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. Any person providing such instructions agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to the Bank and U.S. Bank National Association, including without limitation the risk of the Bank and U.S. Bank National Association acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties and acknowledges and agrees that there may be more secure methods of transmitting such instructions than the method(s) selected by it and agrees that the security procedures (if any) to be followed in connection with its transmission of such instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances.

- Section 1.2 Acts of Holders. (a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by an agent duly appointed in writing; and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee, and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action or actions embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the "Act" of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section 14.2.
- (a) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument or writing may be proved in any manner which the Trustee reasonably deems sufficient.
- (b) The principal amount or face amount, as the case may be, and registered numbers of debt instruments held by any Person, and the date of such Person's holding the same, shall be proved by the Note Register.
- (c) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action by the Holder of any Note shall bind the Holder (and any transferee thereof) of such and of every debt instrument issued upon the registration thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof, in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such debt instrument.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, a holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Note will have the right to receive access to reports on the Trustee's website and will be entitled to exercise rights to vote, give consents and directions which holders of the related Class of Notes are entitled to give under this Indenture upon delivery of a beneficial ownership certificate (a "Beneficial Ownership Certificate") to the Trustee which certifies (i) that such Person is a beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note, (ii) the amount and Class of Notes so owned, and (iii) that such Person will notify the Trustee when it sells all or a portion of

its beneficial interest in such Class of Notes. A separate Beneficial Ownership Certificate must be delivered each time any such vote, consent or direction is given; <u>provided</u> that, nothing shall prevent the Trustee from requesting additional information and documentation with respect to any such beneficial owner.

Section 1.3 Notices, etc. to Certain Parties.

- (a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, instruction, order, notice, consent, waiver or Act of Holders or other documents or communication provided or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given, e-mailed or furnished to, or filed with:
 - (i) the Trustee shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to and mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service guaranteeing next day delivery, by electronic mail, or by facsimile in legible form to the Trustee, addressed to it at the Corporate Trust Office, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the other parties hereto by the Trustee, and executed by a Responsible Officer or Officer (as applicable) of the entity sending such request, demand, authorization, direction, instruction, order, notice, consent, waiver or other document; provided that any demand, authorization, direction, instruction, order, notice, consent, waiver or other document sent to the Bank (in any capacity hereunder) will be deemed effective only upon receipt thereof by a Trust Officer of the Bank in such capacity;
 - (ii) the Issuer shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service, by electronic mail, or by facsimile in legible form, to the Issuer addressed to it at c/o Churchill Asset Management LLC, 375 Park Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10152, Attention: Marissa Short, Fund Controller, Email: Marissa.Short@churchillam.com, with a copy to: Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., 8500 Andrew Carnegie Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, Attention: John D. McCally, Email: john.mccally@churchillam.com, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the other parties hereto by the Issuer, with a copy to the Collateral Manager at its address below;
 - (iii) the Collateral Manager shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service, by electronic mail or by facsimile in legible form, to the Collateral Manager addressed to it at c/o Churchill Asset Management LLC, 375 Park Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10152, Attention: Marissa Short, Funds Controller, email: marissa.short@churchillam.com, with a copy to the Collateral Manager addressed to it at 8500 Andrew Carnegie Blvd., Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, Attention: John D. McCally, email: john.mccally@churchillam.com and with a copy to the Sub-Advisor addressed to it at Churchill Asset Management LLC, 375 Park Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, New York 10152, Attention: Shai Vichness@churchillam.com with a copy to Luke Garriton, email: Luke.Garriton@churchillam.com or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the parties hereto;
 - (iv) the Initial Purchaser shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service or by facsimile in legible form, addressed to Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, 550 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attention: Corporate Debt Finance, or at any other address subsequently furnished in writing to the Issuer and the Trustee by the Initial Purchaser;

- (v) the Collateral Administrator shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder if made, given, furnished or filed in writing to and mailed, by certified mail, return receipt requested, hand delivered, sent by overnight courier service guaranteeing next day delivery, by electronic mail, or by facsimile in legible form to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Collateral Administrator, 214 N. Tryon Street, 26th Floor, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, Attention: Global Corporate Trust Churchill NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, Email: curchill.custody@usbank.com, with a copy to jennifer.maldonado3@usbank.com, as Collateral Administrator, or at any other address previously furnished in writing to the other parties hereto;
- (vi) S&P shall be sufficient for every purpose hereunder (unless otherwise herein expressly provided) if in writing and sent by electronic copy to CDO_Surveillance@spglobal.com; provided that (w) in respect of any application for a ratings estimate by S&P in respect of a Collateral Obligation, Required S&P Credit Estimate Information must be submitted to creditestimates@spglobal.com, (x) in respect of any request for satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition in connection with the Effective Date, required information must be submitted to CDOEffectiveDatePortfolios@spglobal.com, (y) in connection with the occurrence of any Specified Amendment in respect of an asset with an outstanding S&P credit ratings estimate or in connection with any notice to be delivered pursuant to clause (c)(ii) of the definition of "S&P Rating", CreditEstimates@spglobal.com; otherwise, CDO_Surveillance@spglobal.com and (z) in respect of any correspondence relating to the S&P CDO Monitor (or related definitions), CDOMonitor@spglobal.com; and
- (vii) the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange at Cayman Islands Stock Exchange, Listing, PO Box 2408, Grand Cayman, KY1-1105, Cayman Islands, telephone no.: +1 (345) 945-6060, facsimile no.: +1 (345) 945-6061, email: listing@csx.ky and csx@csx.ky.
- (b) If any provision herein calls for any notice or document to be delivered simultaneously to the Trustee and any other Person, the Trustee's receipt of such notice or document shall entitle the Trustee to assume that such notice or document was delivered to such other Person or entity unless otherwise expressly specified herein.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained herein or in any agreement or document related thereto, any report, statement or other information required to be provided by the Issuer or the Trustee may be provided by providing access to a website containing such information.
- Section 1.4 <u>Notices to Holders; Waiver</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, where this Indenture provides for notice to Holders of any event:
- (a) such notice shall be sufficiently given to Holders if in writing and mailed, first class postage prepaid, or by overnight delivery service (or, in the case of Holders of Global Notes, e-mailed to DTC), to each Holder affected by such event, at the address of such Holder as it appears in the Note Register not earlier than the earliest date and not later than the latest date prescribed for the giving of such notice;
- (b) for so long as any Notes are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and the listing rules of the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange so require, notices to the Holders of such Notes shall also be sent to the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange; and
 - (c) such notice shall be in the English language.

Any such notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such mailing, transmission or posting, as applicable.

Notwithstanding clause (a) above, a Holder may give the Trustee a written notice that it is requesting that notices to it be given by electronic mail or by facsimile transmissions and stating the electronic mail address or facsimile number for such transmission. Thereafter, the Trustee shall give notices to such Holder by electronic mail or facsimile transmission, as so requested; <u>provided</u> that if such notice also requests that notices be given by mail, then such notice shall also be given by mail in accordance with clause (a) above. In lieu of the foregoing, notices for Holders may also be posted to the Trustee's website.

Subject to the requirements of <u>Section 14.15</u>, the Trustee will deliver to the Holders any information or notice relating to this Indenture requested to be so delivered by at least 25% of the Holders of any Class of Notes (by Aggregate Outstanding Amount), at the expense of the Issuer; <u>provided</u> that the Trustee may decline to send any such notice that it reasonably determines to be contrary to (i) any of the terms of this Indenture, (ii) any duty or obligation that the Trustee may have hereunder or (iii) applicable law. The Trustee may require the requesting Holders to comply with its standard verification policies in order to confirm Holder status.

Neither the failure to mail or otherwise deliver any notice, nor any defect in any notice so mailed or otherwise delivered, to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders. In case by reason of the suspension of regular mail service as a result of a strike, work stoppage or similar activity or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give such notice by mail of any event to Holders when such notice is required to be given pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, then such notification to Holders as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification to such Holders for every purpose hereunder.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by any Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

Section 1.5 Effect of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein (including those used in cross-references herein) and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 1.6 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. All covenants and agreements herein by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 1.7 Severability. If any term, provision, covenant or condition of this Indenture or the Notes, or the application thereof to any party hereto or any circumstance, is held to be unenforceable, invalid or illegal (in whole or in part) for any reason (in any relevant jurisdiction), the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Indenture or the Notes, modified by the deletion of the unenforceable, invalid or illegal portion (in any relevant jurisdiction), will continue in full force and effect, and such unenforceability, invalidity, or illegality will not otherwise affect the enforceability, validity or legality of the remaining terms, provisions, covenants and conditions of this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, so long as this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, as so modified continues to express, without material change, the original intentions of the parties as to the subject matter hereof and the deletion of such portion of this Indenture or the Notes, as the case may be, will not substantially

impair the respective expectations or reciprocal obligations of the parties or the practical realization of the benefits that would otherwise be conferred upon the parties.

Section 1.8 <u>Benefits of Indenture</u>. Except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Indenture, nothing herein or in the Notes, expressed or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator, the Holders of the Notes and (to the extent provided herein) and the other Secured Parties any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

Section 1.9 Reserved.

Section 1.10 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS INDENTURE AND EACH DEBT INSTRUMENT, AND ANY MATTER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER TO THIS INDENTURE OR ANY DEBT (WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE), SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 1.11 <u>Submission to Jurisdiction</u>. With respect to any suit, action or proceedings relating to this Indenture or any matter between the parties arising under or in connection with this Indenture ("Proceedings"), each party irrevocably: (i) submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and any appellate court from any thereof; and (ii) waives any objection which it may have at any time to the laying of venue of any Proceedings brought in any such court, waives any claim that such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further waives the right to object, with respect to such Proceedings, that such court does not have any jurisdiction over such party. Nothing herein precludes any of the parties from bringing Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, nor will the bringing of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the bringing of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction.

Section 1.12 <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH OF THE ISSUER, THE HOLDERS AND THE TRUSTEE HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE DEBT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY. Each party hereby (i) certifies that no representative, agent or attorney of the other has represented, expressly or otherwise, that the other would not, in the event of a Proceeding, seek to enforce the foregoing waiver and (ii) acknowledges that it has been induced to enter into this Indenture by, among other things, the mutual waivers and certifications in this paragraph.

Section 1.13 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Indenture and the Notes may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. Any signature (including, without limitation, any facsimile or electronic transmission, including .pdf file, .jpeg file or electronic signature complying with the U.S. federal ESIGN Act of 2000, including Orbit, Adobe Fill & Sign, Adobe Sign, DocuSign, or any other similar platform identified by the Issuer and reasonably available at no undue burden or expense to the Trustee (including any symbol or process attached to, or associated with, a contract or other record and adopted by a Person with the intent to sign, authenticate or accept such contract or record)) hereto or to any other certificate, agreement or document related to the transactions contemplated by this Indenture, and any contract formation or record-keeping, in each case, through electronic means, including, without limitation, through e-mail or portable document format, shall have the same legal validity and enforceability as a manually executed signature or use of a paper-based record-

keeping system to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing also applies to any amendment, supplement, restatement, extension or renewal of this Indenture. Each party hereto represents and warrants to the other parties hereto that (i) it has the corporate or other applicable entity capacity and authority to execute this Indenture (and any other documents to be delivered in connection therewith) through electronic means, (ii) any electronic signatures of such party appearing on this Indenture (or such other documents) shall be treated in the same way as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability and admissibility of this Indenture (or any such other document) and (iii) the execution of this Indenture (or any such other document) by such party through such electronic means is not restricted by, and does not contravene, such party's constitutive documents or applicable law. Any document electronically signed in a manner consistent with the foregoing provisions shall be valid so long as it is delivered by a Responsible Officer or Officer (as applicable) of the executing Person or by any person reasonably understood to be acting on behalf of such Person. The Trustee shall have no duty to inquire into or investigate the authenticity or authorization of any such electronic signature and shall be entitled to conclusively rely on any such electronic signature without any liability with respect thereto.

Section 1.14 <u>Acts of Issuer</u>. Any report, information, communication, request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or performed by the Issuer shall be effective if given or performed by the Issuer or by the Collateral Manager on the Issuer's behalf.

The Issuer agrees to coordinate with the Collateral Manager with respect to any communication to S&P and to comply with the provisions of this Section and Section 14.16, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Collateral Manager.

Section 1.15 Confidential Information. (a) The Trustee, the Collateral Administrator and each Holder of Notes will maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in accordance with procedures adopted by such Person in good faith to protect Confidential Information of third parties delivered to such Person; provided that such Person may deliver or disclose Confidential Information to: (i) such Person's directors, trustees, officers, employees, agents, attorneys and affiliates who agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with the terms of this Section 14.15 and to the extent such disclosure is reasonably required for the administration of this Indenture, the matters contemplated hereby or the investment represented by the Notes; (ii) such Person's legal advisors, financial advisors and other professional advisors who agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with the terms of this Section 14.15 and to the extent such disclosure is reasonably required for the administration of this Indenture, the matters contemplated hereby or the investment represented by the Notes; (iii) any other Holder, or any of the other parties to this Indenture, the Collateral Management Agreement or the Collateral Administration Agreement; (iv) except for Specified Obligor Information, any Person of the type that would be, to such Person's knowledge, permitted to acquire Notes or any security of the Issuer in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.5 hereof to which such Person sells or offers to sell any such Notes or security or any part thereof; (v) any federal or state or other regulatory, governmental or judicial authority having jurisdiction over such Person; (vi) the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or any similar organization, or any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about the investment portfolio of such Person, reinsurers and liquidity and credit providers that agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with this Section 14.15; (vii) S&P or any NRSRO (subject to Section 14.16); (viii) any other Person with the consent of the Issuer and the Collateral Manager; (ix) any other disclosure that is permitted under this Indenture or the Collateral Administration Agreement or (x) any other Person to which such delivery or

disclosure may be necessary or appropriate (A) to effect compliance with any law, rule, regulation or order applicable to such Person, (B) in response to any subpoena or other legal process (unless prohibited by applicable law, rule, order or decree or other requirement having the force of law), (C) in connection with any litigation to which such Person is a party (unless prohibited by applicable law, rule, order or decree or other requirement having the force of law), (D) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the extent such Person may reasonably determine such delivery and disclosure to be necessary or appropriate in the enforcement or for the protection of the rights and remedies under the Notes or this Indenture or (E) in the Trustee's or the Collateral Administrator's performance of its obligations under this Indenture, the Collateral Administration Agreement or the other transaction document related thereto; and provided that delivery to the Holders by the Trustee or the Collateral Administrator of any report of information required by the terms of this Indenture to be provided to Holders shall not be a violation of this Section 14.15. Each Holder or beneficial owner of Notes will, by its acceptance of its Notes, be deemed to have agreed, except as set forth in clauses (v), (vi) and (ix) above, that it shall use the Confidential Information for the sole purpose of making an investment in the Notes or administering its investment in the Notes; and that the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator shall neither be required nor authorized to disclose to Holders any Confidential Information in violation of this Section 14.15. In the event of any required disclosure of the Confidential Information by such Holder or beneficial owner such Holder or beneficial owner will, by its acceptance of its Notes, be deemed to have agreed to use reasonable efforts to protect the confidentiality of the Confidential Information. Each Holder or beneficial owner of Notes. by its acceptance of such Notes, will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to be entitled to the benefits of this Section 14.15 (subject to <u>Section 7.17(e)</u>).

- (a) For the purposes of this Section 14.15, (A) "Confidential Information" means information delivered to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or any Holder of Notes by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective affiliates in connection with and relating to the Issuer, the Retention Holder, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective affiliates or the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Indenture and the other Transaction Documents (including, without limitation, information relating to Obligors); provided that such term does not include information that: (i) was publicly known or otherwise known to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or such Holder prior to the time of such disclosure; (ii) subsequently becomes publicly known through no act or omission by the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator, any Holder or any Person acting on behalf of the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or any Holder; (iii) otherwise is known or becomes known to the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or any Holder other than (x) through disclosure by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective affiliates, as applicable, or (y) to the knowledge of the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or a Holder, as the case may be, in each case after reasonable inquiry, as a result of the breach of a fiduciary duty or a contractual duty to the Issuer, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective affiliates, as applicable; or (iv) is allowed to be treated as non-confidential with the prior written consent of the Issuer; and (B) "Specified Obligor Information" means Confidential Information relating to Obligors whether set forth in the Monthly Reports, the Distribution Reports, the Transparency Reports or otherwise); that is not otherwise included in the Monthly Reports or Distribution Reports or the disclosure of which would be prohibited by applicable law or the Underlying Documents relating to such Obligor's Collateral Obligation.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator may disclose Confidential Information to the extent disclosure thereof may be required by law or by any regulatory or Governmental Authority and the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator may disclose on a confidential basis any Confidential Information to its agents, attorneys and auditors in connection with the performance of its responsibilities hereunder and under the Collateral Administration Agreement or the other Transaction Documents.

Section 1.16 17g-5 Information. (a) The Issuer shall comply with their obligations under Rule 17g-5 promulgated under the Exchange Act ("Rule 17g-5"), by its or its agent's posting on the 17g-5 Website, no later than the time such information is provided to S&P, all information that the Issuer or other parties on its behalf, including the Trustee and the Collateral Manager, provide to S&P for the purposes of determining the Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes (the "17g-5 Information"); provided, that no party other than the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager may provide information to S&P on the Issuer's behalf without the prior written consent of the Collateral Manager. At all times while any Secured Notes are rated by S&P or any other NRSRO, the Issuer shall engage a third-party to post 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website. On the Closing Date, the Issuer shall engage the Collateral Administrator (in such capacity, the "Information Agent"), to post 17g-5 Information it receives from the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager to the 17g-5 Website in accordance with the Collateral Administration Agreement. All information to be posted shall be provided to the Information Agent in an electronic format readable and uploadable (e.g., that is not locked or corrupted) by e-mail to churchillncdlccloII17g5@usbank.com and specifying "Churchill NCDLC CLO-III" and labeled for delivery to S&P.

- (a) To the extent that any of the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator or the Trustee is required to provide any information to, or communicate with, S&P in writing in accordance with its obligations under this Indenture, the Collateral Administration Agreement or the Collateral Management Agreement, the Issuer, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Administrator or the Trustee, as applicable (or their respective representatives or advisers), shall promptly deliver such information or communication to the Information Agent for posting to the 17g-5 Website.
- (b) To the extent any of the Issuer, the Trustee or the Collateral Manager are engaged in oral communications with S&P for the purposes of determining the Initial Ratings of the Secured Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, the party communicating with S&P shall cause such oral communication to either be (x) recorded and an audio file containing the recording to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website or (y) summarized in writing and the summary to be promptly posted to the 17g-5 Website.
- (c) All information to be made available to S&P pursuant to <u>Section 14.3(a)</u> shall be made available on the 17g-5 Website. In the event that any information is delivered or posted in error, the Issuer may remove it, or cause it be removed, from the 17g-5 Website, and shall so remove promptly when instructed to do so by the Person that delivered such information. None of the Trustee, the Collateral Administrator or the Collateral Manager shall have obtained or shall be deemed to have obtained actual knowledge of any information solely due to receipt and posting to the 17g-5 Website. Access will be provided to any NRSRO upon receipt by the Issuer of an NRSRO Certification from such NRSRO (which may be submitted electronically via the 17g-5 Website).
- (d) Notwithstanding the requirements herein, the Trustee shall have no obligation to engage in or respond to any oral communications, for the purposes of determining the initial credit rating of the Notes or undertaking credit rating surveillance of the Notes, with S&P or any of its officers, directors or employees.
- (e) The Information Agent (except to the extent expressly provided herein and in the Collateral Administration Agreement) and the Trustee shall not be responsible for maintaining the 17g-5 Website, posting any 17g-5 Information to the 17g-5 Website or assuring that the 17g-5 Website complies with the requirements of this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other law or regulation. In no event shall the Information Agent or the Trustee be deemed to

make any representation in respect of the content of the 17g-5 Website or compliance of the 17g-5 Website with this Indenture, Rule 17g-5, or any other law or regulation.

- (f) The Information Agent and the Trustee shall not be responsible or liable for the dissemination of any identification numbers or passwords for the 17g-5 Website, including by the Issuer, S&P, the NRSROs, any of their agents or any other party. The Information Agent and the Trustee shall not be liable for the use of any information posted on the 17g-5 Website, whether by the Issuer, S&P, the NRSROs or any other third party that may gain access to the 17g-5 Website or the information posted thereon.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the maintenance by NetRoadshow, Inc. of the 17g-5 Website shall not be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other law or regulation related thereto. The maintenance by the Trustee of the Trustee's website will not be deemed as compliance by or on behalf of the Issuer with Rule 17g-5 or any other law or regulation related thereto.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Indenture, a breach of this <u>Section 14.16</u> shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

ARTICLE XV

ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS

- Section 1.1 <u>Assignment of Collateral Management Agreement.</u> (a) The Issuer hereby acknowledges that its Grant pursuant to the first Granting Clause hereof includes all of the Issuer's estate, right, title and interest in, to and under the Collateral Management Agreement, including (i) the right to give all notices, consents and releases thereunder, (ii) the right to give all notices of termination and to take any legal action upon the breach of an obligation of the Collateral Manager thereunder, including the commencement, conduct and consummation of proceedings at law or in equity, (iii) the right to receive all notices, accountings, consents, releases and statements thereunder and (iv) the right to do any and all other things whatsoever that the Issuer is or may be entitled to do thereunder; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Trustee shall not have the authority to exercise any of the rights set forth in (i) through (iv) above or that may otherwise arise as a result of the Grant until the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder and such authority shall terminate at such time, if any, as such Event of Default is cured or waived. From and after the occurrence and continuance of an Event of Default, the Collateral Manager shall continue to perform and be bound by the provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement and this Indenture applicable thereto.
- (a) The assignment made hereby is executed as collateral security, and the execution and delivery hereby shall not in any way impair or diminish the obligations of the Issuer under the provisions of the Collateral Management Agreement, nor shall any of the obligations contained in the Collateral Management Agreement be imposed on the Trustee.
- (b) The Issuer represents that, as of the date hereof, the Issuer has not executed any other assignment of the Collateral Management Agreement.
- (c) The Issuer agrees that this assignment is irrevocable, and that it will not take any action which is inconsistent with this assignment or make any other assignment inconsistent herewith. The Issuer will, from time to time, execute all instruments of further assurance and all such supplemental instruments with respect to this assignment as may be necessary to continue and maintain the effectiveness of such assignment.

- (d) The Issuer hereby agrees, and hereby undertakes to obtain the agreement and consent of the Collateral Manager in the Collateral Management Agreement, to the following:
 - (i) The Collateral Manager shall consent to the provisions of this assignment and agree to perform any provisions of this Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager subject to the terms (including the Collateral Manager Standard) of the Collateral Management Agreement.
- (e) Upon the retirement of the Notes, the payment of all amounts required to be paid pursuant to the Priority of Payments and the release of the Assets from the lien of this Indenture, this assignment and all rights herein assigned to the Trustee for the benefit of the Holders shall cease and terminate and all the estate, right, title and interest of the Trustee in, to and under the Collateral Management Agreement shall revert to the Issuer and no further instrument or act shall be necessary to evidence such termination and reversion.
 - (i) The Collateral Manager shall acknowledge that the Issuer is assigning all of its right, title and interest in, to and under the Collateral Management Agreement to the Trustee as representative of the Holders and the Collateral Manager shall agree that all of the representations, covenants and agreements made by the Collateral Manager in the Collateral Management Agreement are also for the benefit of the Trustee.
 - (ii) The Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Trustee copies of all notices, statements, communications and instruments delivered or required to be delivered by the Collateral Manager to the Issuer pursuant to the Collateral Management Agreement.
 - (iii) The Issuer hereby agrees that the Issuer shall not enter into any agreement amending, modifying or terminating the Collateral Management Agreement except in accordance with the terms of the Collateral Management Agreement.
 - (iv) Except as otherwise set forth herein and therein (including pursuant to Section 8 of the Collateral Management Agreement), the Collateral Manager shall continue to serve as Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement notwithstanding that the Collateral Manager shall not have received amounts due it under the Collateral Management Agreement because sufficient funds were not then available hereunder to pay such amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments set forth under Section 11.1. The Collateral Manager agrees not to cause the filing of a petition in bankruptcy against the Issuer for the nonpayment of the fees or other amounts payable by the Issuer to the Collateral Manager under the Collateral Management Agreement until the payment in full of all Notes issued under this Indenture and the expiration of a period equal to one year and a day, or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect plus one day, following such payment. Nothing in this Section 15.1 shall preclude, or be deemed to stop, the Collateral Manager (i) from taking any action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned period in (A) any case or Proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Issuer, or (B) any involuntary insolvency Proceeding filed or commenced by a Person other than the Collateral Manager, or (ii) from commencing against the Issuer or any of its properties any legal action which is not a bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceeding.
 - (v) On each Measurement Date on which the S&P CDO Monitor Test is used, the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer will measure compliance under such test.

(f) The Issuer and the Trustee agree that the Collateral Manager shall be a third party beneficiary of this Indenture, and shall be entitled to rely upon and enforce such provisions of this Indenture to the same extent as if it were a party hereto. [Signature Pages Follow]
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands as of the day and year first written above.

CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, as Issuer

By: Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., its Designated Manager

By: /s/ Shai Vichness_ Name: Shai Vichness Title: Chief Financial Officer

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as Trustee

By: /s/ Scott D DeRoss
Name: Scott D DeRoss
Title: Senior Vice President

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Schedule 1

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Schedule 2
S&P Industry Classifications

Asset Type Code	Asset Type Description
0	Zero Default Risk
1020000	Energy Equipment and Services
1030000	Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels
1033403	Mortgage Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)
2020000	Chemicals
2030000	Construction Materials
2040000	Containers and Packaging
2050000	Metals and Mining
2060000	Paper and Forest Products
3020000	Aerospace and Defense
3030000	Building Products
3040000	Construction and Engineering
3050000	Electrical Equipment
3060000	Industrial Conglomerates
3070000	Machinery
3080000	Trading Companies and Distributors
3110000	Commercial Services and Supplies
3210000	Air Freight and Logistics
3220000	Passenger airlines
3230000	Marine transportation
3240000	Ground transportation
3250000	Transportation Infrastructure
4011000	Automobile components
4020000	Automobiles
4110000	Household Durables
4120000	Leisure Products
4130000	Textiles, Apparel and Luxury Goods
4210000	Hotels, Restaurants and Leisure
4300001	Entertainment
4300002	Interactive Media and Services
4310000	Media
4410000	Distributors
4430000	Broadline Retail
4440000	Specialty Retail
5020000	Consumer stables distribution and retail
5110000	Beverages

5120000	Food Products
5130000	Tobacco
5210000	Household Products
5220000	Personal Products
6020000	Health Care Equipment and Supplies
6030000	Health Care Providers and Services
6110000	Biotechnology
6120000	Pharmaceuticals
7011000	Banks
711000	Financial services
7120000	Consumer Finance
7130000	Capital Markets
7210000	Insurance
7310000	Real Estate Management and Development
7311000	Diversified REITS
8030000	IT Services
8040000	Software
8110000	Communications Equipment
8120000	Technology Hardware, Storage and Peripherals
8130000	Electronic Equipment, Instruments and Components
8210000	Semiconductors and Semiconductor Equipment
9020000	Diversified Telecommunication Services
9030000	Wireless Telecommunication Services
9520000	Electric Utilities
9530000	Gas Utilities
9540000	Multi-Utilities
9550000	Water Utilities
9551701	Diversified Consumer Services
9551702	Independent Power and Renewable Electricity Producers
9551702	Life Sciences Tools and Services
9551729	Health Care Technology
9612010	Professional Services
9622292	Residential REITs
9622294	Industrial REITs
9622294	Hotel and resort REITs
9622293	Office REITs
9622296	Health care REITs
9622297	Retail REITs
9622298	Specialized REITs
	Project Finance: Industrial Equipment
PF1	
PF2	Project Finance: Leisure and Gaming

PF3	Project Finance: Natural Resources and Mining
PF4	Project Finance: Oil and Gas
PF5	Project Finance: Power
PF6	Project Finance: Public Finance and Real Estate
PF7	Project Finance: Telecommunications
PF8	Project Finance: Transport
IPF	International Public Finance
PF1000-PF1099	Reserved

Schedule 3

Moody's Rating Definitions

MOODY'S RATING

- (a) With respect to a Collateral Obligation that (A) is publicly rated by Moody's, such public rating, or (B) is not publicly rated by Moody's but for which a rating has been assigned by Moody's upon the request of the Issuer or the Collateral Manager, such rating.
- (b) With respect to a Collateral Obligation that is a first-lien loan or Participation Interest in a first-lien loan (if not determined pursuant to clause (a) above), if the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation has a corporate family rating by Moody's, then such corporate family rating.
- (c) With respect to a Collateral Obligation, if not determined pursuant to clause (a) or (b) above, if the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation has one or more senior unsecured obligations publicly rated by Moody's, then the Moody's public rating on any such obligation (or, if such Collateral Obligation is a first-lien loan, the Moody's rating that is one subcategory higher than the Moody's public rating on any such senior unsecured obligation) as selected by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion.
- (d) With respect to a Collateral Obligation other than a first-lien loan or Participation Interest in a first-lien loan (if not determined pursuant to clause (a), (b) or (c) above) if the obligor of such Collateral Obligation has one or more senior unsecured obligations publicly rated by Moody's, then the Moody's Rating on any such obligation;
- (e) With respect to a Collateral Obligation other than a first-lien loan or Participation Interest in a first-lien loan (if not determined pursuant to clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) above), if the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation has a corporate family rating by Moody's, then such corporate family rating; and
- (f) With respect to a Collateral Obligation other than a first-lien loan or Participation Interest in a first-lien loan (if not determined pursuant to clause (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e) above), if the Obligor of such Collateral Obligation has one or more subordinated obligations publicly rated by Moody's, then the Moody's public rating on any such obligation notched up by one notch as selected by the Collateral Manager in its sole discretion.

For purposes of calculating a Moody's Rating, each applicable rating (i) on credit watch by Moody's with positive implications will be treated as having been upgraded by one rating subcategory and (ii) on credit watch by Moody's with negative implications will be treated as having been downgraded by one rating subcategory.

DIVERSITY SCORE CALCULATION

The Diversity Score is calculated as follows:

- (a) An "Issuer Par Amount" is calculated for each issuer of a Collateral Obligation, and is equal to the Aggregate Principal Balance of all the Collateral Obligations issued by that issuer and all affiliates.
- (b) An "Average Par Amount" is calculated by summing the Issuer Par Amounts for all issuers, and dividing by the number of issuers.
- (c) An "Equivalent Unit Score" is calculated for each issuer, and is equal to the lesser of (x) one and (y) the Issuer Par Amount for such issuer divided by the Average Par Amount.
- (d) An "Aggregate Industry Equivalent Unit Score" is then calculated for each of the S&P Industry Classifications, and is equal to the sum of the Equivalent Unit Scores for each issuer in such industry classification group.
- (e) An "Industry Diversity Score" is then established for each S&P Industry Classification, by reference to the following table for the related Aggregate Industry Equivalent Unit Score; <u>provided</u> that if any Aggregate Industry Equivalent Unit Score falls between any two such scores, the applicable Industry Diversity Score shall be the lower of the two Industry Diversity Scores:

Aggregate Industry Equivalent Unit Score	Industry Diversity Score						
0.0000	0.0000	5.0500	2.7000	10.1500	4.0200	15.2500	4.5300
0.0500	0.1000	5.1500	2.7333	10.2500	4.0300	15.3500	4.5400
0.1500	0.2000	5.2500	2.7667	10.3500	4.0400	15.4500	4.5500
0.2500	0.3000	5.3500	2.8000	10.4500	4.0500	15.5500	4.5600
0.3500	0.4000	5.4500	2.8333	10.5500	4.0600	15.6500	4.5700
0.4500	0.5000	5.5500	2.8667	10.6500	4.0700	15.7500	4.5800
0.5500	0.6000	5.6500	2.9000	10.7500	4.0800	15.8500	4.5900
0.6500	0.7000	5.7500	2.9333	10.8500	4.0900	15.9500	4.6000
0.7500	0.8000	5.8500	2.9667	10.9500	4.1000	16.0500	4.6100
0.8500	0.9000	5.9500	3.0000	11.0500	4.1100	16.1500	4.6200
0.9500	1.0000	6.0500	3.0250	11.1500	4.1200	16.2500	4.6300
1.0500	1.0500	6.1500	3.0500	11.2500	4.1300	16.3500	4.6400
1.1500	1.1000	6.2500	3.0750	11.3500	4.1400	16.4500	4.6500
1.2500	1.1500	6.3500	3.1000	11.4500	4.1500	16.5500	4.6600
1.3500	1.2000	6.4500	3.1250	11.5500	4.1600	16.6500	4.6700
1.4500	1.2500	6.5500	3.1500	11.6500	4.1700	16.7500	4.6800
1.5500	1.3000	6.6500	3.1750	11.7500	4.1800	16.8500	4.6900
1.6500	1.3500	6.7500	3.2000	11.8500	4.1900	16.9500	4.7000
1.7500	1.4000	6.8500	3.2250	11.9500	4.2000	17.0500	4.7100

1.8500	1.4500	6.9500	3.2500	12.0500	4.2100	17.1500	4.7200
1.9500	1.5000	7.0500	3.2750	12.1500	4.2200	17.2500	4.7300
2.0500	1.5500	7.1500	3.3000	12.2500	4.2300	17.3500	4.7400
2.1500	1.6000	7.2500	3.3250	12.3500	4.2400	17.4500	4.7500
2.2500	1.6500	7.3500	3.3500	12.4500	4.2500	17.5500	4.7600
2.3500	1.7000	7.4500	3.3750	12.5500	4.2600	17.6500	4.7700
2.4500	1.7500	7.5500	3.4000	12.6500	4.2700	17.7500	4.7800
2.5500	1.8000	7.6500	3.4250	12.7500	4.2800	17.8500	4.7900
2.6500	1.8500	7.7500	3.4500	12.8500	4.2900	17.9500	4.8000
2.7500	1.9000	7.8500	3.4750	12.9500	4.3000	18.0500	4.8100
2.8500	1.9500	7.9500	3.5000	13.0500	4.3100	18.1500	4.8200
2.9500	2.0000	8.0500	3.5250	13.1500	4.3200	18.2500	4.8300
3.0500	2.0333	8.1500	3.5500	13.2500	4.3300	18.3500	4.8400
3.1500	2.0667	8.2500	3.5750	13.3500	4.3400	18.4500	4.8500
3.2500	2.1000	8.3500	3.6000	13.4500	4.3500	18.5500	4.8600
3.3500	2.1333	8.4500	3.6250	13.5500	4.3600	18.6500	4.8700
3.4500	2.1667	8.5500	3.6500	13.6500	4.3700	18.7500	4.8800
3.5500	2.2000	8.6500	3.6750	13.7500	4.3800	18.8500	4.8900
3.6500	2.2333	8.7500	3.7000	13.8500	4.3900	18.9500	4.9000
3.7500	2.2667	8.8500	3.7250	13.9500	4.4000	19.0500	4.9100
3.8500	2.3000	8.9500	3.7500	14.0500	4.4100	19.1500	4.9200
3.9500	2.3333	9.0500	3.7750	14.1500	4.4200	19.2500	4.9300
4.0500	2.3667	9.1500	3.8000	14.2500	4.4300	19.3500	4.9400
4.1500	2.4000	9.2500	3.8250	14.3500	4.4400	19.4500	4.9500
4.2500	2.4333	9.3500	3.8500	14.4500	4.4500	19.5500	4.9600
4.3500	2.4667	9.4500	3.8750	14.5500	4.4600	19.6500	4.9700
4.4500	2.5000	9.5500	3.9000	14.6500	4.4700	19.7500	4.9800
4.5500	2.5333	9.6500	3.9250	14.7500	4.4800	19.8500	4.9900
4.6500	2.5667	9.7500	3.9500	14.8500	4.4900	19.9500	5.0000
4.7500	2.6000	9.8500	3.9750	14.9500	4.5000		
4.8500	2.6333	9.9500	4.0000	15.0500	4.5100		
4.9500	2.6667	10.0500	4.0100	15.1500	4.5200		

(f) The Diversity Score is then calculated by summing each of the Industry Diversity Scores for each S&P Industry Classification.

Schedule 4

S&P Recovery Rate Tables

Section 1. S&P Recovery Rate Tables

(a) (i) If a Collateral Obligation has an S&P Recovery Rating, the S&P Recovery Rate for such Collateral Obligation will be the applicable percentage set forth in Table 1 below, based on such S&P Recovery Rating (for the applicable recovery range) and the applicable Class of Notes:

Table 1: S&P Recovery Rates for Collateral Obligations with S&P Recovery Ratings*

	S&P Recovery Range				Initial Liability Ra	ating		
S&P Recovery Rating	from S&P published reports**	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B"	"CCC" and below
1+	100	75.0%	85.0%	88.0%	90.0%	92.0%	95.0%	95.0%
1	95	70.0%	80.0%	84.0%	87.5%	91.0%	95.0%	95.0%
1	90	65.0%	75.0%	80.0%	85.0%	90.0%	95.0%	95.0%
2	85	62.5%	72.5%	77.5%	83.0%	88.0%	92.0%	92.0%
2	80	60.0%	70.0%	75.0%	81.0%	86.0%	89.0%	89.0%
2	75	55.0%	65.0%	70.5%	77.0%	82.5%	84.0%	84.0%
2	70	50.0%	60.0%	66.0%	73.0%	79.0%	79.0%	79.0%
3	65	45.0%	55.0%	61.0%	68.0%	73.0%	74.0%	74.0%
3	60	40.0%	50.0%	56.0%	63.0%	67.0%	69.0%	69.0%
3	55	35.0%	45.0%	51.0%	58.0%	63.0%	64.0%	64.0%
3	50	30.0%	40.0%	46.0%	53.0%	59.0%	59.0%	59.0%
4	45	28.5%	37.5%	44.0%	49.5%	53.5%	54.0%	54.0%
4	40	27.0%	35.0%	42.0%	46.0%	48.0%	49.0%	49.0%
4	35	23.5%	30.5%	37.5%	42.5%	43.5%	44.0%	44.0%
4	30	20.0%	26.0%	33.0%	39.0%	39.0%	39.0%	39.0%
5	25	17.5%	23.0%	28.5%	32.5%	33.5%	34.0%	34.0%
5	20	15.0%	20.0%	24.0%	26.0%	28.0%	29.0%	29.0%
5	15	10.0%	15.0%	19.5%	22.5%	23.5%	24.0%	24.0%
5	10	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%
6	5	3.5%	7.0%	10.5%	13.5%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
6	0	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%	8.0%	9.0%	9.0%	9.0%
					S&P Re	ecovery Rate		

^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

^{**} If an S&P Recovery Rating is not available from S&P's published reports for a given loan with a recovery rating of "1" through "6", the lower range for the applicable recovery rating will be assumed

⁽i) If (x) a Collateral Obligation does not have an S&P Recovery Rating and such Collateral Obligation is a senior unsecured loan or Second Lien Loan and (y) the issuer of such Collateral Obligation has issued another debt instrument that is outstanding and senior to

such Collateral Obligation (a "Senior Secured Debt Instrument") that has an S&P Recovery Rating, the S&P Recovery Rate for such Collateral Obligation shall be determined as follows:

For Collateral Obligations Domiciled in Group A*

&P Recovery Rating of the Senior	Initial Liability Rating							
Secured Debt Instrument	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below		
1+	18%	20%	23%	26%	29%	31%		
[18%	20%	23%	26%	29%	31%		
2	18%	20%	23%	26%	29%	31%		
3	12%	15%	18%	21%	22%	23%		
1	5%	8%	11%	13%	14%	15%		
;	2%	4%	6%	8%	9%	10%		
)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
			S&P	Recovery Rate				

^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

For Collateral Obligations Domiciled in Group B*

S&P Recovery Rating of the Senior	Initial Liability Rating								
Secured Debt Instrument	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below			
+	13%	16%	18%	21%	23%	25%			
	13%	16%	18%	21%	23%	25%			
	13%	16%	18%	21%	23%	25%			
	8%	11%	13%	15%	16%	17%			
	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%			
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%			
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
			S&P	Recovery Rate					

^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

For Collateral Obligations Domiciled in Group C*

S&P Recovery Rating of the Senior	Initial Liability Rating								
Secured Debt Instrument	"AAA" "AA"		"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below			
+	10%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%			
-	10%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%			
2	10%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%			
3	5%	7%	9%	10%	11%	12%			
l .	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%			
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
i	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%			
			S&P	Recovery Rate					

^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

(ii) If (x) a Collateral Obligation does not have an S&P Recovery Rating and such Collateral Obligation is a subordinated loan or subordinated bond and (y) the issuer of such Collateral Obligation has issued another debt instrument that is outstanding and senior to such Collateral Obligation that is a Senior Secured Debt Instrument that has an S&P Recovery Rating, the S&P Recovery Rate for such Collateral Obligation shall be determined as follows:

For Collateral Obligations Domiciled in Groups A and B*

Initial Liability Rating							
"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below		
8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%		
8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%		
8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%		
5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%		
2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%		
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		
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^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

For Collateral Obligations Domiciled in Group C*

S&P Recovery Rating of the Senior		Initial Liability Rating								
Secured Debt Instrument	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below				
+	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%				
	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%				
	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%				
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%				
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				
	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%				
			S&P	Recovery Rate						

^{*} The S&P Recovery Rate shall be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.

(b) If a recovery rate cannot be determined using clause (a), the recovery rate shall be determined using the following table.

Recovery rates for Obligors Domiciled in Group A, B or C*:

			Initial	Liability Rating		
Priority Category	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB"	"BB"	"B" and below
Senior Secured Loans**						
Group A	50%	55%	59%	63%	75%	79%
Group B	39%	42%	46%	49%	60%	63%
Group C	17%	19%	27%	29%	31%	34%
Senior Secured Loans (Cov	v-Lite Loans)**&***					
Group A	41%	46%	49%	53%	63%	67%
Group B	32%	35%	39%	41%	50%	53%
Group C	17%	19%	27%	29%	31%	34%
Second Lien Loans, First-I	Lien Last-Out Loans, U	nsecured Loans****				
Group A	18%	20%	23%	26%	29%	31%
Group B	13%	16%	18%	21%	23%	25%
Group C	10%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%
Subordinated Loans						
Group A	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Group B	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%	8%
Group C	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
-			S&P	Recovery Rate		

Priority Category	Initial Liability Rating
Group A:	Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States*****
Group B:	Brazil, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland and South Africa.****
Group C:	Dubai International Finance Centre, Greece, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam and others not included in Group A or Group B.*****

- * The S&P Recovery Rate will be the applicable rate set forth above based on the initial rating of the Highest Ranking S&P Class at the time of determination.
- ** Solely for the purpose of determining the S&P Recovery Rate for such loan, no loan will constitute a "Senior Secured Loan" unless such loan (a) is secured by a valid first priority security interest in collateral, (b) in the Collateral Manager's commercially reasonable judgment (with such determination being made in good faith by the Collateral Manager at the time of such loan's purchase and based upon information reasonably available to the Collateral Manager at such time and without any requirement of additional investigation beyond the Collateral Manager's customary credit review procedures), is secured by specified collateral that has a value not less than an amount equal to the sum of (i) the aggregate principal balance of all debt senior or pari passu to such loans and (ii) the outstanding principal balance of such loan, which value may be derived from, among other things, the enterprise value (including equity and goodwill) of the issuer of such loan, (c) is not secured solely or primarily by common stock or other equity interests; provided, that the terms of this footnote may be amended or revised at any time by a written notice from the Issuer and the Collateral Manager to the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator (without the consent of any holder of any Notes), subject to the satisfaction of the S&P Rating Condition, in order to conform to S&P then-current criteria for such loans and (d) is not subordinate to any other obligation; provided, further, that if 100% of the value of such loan is derived from the enterprise value of the issuer of such loan, such loan will have the S&P Recovery Rate specified for Unsecured Loans in the table above.
- *** For the avoidance of doubt, each Cov-Lite Loan will constitute a "senior secured cov-lite loan".
- **** Solely for the purpose of determining the S&P Recovery Rate for such loan, the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Unsecured Loans, First-Lien Last-Out Loans and Second Lien Loans that, in the aggregate, represent up to 15% of the Collateral Principal Amount shall have the S&P Recovery Rate specified for Unsecured Loans, First-Lien Last-Out Loans and Second Lien Loans in the table above and the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Unsecured Loans, First-Lien Last-Out Loans and Second Lien Loans in excess of 15% of the Collateral Principal Amount shall have the S&P Recovery Rate specified for subordinated loans in the table above.
- ***** In each case, or such other countries identified as such by S&P in a press release, written criteria or other public announcement from time to time or as may be notified by S&P to the Collateral Manager from time to time.

Section 2. S&P CDO Monitor

S&P CDO Monitor Recovery Rate

Liability Rating	"AAA"	"AA"	"A"	"BBB-"	"BB-"	"B-"

Weighted Avenue	25.000/	40.000/	45.000/	50.000/	55,000/	60.000/
Weighted Average S&P Recovery Rate	35.00%	40.00%	45.00%	50.00%	55.00%	60.00%
	35.10%	40.10%	45.10%	50.10%	55.10%	60.10%
	35.20%	40.20%	45.20%	50.20%	55.20%	60.20%
	35.30%	40.30%	45.30%	50.30%	55.30%	60.30%
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	35.70%	40.70%	45.70%	50.70%	55.70%	60.70%
	35.80%	40.80%	45.80%	50.80%	55.80%	60.80%
	35.90%	40.90%	45.90%	50.90%	55.90%	60.90%
	36.00%	41.00%	46.00%	51.00%	56.00%	61.00%
	36.10%	41.10%	46.10%	51.10%	56.10%	61.10%
	36.20%	41.20%	46.20%	51.20%	56.20%	61.20%
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	36.90%	41.90%	46.90%	51.90%	56.90%	61.90%
	37.00%	42.00%	47.00%	52.00%	57.00%	62.00%
	37.10%	42.10%	47.10%	52.10%	57.10%	62.10%
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	37.90%	42.90%	47.90%	52.90%	57.90%	62.90%
	38.00%	43.00%	48.00%	53.00%	58.00%	63.00%
	38.10%	43.10%	48.10%	53.10%	58.10%	63.10%
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A spread between 1.50% and 8.00% (in increments of .01%) without exceeding the Weighted Average Floating Spread as of such Measurement Date.

S&P Region Classifications

Region Code	Region Name	Country Code	Country Name
17	Africa: Eastern	253	Djibouti
17	Africa: Eastern	291	Eritrea
17	Africa: Eastern	251	Ethiopia
17	Africa: Eastern	254	Kenya
17	Africa: Eastern	252	Somalia
17	Africa: Eastern	249	Sudan
12	Africa: Southern	247	Ascension
12	Africa: Southern	267	Botswana
12	Africa: Southern	266	Lesotho
12	Africa: Southern	230	Mauritius
12	Africa: Southern	264	Namibia
12	Africa: Southern	248	Seychelles
12	Africa: Southern	27	South Africa
12	Africa: Southern	290	St. Helena
12	Africa: Southern	268	Swaziland
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	244	Angola
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	226	Burkina Faso
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	257	Burundi
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	225	Cote d'Ivoire
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	240	Equatorial Guinea
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	241	Gabonese Republic
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	220	Gambia
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	233	Ghana
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	224	Guinea
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	245	Guinea-Bissau
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	231	Liberia
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	261	Madagascar
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	265	Malawi

13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	223	Mali
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	222	Mauritania
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	258	Mozambique
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	227	Niger
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	234	Nigeria
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	250	Rwanda
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	239	Sao Tome & Principe
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	221	Senegal
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	232	Sierra Leone
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	255	Tanzania/Zanzibar
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	228	Togo
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	256	Uganda
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	260	Zambia
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	263	Zimbabwe
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	229	Benin
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	237	Cameroon
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	238	Cape Verde Islands
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	236	Central African Republic
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	235	Chad
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	269	Comoros
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	242	Congo-Brazzaville
13	Africa: Sub-Saharan	243	Congo-Kinshasa
3	Americas: Andean	591	Bolivia
3	Americas: Andean	57	Colombia
3	Americas: Andean	593	Ecuador
3	Americas: Andean	51	Peru
3	Americas: Andean	58	Venezuela
4	Americas: Mercosur and Southern Cone	54	Argentina
4	Americas: Mercosur and Southern Cone	55	Brazil
4	Americas: Mercosur and Southern Cone	56	Chile
4	Americas: Mercosur and Southern Cone	595	Paraguay
4	Americas: Mercosur and Southern Cone	598	Uruguay
1	Americas: Mexico	52	Mexico
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	1264	Anguilla
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	1268	Antigua
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	1242	Bahamas
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	246	Barbados
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	501	Belize
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	441	Bermuda
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	284	British Virgin Islands
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	345	Cayman Islands
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	506	Costa Rica
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2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	869	St. Kitts/Nevis
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	758	St. Lucia
2	Americas: Other Central and Caribbean	784	St. Vincent & Grenadines
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5	Asia: India, Pakistan and Afghanistan	91	India
5	Asia: India, Pakistan and Afghanistan	92	Pakistan
6	Asia: Other South	880	Bangladesh
6	Asia: Other South	975	Bhutan
6	Asia: Other South	960	Maldives
6	Asia: Other South	977	Nepal
6	Asia: Other South	94	Sri Lanka
8	Asia: Southeast, Korea and Japan	673	Brunei
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8	Asia: Southeast, Korea and Japan	84	Vietnam
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9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	686	Kiribati
9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	691	Micronesia
9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	674	Nauru
9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	687	New Caledonia
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9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	675	Papua New Guinea
9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	685	Samoa
9	Asia-Pacific: Islands	677	Solomon Islands
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15	Europe: Central	48	Poland
15	Europe: Central	421	Slovak Republic
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16	Europe: Eastern	359	Bulgaria
16	Europe: Eastern	385	Croatia
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16	Europe: Eastern	90	Turkey
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11	Middle East: MENA	1212	Western Sahara
11	Middle East: MENA	218	Libya

COLLATERAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

dated as of March 14, 2024

by and between

CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC as Issuer

and

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP., as Collateral Manager

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COLLATERAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS COLLATERAL MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "Agreement"), dated as of March 14, 2024, is entered into by and between CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Issuer") and NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP., a Maryland corporation, as Collateral Manager (together with its successors and permitted assigns, "Nuveen" and the "Collateral Manager").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Notes will be issued pursuant to an Indenture dated as of the date hererof (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "<u>Indenture</u>"), between the Issuer and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>");

WHEREAS, the Issuer intends to pledge all Collateral Obligations and the other Assets, all as set forth in the Indenture, to the Trustee as security for the Issuer's obligations under the Indenture;

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to appoint Nuveen as the Collateral Manager to provide the services described herein and Nuveen desires to accept such appointment;

WHEREAS, the Indenture authorizes the Issuer to enter into this Agreement, pursuant to which the Collateral Manager agrees to perform, on behalf of the Issuer, certain investment management duties with respect to the acquisition, administration and disposition of Assets in the manner and on the terms set forth herein and to perform such additional duties as are consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the Indenture as the Issuer may from time to time reasonably request; and

WHEREAS, the Collateral Manager has the capacity to provide the services required hereby and is prepared to perform such services upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein set forth and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Section 1. <u>Definitions</u>.

(a) As used in this Agreement:

"Advisers Act" shall mean the U.S. Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.

"Affiliate" shall have the meaning given to such term in the Indenture, *provided* that, when used herein with respect to the Collateral Manager, the term "Affiliate" shall include the BDC Advisor and the Sub-Advisor.

"Affiliate Transaction" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5(a).

"Agreement" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.

- "BDC Advisor" shall mean Churchill DLC Advisor LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
- "Cause" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14(a).
- "Client" shall mean with respect to any specified Person, any Person or account for which the specified Person provides investment management services or investment advice.
- "CM Purchasers" shall mean, collectively, any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or account or fund managed by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates that acquire Notes on the Closing Date.
 - "Collateral Management Fee" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8(a).
 - "Collateral Manager" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
 - "Collateral Manager Breaches" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10(a).
- "Collateral Manager Notes" shall mean any Notes owned by the Collateral Manager, an Affiliate thereof, or any account, fund, client or portfolio established and controlled by the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate thereof or for which the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate thereof acts as the investment adviser or with respect to which the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate thereof Notes discretionary control thereover; provided that Collateral Manager Notes shall not include any Notes held by an entity managed by the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor or an Affiliate thereof if such entity has retained discretionary voting authority over matters in connection with which Collateral Manager Notes would be disregarded for purposes of determining whether the holders of the requisite Aggregate Outstanding Amount of Notes have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the Indenture or this Agreement.
- "Collateral Manager Offering Circular Information" shall mean the information in the Final Offering Circular set forth under the headings "Risk Factors—Relating to the Collateral Manager," "Risk Factors—Relating to Certain Conflicts of Interest—Certain Conflicts of Interest Relating to the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates," "The EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements and EU/UK Transparency Requirements—Description of the EU/UK Retention Holder," "The EU/UK Risk Retention Requirements and EU/UK Transparency Requirements—Origination of Collateral Obligations," "The Collateral Manager and the Sub-Advisor" and the fifth paragraph under the heading "Risk Factors—General Commercial Risks—Legislative and regulatory actions in the United States and Europe may adversely affect the Issuer and the Debt—U.S. Risk Retention Rules".
 - "Expenses" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10(b).
- "Fee Basis Amount" shall mean, as of any date of determination, the sum of (i) the Collateral Principal Amount, (ii) the Aggregate Principal Balance of all Defaulted Obligations and (iii) the aggregate amount of all Principal Financed Accrued Interest and Principal Financed Capitalized Interest.
 - "Final Offering Circular" shall mean the final offering circular, dated as of March 12, 2024, with respect to the Notes.
 - "Indemnified Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10(b).

- "Indenture" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.
- "Independent Review Party" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5(b).
- "Instrument of Acceptance" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12(c).
- "Internal Policies" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).
- "Issuer" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Losses" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 10(b).
- "Manager Parties" shall mean the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor, the Sub-Advisor and their respective Affiliates.
- "Material Adverse Effect" shall mean, with respect to any event or circumstance, a material adverse effect on (i) the business, financial condition (other than the performance of the Assets) or operations of the Issuer, taken as a whole, (ii) the validity or enforceability of the Indenture, this Agreement or the Issuer's Certificate of Formation or Limited Liability Company Agreement or (iii) the existence, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Trustee's lien on the Assets.
- "Organizational Instruments" shall mean the certificate of incorporation and bylaws (or the comparable documents for the applicable jurisdiction), in the case of a company or a corporation, or the partnership agreement, in the case of a partnership, or the certificate of formation and limited liability company agreement (or the comparable documents for the applicable jurisdiction), in the case of a limited liability company.
- "Owner" shall mean, with respect to any Person, any direct or indirect shareholder, member, partner or other equity or beneficial owner thereof.
 - "Proceedings" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 22.
- "Related Person" shall mean, with respect to any Person, the Owners, directors, officers, employees, managers, agents and professional advisors thereof.
- "Responsible Officer" shall mean any officer, authorized person or employee of the Collateral Manager set forth on the list provided by the Collateral Manager to the Issuer and the Trustee which list shall include any collateral manager having day-to-day responsibility for the performance of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement, as such list may be amended from time to time.
 - "Section 28(e)" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 3(b).
 - "Statement of Cause" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14(a).
 - "Sub-Advisor" shall mean Churchill Asset Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
 - "Termination Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14(a).
- "Transaction" shall mean any action taken by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer with respect to the Assets, including, without limitation, (i) selecting the Collateral

Obligations, Restructured Loans, Workout Loans and Eligible Investments to be acquired by the Issuer, (ii) investing and reinvesting the Assets (including, without limitation, after the Reinvestment Period), (iii) amending, waiving and/or taking any other action commensurate with managing the Assets and (iv) instructing the Trustee with respect to any acquisition, disposition or tender of a Collateral Obligation, Equity Security, Eligible Investment or other assets received in respect thereof in the open market or otherwise by the Issuer.

"Trustee" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals hereto.

- "<u>U.S. Retention Interest</u>" shall mean the "eligible horizontal residual interest" acquired by the U.S. Retention Holder for purposes of the U.S. Risk Retention Rules.
- (b) Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture. Unless the context requires otherwise, references to "Section" mean a section of this Agreement.

Section 2. <u>General Duties and Authority of the Collateral Manager</u>.

- (a) Nuveen is hereby appointed as Collateral Manager of the Issuer for the purpose of performing certain investment management functions including, without limitation, supervising and directing the investment and reinvestment of the Collateral Obligations, Restructured Loans, Workout Loans and Eligible Investments and performing certain administrative and advisory functions on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Indenture, of the Collateral Administration Agreement and of this Agreement (which functions may be handled by a standing order), and Nuveen hereby accepts such appointment. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Agreement or the Indenture, the Collateral Manager will perform its obligations hereunder and under the Indenture with reasonable care and in good faith, using a degree of skill and attention no less than that which the Collateral Manager exercises with respect to comparable assets that it may manage for itself and its other clients and in accordance with its existing practices and procedures investing in assets of the nature and character of the Assets. To the extent not inconsistent with the foregoing, the Collateral Manager will follow its customary standards, policies and procedures in performing its duties hereunder and in the Indenture. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Collateral Manager shall not be liable for any Losses (as defined below) resulting from any failure to satisfy the foregoing standard of care except to the extent such failure would result in liability pursuant to Section 10(a) of this Agreement.
- (b) Subject to Section 2(a), Section 2(c)(i), Section 2(c)(iii), Section 2(d), Section 2(e), Section 5, Section 7 and Section 10 and to the applicable provisions of the Indenture and of this Agreement, the Collateral Manager shall, and is hereby authorized to:
 - (i) select the Collateral Obligations, Restructured Loans, Workout Loans and Eligible Investments to be acquired, sold, terminated or otherwise disposed of by the Issuer;
 - (ii) invest and reinvest the Assets (*provided* that, the investments and reinvestments in Collateral Obligations are subject to certain conditions);
 - (iii) instruct the Trustee with respect to any acquisition, disposition, or tender of a Collateral Obligation, Restructured Loan, Workout Loan, Equity Security, Eligible Investment or other assets received in respect thereof in the open market or otherwise by the Issuer:

- (iv) advise the Issuer with respect to entering into and administering Hedge Agreements, including whether and when the Issuer should exercise any rights available thereunder;
 - (v) determine whether any investment satisfies each of the criteria in the definition of Collateral Obligation;
 - (vi) determine whether any investment satisfies each of the criteria in the definition of Concentration Limitations;
 - (vii) determine whether any investment is an Eligible Investment;
 - (viii) monitor the compliance with the Coverage Tests and the Collateral Quality Tests;
 - (ix) determine the Market Value of each Collateral Obligation, Restructured Loan or Workout Loan;
- (x) monitor the ratings of the Collateral Obligations, consult on behalf of the Issuer with S&P at such times as may be reasonably requested by S&P and providing S&P with any information reasonably requested in connection with S&P's monitoring of the Collateral Obligations and S&P's maintenance of its ratings of the Secured Notes; and
- (xi) perform all other tasks that the Indenture, the Collateral Administration Agreement or this Agreement specify to be taken by the Collateral Manager and may, in the Collateral Manager's discretion, take any other actions not inconsistent with, the duties of the Collateral Manager set forth in the Indenture, the Collateral Administration Agreement or this Agreement.

The Collateral Manager shall, and is hereby authorized to, perform its obligations hereunder and under the Indenture in a manner which is consistent with the terms hereof and of the Indenture. The Collateral Manager will not be bound to comply with any supplement to the Indenture, however, until it has received a copy of any such supplement from the Issuer or the Trustee and unless the Collateral Manager has consented thereto in writing, as provided in the Indenture. The Issuer agrees that it will not permit to become effective any supplement to the Indenture that modifies the obligations or liabilities of the Collateral Manager or affects the amount or basis of calculation or priority any fees payable to the Collateral Manager unless the Collateral Manager has been given prior written notice of such amendment and unless the Collateral Manager has expressly consented thereto in writing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 2(b)</u>, none of the services performed by the Collateral Manager shall result in or be construed as resulting in an obligation to perform any of the following: (i) the Collateral Manager acting repeatedly or continuously as an intermediary in securities for the Issuer; (ii) the Collateral Manager providing investment banking services to the Issuer; or (iii) the Collateral Manager having direct contact with, or actively soliciting or finding, outside investors to invest in the Issuer.

- (c) Subject to the provisions concerning its general duties and obligations as set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) above and the terms of the Indenture, the Collateral Manager shall provide, and is hereby authorized to provide, the following services to the Issuer:
 - (i) The Collateral Manager shall perform the investment-related duties and functions (including, without limitation, the furnishing of Issuer Orders and Officer's

certificates) as are expressly required hereunder and under the Indenture with regard to acquisitions, sales or other dispositions of Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Equity Securities, Eligible Investments and other assets permitted to be acquired or sold under, and subject to, the Indenture (including any proceeds received by way of Offers, workouts and restructurings on assets owned by the Issuer). The Collateral Manager shall have no obligation to perform any other duties other than as expressly specified herein or in the Indenture and the Collateral Manager shall be subject to no implicit obligations of any kind. The Issuer hereby irrevocably (except as provided below) appoints the Collateral Manager as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact (with full power of substitution) in its name, place and stead and at its expense, in connection with the performance of its duties provided for in this Agreement or in the Indenture, including, without limitation, the following powers: (A) to give or cause to be given any necessary receipts or acquittance for amounts collected or received hereunder, (B) to make or cause to be made all necessary transfers of the Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Equity Securities and Eligible Investments in connection with any acquisition, sale or other disposition made pursuant hereto and the Indenture, (C) to execute (under hand, under seal or as a deed) and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Issuer all necessary or appropriate bills of sale, assignments, agreements and other instruments in connection with any such acquisition, sale or other disposition and (D) to execute (under hand, under seal or as a deed) and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Issuer any consents, votes, proxies, waivers, notices, amendments, modifications, agreements, instruments, orders or other documents in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or the Indenture and relating to any Collateral Obligation, Restructured Loan, Workout Loan, Equity Security and Eligible Investment. The Issuer hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorney-in-fact (or any substitute) shall lawfully do hereunder and pursuant hereto and authorizes such attorney-in-fact to exercise full discretion and act for the Issuer in the same manner and with the same force and effect as the managers or officers of the Issuer might or could do in respect of the performance of such services, as well as in respect of all other things the Collateral Manager deems necessary or incidental to the furtherance or conduct of such services, subject in each case to the other terms of this Agreement. The Issuer hereby authorizes such attorney-in-fact, in its sole discretion (but subject to applicable law and the provisions of this Agreement and the Indenture), to take all actions that it considers reasonably necessary and appropriate in respect of the Assets, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents. Nevertheless, if so requested by the Collateral Manager or by a purchaser of any Collateral Obligation, Restructured Loan, Workout Loan, Equity Security, Eligible Investment or other asset, the Issuer shall ratify and confirm any such sale or other disposition by executing and delivering to the Collateral Manager or such purchaser all proper bills of sale, assignments, releases, powers of attorney, proxies, dividends, other orders and other instruments as may reasonably be designated in any such request. Except as otherwise set forth and provided for herein, this grant of power of attorney is coupled with an interest, and it shall survive and not be affected by the subsequent dissolution or bankruptcy of the Issuer or an Event of Default. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the appointment herein of the Collateral Manager as the Issuer's agent and attorney-in-fact shall automatically cease and terminate upon the effective date of any termination of this Agreement, the resignation of the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section 12 or any removal of the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section 14. Each of the Collateral Manager and the Issuer shall take such other actions, and furnish such certificates, opinions and other documents, as may be reasonably requested by the other party hereto in order to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement and to facilitate compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the terms of this Agreement and the Indenture. From and after an Event of Default, the Collateral Manager shall continue to perform and be bound by the provisions of this

Agreement and the Indenture. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is understood that the power of attorney granted herein is in all cases and for all purposes qualified and limited by the Indenture and other Transaction Documents and, as such, the power of attorney granted hereby is limited rather than general.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or the Indenture, none of the services performed by the Collateral Manager shall result in or be construed as resulting in an obligation to perform any of the following: (i) the Collateral Manager acting as an intermediary in securities for the Issuer; (ii) the Collateral Manager providing investment banking services to the Issuer; (iii) the Collateral Manager having direct contact with, or soliciting or finding, outside investors to invest in the Issuer or (iv) the Collateral Manager authorizing or causing the disbursement of money or other assets of the Issuer, except in accordance with this Agreement, the Indenture, or any other Transaction Documents or in connection with the acquisition, sale or disposal of the Issuer's Assets.

- (ii) The Collateral Manager shall instruct the Issuer with respect to the acquisition of Collateral Obligations by the Issuer in accordance with the Indenture.
- (iii) Subject to the terms of the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Collateral Manager shall monitor the Assets on behalf of the Issuer on an ongoing basis and shall provide or cause to be provided to the Issuer all reports, schedules and other data reasonably available to the Collateral Manager that the Issuer is required to prepare and deliver or cause to be prepared and delivered under the Indenture, in such forms and containing such information required thereby, in reasonably sufficient time for such required reports, schedules and data to be reviewed and delivered by or on behalf of the Issuer to the parties entitled thereto under the Indenture. Pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Administration Agreement, the Collateral Administrator will provide certain reports, schedules and calculations to the Collateral Manager regarding the Collateral Obligations. The obligation of the Collateral Manager to furnish such information is subject to the Collateral Manager's timely receipt of necessary reports and the appropriate information from the Person responsible for the delivery of or preparation of such reports and such information (including without limitation, the Obligors of the Collateral Obligations, S&P, the Trustee and the Collateral Administrator) and to any confidentiality restrictions with respect thereto. The Collateral Manager shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by a Person that the Collateral Manager has no reason to believe is not duly authorized. The Collateral Manager also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and made by a Person the Collateral Manager has no reason to believe is not duly authorized, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. The Collateral Manager is entitled to rely on any other information furnished to it by third parties t
- (iv) The Collateral Manager, on behalf of the Issuer, shall be responsible for obtaining, to the extent reasonably practicable and to the extent such information is readily available to it, any information concerning whether a Collateral Obligation is a Discount Obligation or has become a Defaulted Obligation, a Credit Risk Obligation, a Current Pay Obligation or a Credit Improved Obligation.
- (v) The Collateral Manager may, subject to and in accordance with the Indenture, as agent of the Issuer and on behalf of the Issuer, take or, if applicable, direct

the Trustee to take any of the following actions with respect to a Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Eligible Investment, as applicable:

- (A) purchase or otherwise acquire such Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan or Eligible Investment;
 - (B) retain such Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Eligible Investment;
- (C) sell or otherwise dispose of such Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Eligible Investment (including any assets received by way of Offers, workouts and restructurings on assets owned by the Issuer) in the open market or otherwise;
 - (D) if applicable, tender such Collateral Obligation or Equity Security, Eligible Investment;
- (E) if applicable, consent to or refuse to consent to any proposed amendment, modification, restructuring, exchange, waiver or Offer;
 - (F) retain or dispose of any securities or other property (if other than cash) received by the Issuer;
 - (G) waive any default with respect to any Collateral Obligation;
 - (H) vote to accelerate the maturity of any Collateral Obligation;
- (I) participate in a committee or group formed by creditors of an issuer or a borrower under a Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Eligible Investment or Equity Security;
- (J) after or in connection with the payment in full of all amounts owed under the Secured Notes and the termination without replacement of the Indenture or in connection with any redemption or Refinancing of the Secured Notes, advise the Issuer as to when, in the view of the Collateral Manager, it would be in the best interest of the Issuer to liquidate all or any portion of the Issuer's investment portfolio (and, if applicable, after discharge of the Indenture) and render such assistance as may be necessary or required by the Issuer in connection with such liquidation or any actions necessary to effectuate a redemption or Refinancing of the Secured Notes;
- (K) advise and assist the Issuer with respect to the valuation of the Assets, to the extent required or permitted by the Indenture:
- (L) provide strategic and financial planning (including advice on utilization of assets), financial statements and other similar reports;
- (M) negotiate, modify or amend any loan for the Issuer as authorized by the Indenture in accordance with a Refinancing; and
- (N) exercise any other rights or remedies with respect to such Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Equity Security or Eligible Investment as provided in the Underlying Documents of the obligor or

issuer under such Assets or the other documents governing the terms of such Assets or take any other action consistent with the terms of this Agreement or the Indenture which the Collateral Manager reasonably determines to be in the best interests of the Holders.

- (vi) The Collateral Manager may, upon request of the Issuer, retain accounting, tax, counsel and other professional services on behalf of the Issuer, as applicable.
- (vii) In connection with the acquisition of any loan or Participation Interest by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager shall prepare, on behalf of the Issuer, the information required to be delivered to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture.
- (viii) Where the Collateral Manager executes on behalf of the Issuer an agreement or instrument pursuant to which any security interest over any assets of the Issuer is created or released, the Collateral Manager shall promptly give written notice thereof to the Issuer and shall provide the Issuer with such information and/or copy documentation in respect thereof as the Issuer may reasonably require.
- (d) In performing its duties hereunder and when exercising its discretion and judgment in connection with any transactions involving the Assets, the Collateral Manager shall carry out any reasonable written directions of the Issuer for the purpose of the Issuer's compliance with its Organizational Instruments and the Indenture; *provided* that, such directions are not inconsistent with any provision of this Agreement or the Indenture by which the Collateral Manager is bound or prohibited by applicable law.
- (e) In providing services hereunder, the Collateral Manager may rely in good faith upon and will incur no liability for relying upon advice of nationally recognized counsel, accountants or other advisers as the Collateral Manager determines, in its sole discretion, is reasonably appropriate in connection with the services provided by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement. The Collateral Manager may, without the consent of any party, employ third parties, including, without limitation, its Affiliates and Owners, to render advice (including investment advice), to provide services to arrange for trade execution and otherwise provide assistance to the Issuer and to perform any of its duties hereunder; *provided* that, the Collateral Manager shall not be relieved of any of its duties hereunder regardless of the performance of any services by third parties, including Affiliates. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that the Collateral Manager has engaged Churchill DLC Advisor LLC as its external advisor, and Churchill DLC Advisor LLC has engaged Churchill Asset Management LLC as a sub-advisor, and the Issuer hereby acknowledges that certain asset management functions of the Collateral Manager will be performed by the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor or their respective investment professionals pursuant to such engagement.

Section 3. <u>Purchase and Sale Transactions; Brokerage</u>.

(a) The Collateral Manager, subject to and in accordance with the Indenture, hereby agrees that it shall cause any Transaction to be conducted on terms and conditions negotiated on an arm's-length basis and in accordance with applicable law. Except as expressly permitted under the Indenture, no Assets (other than any Delayed Drawdown Collateral Obligations or Revolving Collateral Obligations) shall be purchased if such Assets may give rise to any obligation or liability on the Issuer's part to take any action or make any payment other than at the Issuer's option. Further, the Collateral Manager will not cause or allow the Issuer to acquire any obligation of a Portfolio Company.

- The Manager Parties will seek to obtain the best execution (but shall have no obligation to obtain the lowest price available) for all orders placed with respect to any Transaction, in a manner permitted by law and in a manner they believe to be in the best interests of the Issuer. Subject to the preceding sentence, the Manager Parties may, in the allocation of business, select brokers and/or dealers with whom to effect trades on behalf of the Issuer and may open cash trading accounts with such brokers and dealers (provided that, none of the Assets may be credited to, held in or subject to the lien of the broker or dealer with respect to any such account). In addition, subject to the first sentence of this paragraph, the Manager Parties may, in the allocation of business, take into consideration research and other brokerage services furnished to the Manager Parties or their Affiliates by brokers and dealers which are not Affiliates of the Manager Parties; provided that, the Manager Parties in good faith believe that the compensation for such services rendered by such brokers and dealers complies with the requirements of Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Section 28(e)"), or in the case of principal or fixed income transactions for which the "safe harbor" of Section 28(e) is not available, the amount of the spread charged is reasonable in relation to the value of the research and other brokerage services provided. Such services may be used by the Collateral Manager in connection with its other advisory activities or investment operations. The Manager Parties may aggregate sales and purchase orders of securities placed with respect to the Assets with similar orders being made simultaneously for other accounts managed by the Manager Parties or with accounts of the Affiliates of the Manager Parties, if in the Manager Parties' reasonable judgment such aggregation shall not result in an overall economic detriment to the Issuer, taking into consideration all circumstances that it considers relevant. When a Transaction occurs as part of any aggregate sales or purchase orders, the objective of the Manager Parties will be to allocate the executions among the accounts in an equitable manner and in accordance with the internal policies and procedures of the Manager Parties (as such may be amended from time to time, the "Internal Policies") and applicable law.
- (c) The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that (i) the determination by the Collateral Manager of any benefit (or lack of detriment) to the Issuer will be subjective and will represent the Collateral Manager's evaluation at the time taking into consideration all circumstances that it considers relevant, (ii) under some circumstances, such allocation may adversely affect the Issuer with respect to the price or size of the positions being sold to the Issuer and (iii) the Collateral Manager shall be fully protected with respect to any such determination to the extent the Collateral Manager acts in accordance with Section 2(a) herein. The Collateral Manager is expected to acquire all of the Subordinated Notes (including those Subordinated Notes that are not part of the U.S. Retention Interest) on the Closing Date and owns, and expects to continue to own, 100% of the membership interests in the Issuer. In addition, the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates may acquire Notes of the Issuer at any time for its own account. The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that such investment(s) may give rise to conflicts of interest.
- (d) Subject to the Collateral Manager's execution obligations described in Sections 3(a), 3(b) and 3(e) and the covenants set forth in Section 5, the Collateral Manager is hereby authorized to effect client cross-transactions where the Collateral Manager causes a Transaction to be effected between the Issuer and another account advised by it or any of its Affiliates; provided that, if and to the extent required by the Advisers Act, such authorization is terminable prior to the initiation of such cross-transaction at the Issuer's option through an unaffiliated independent review party without penalty. Such termination shall be effective upon receipt by the Collateral Manager of written notice from the Issuer.
- (e) The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates may acquire or sell obligations or securities, for its own account or for the accounts of its customers, without either requiring or precluding the acquisition or sale of such obligations or securities for the account of the Issuer. Such investments may be the same or different from

those made on behalf of the Issuer. In the event that, in light of market conditions and investment objectives, the Collateral Manager determines that it would be advisable to acquire the same Collateral Obligation both for the Issuer and either the proprietary account of the Manager Parties or another client of the Manager Parties, the Manager Parties shall allocate the executions among the accounts in an equitable manner in accordance with the Internal Policies and procedures as it and its Affiliates (including the Manager Parties and their advisory affiliates) may have in place from time to time. The Issuer acknowledges that the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may enter into, for their own accounts or for the accounts of others, credit default swaps relating to obligors and issuers with respect to the Collateral Obligations included in the Assets. The Issuer acknowledges that other funds or investment accounts managed by the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates may require the Collateral Manager or such Affiliates to apply a different valuation methodology in valuing specific investments than the valuation methodology set forth in the Transaction Documents for the Issuer. As a result of such different methodology, the value of certain investments held in such separately managed funds or accounts may differ from the value assigned to the same investments held by the Issuer under the Transaction Documents.

Section 4. Additional Activities of the Collateral Manager.

Nothing herein shall prevent the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates from engaging in other businesses, or from rendering services of any kind to the Issuer, the Trustee, the Initial Purchaser, any Holder or beneficial owner of Notes or their respective Affiliates or any other Person regardless of whether such business is in competition with the Issuer or otherwise. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, partners, members, shareholders, directors, managers, officers, employees and agents of the Collateral Manager, Affiliates of the Collateral Manager, and the Collateral Manager may:

- (a) serve as managers or directors (whether supervisory or managing), officers, employees, partners, agents, nominees or signatories for the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof, or for any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Restructured Loans, Equity Securities or Eligible Investments or any Affiliate thereof, to the extent permitted by their respective Organizational Instruments and Underlying Documents, as from time to time amended, or by any resolutions duly adopted by the Issuer, its Affiliates or any obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Eligible Investments or Equity Securities (or any Affiliate thereof) pursuant to their respective Organizational Instruments;
- (b) receive fees for loan origination or services of whatever nature rendered to the obligor or issuer in respect of any of the Collateral Obligations, Workout Loans, Restructured Loans, Eligible Investments or Equity Securities or any Affiliate thereof;
- (c) be retained to provide services unrelated to this Agreement to the Issuer or its Affiliates and be paid therefor, on an arm's-length basis;
- (d) be a secured or unsecured creditor of, or hold a debt obligation of or equity interest in, the Issuer or any Affiliate thereof or any obligor or issuer of any Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Eligible Investment or Equity Security or any Affiliate thereof;
- (e) subject to <u>Section 3(d)</u> and <u>Section 5</u>, sell any Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan or Eligible Investment to, or purchase or acquire any Collateral Obligation or Equity Security or Eligible Investment from, the Issuer while acting in the capacity of principal or agent;

- (f) underwrite, arrange, structure, originate, syndicate, act as a distributor of or make a market in any Collateral Obligation, Equity Security or Eligible Investment and receive fees and other compensation from the Issuer and other parties in connection therewith;
- (g) serve as a member of any "creditors' board," "creditors' committee" or similar creditor group with respect to any Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Defaulted Obligation, Eligible Investment or Equity Security; or
- (h) act as collateral manager, portfolio manager, investment manager and/or investment adviser or sub-adviser in collateralized bond obligation vehicles, collateralized loan obligation vehicles and other similar warehousing, financing or other investment vehicles.

As a result, such individuals may possess information relating to obligors and issuers of Collateral Obligations that is (i) not known to or (ii) known but restricted as to its use by the individuals at the Collateral Manager responsible for monitoring the Collateral Obligations and performing the other obligations of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement. Each of such ownership and other relationships may result in securities laws restrictions on transactions in such securities by the Issuer and otherwise create conflicts of interest for the Issuer. The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that, in all such instances, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may in their discretion make investment recommendations and decisions that may be the same as or different from those made with respect to the Issuer's investments and they have no duty, in making or managing such investments, to act in a way that is favorable to the Issuer.

The Issuer acknowledges that the Collateral Manager may be prevented from causing the Issuer to transact in certain assets due to internal restrictions imposed on the Collateral Manager regarding the possession and use of material and/or non-public information.

Unless the Collateral Manager determines in its sole discretion that such Transaction complies with the provisions of Section 5, the Collateral Manager will not direct the Trustee to acquire or sell securities issued by (i) Persons of which the Collateral Manager, any of its Affiliates or any of its officers, directors or employees are directors or officers, (ii) Persons of which the Collateral Manager, or any of its respective Affiliates act as principal or (iii) Persons about which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates have material non-public information which the Collateral Manager deems would prohibit it from advising as to the trading of such securities in accordance with applicable law.

It is understood that the Collateral Manager and any of its Affiliates may engage in any other business and furnish investment management and advisory services to others, including Persons which may have investment policies similar to those followed by the Collateral Manager with respect to the Assets and which may own securities or obligations of the same class, or which are of the same type, as the Collateral Obligations or the Eligible Investments or other securities or obligations of the obligors or issuers of the Collateral Obligations or the Eligible Investments. The Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will be free, in their sole discretion, to make recommendations to others, or effect transactions on behalf of itself or for others, which may be the same as or different from those effected with respect to the Assets. Nothing in the Indenture and this Agreement shall prevent the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates, acting either as principal or agent on behalf of others, from buying or selling, or from recommending to or directing any other account to buy or sell, at any time, securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same obligor or issuer, as those directed by the Collateral Manager to be purchased or sold on behalf of the Issuer. It is understood that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Collateral Manager, its Owners, their Affiliates or their respective Related Persons or any member of their families or a Person or entity advised by the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates or their respective Related Persons may

have an interest in a particular transaction or in securities or obligations of the same kind or class, or securities or obligations of a different kind or class of the same issuer, as those whose purchase or sale the Collateral Manager may direct hereunder. In the event that, in light of market conditions and investment objectives, the Collateral Manager determines that it would be advisable to acquire the same Collateral Obligation both for the Issuer, and either the proprietary account of the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or another client of the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Manager will employ allocation procedures consistent with such procedures as it and its Affiliates (including the Manager Parties and their advisory affiliates) may have in place from time to time for the BDC Advisor and its advisory affiliates. The Issuer agrees that, in the course of managing the Collateral Obligations held by the Issuer, the Collateral Manager may consider its relationships with other Clients (including obligors and issuers) and its Affiliates. The Collateral Manager may decline to make a particular investment for the Issuer in view of such relationships.

The Issuer agrees that neither the Collateral Manager nor any of its Affiliates is under any obligation to offer all investment opportunities of which they become aware to the Issuer or to account to the Issuer for (or share with the Issuer or inform the Issuer of) any such transaction or any benefit received by them from any such transaction. The Issuer understands that the Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates may have, for their own accounts or for the accounts of others, portfolios with substantially the same portfolio criteria as are applicable to the Issuer. Furthermore, the Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates may make an investment on behalf of any Client or on their own behalf without offering the investment opportunity or making any investment on behalf of the Issuer and, accordingly, investment opportunities may not be allocated among all such Clients. The Issuer acknowledges that affirmative obligations may arise in the future, whereby the Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates are obligated to offer certain investments to Clients before or without the Collateral Manager's offering those investments to the Issuer. The Issuer agrees that the Collateral Manager may make investments on behalf of the Issuer in securities or obligations that it has declined to invest in or enter into for its own account, the account of any of the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates or the account of any other Client.

The Issuer acknowledges that the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may make and/or hold investments in an obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities that may be *pari passu*, senior or junior in ranking to an investment in such obligor's or issuer's obligations or securities made and/or held by the Issuer, or otherwise have interests different from or adverse to those of the Issuer.

Section 5. <u>Conflicts of Interest.</u>

(a) Subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations and subject to this Agreement and the Indenture, the Collateral Manager may direct the Trustee to acquire a Collateral Obligation from, or sell a Collateral Obligation, Eligible Investment or Equity Security to, the Collateral Manager, any of its Affiliates or any account or portfolio for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates serve as investment advisor for fair market value; *provided* that, the Collateral Manager shall obtain the Issuer's written consent through the Independent Review Party as provided herein if any such transaction requires the consent of the Issuer under Section 206(3) of the Advisers Act (an "Affiliate Transaction"). The Issuer acknowledges and agrees that the CM Purchasers are Holders of certain Notes and may purchase (directly or indirectly) the Notes of one or more Classes from time to time. Other than with respect to the Subordinated Notes which the Collateral Manager is required to retain pursuant to Section 7(b) hereof, no such person will be required to hold any Notes acquired by it on the Closing Date or thereafter for any length of time and may sell some or all of such Notes at any price. In certain circumstances, the interests of the Issuer and/or the Holders or beneficial

owners of the Notes with respect to matters as to which the Collateral Manager is advising the Issuer may conflict with the interests of the Collateral Manager, its affiliates or its Related Persons. The Issuer hereby acknowledges that various potential and actual conflicts of interest may exist with respect to the Collateral Manager as described above and as described in the Final Offering Circular; *provided* that, nothing in this Section 5 shall be construed as altering the duties of the Collateral Manager referred to herein.

- (b) At the written request of the Collateral Manager, the Issuer shall establish a conflicts review board or appoint an independent third party to act on behalf of the Issuer (such board or party, an "Independent Review Party") with respect to Affiliate Transactions. Decisions of any Independent Review Party shall be binding on the Collateral Manager, the Issuer and the Holders and beneficial owners of the Notes.
- (c) Any Independent Review Party (i) shall either (A) be the Issuer's independent manager, (B) be an established financial institution or other financial company with experience in assessing the merits of transactions similar to the Affiliate Transactions or (C) be a review board comprised of one or more individuals selected by the Issuer (or at the request of the Issuer, selected by the Collateral Manager), (ii) shall be required to assess the merits of the Affiliate Transaction and either grant or withhold consent to such transaction in its sole judgment and (iii) shall not be (A) affiliated with the Collateral Manager (other than as a Holder or beneficial owner of Notes or as a passive investor in the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer) or (B) (other than the Issuer's independent manager) involved in the daily management and control of the Issuer.
- (d) The Issuer (i) shall be responsible for any fees relating to the services provided by any Independent Review Party and shall reimburse members of any Independent Review Party for their out-of-pocket expenses and (ii) may indemnify members of such Independent Review Party to the maximum extent permitted by law, subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to the Collateral Manager. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, any fees, expenses or indemnities provided for in this Section 5(d) shall be payable out of the Assets in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Section 6. <u>Records; Confidentiality</u>.

The Collateral Manager shall maintain or cause to be maintained appropriate books of account and records relating to its services performed hereunder, and such books of account and records shall be accessible for inspection by representatives of the Issuer, the Trustee, the Holders, and the Independent accountants appointed by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Issuer pursuant to Article X of the Indenture at any time during normal business hours and upon not less than three (3) Business Days' prior notice; provided, however, that the Collateral Manager shall not be required to disclose or share any of its books or records in respect of any loan-level information with respect the Collateral Obligations or any Obligor to any Holder; provided, further, that, to the extent the Collateral Manager does make available any loan-level information with respect the Collateral Obligations or any Obligor, the Collateral Manager has no responsibility for and makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any such information in its possession, whether or not disclosed to any Holder or any other Person, it being understood and acknowledged by the Issuer that the Collateral Manager may have or come into possession from time to time of information that conflicts with the loan-level information in its possession at such time, and shall have no obligation to update, supplement or correct such materials. The Collateral Manager shall keep confidential any and all information obtained in connection with the services rendered hereunder and shall not disclose any such information to non-affiliated third parties (excluding any Holders and beneficial owners of the Notes) except (a) with the prior written consent of the Issuer, (b) such information as S&P shall

reasonably request in connection with its rating of the Secured Notes or supplying credit estimates on any obligation included in the Assets, (c) in connection with establishing trading or investment accounts or otherwise in connection with effecting Transactions on behalf of the Issuer, (d) as required by (i) applicable law, regulation, court order, or a request by a governmental regulatory agency with jurisdiction over the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates, (ii) the rules or regulations of any self-regulating organization, body or official having jurisdiction over the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates or (iii) the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange, (e) to its professional advisors (including, without limitation, legal, tax and accounting advisors), (f) such information as shall have been publicly disclosed other than in known violation of this Agreement or the provisions of the Indenture or shall have been obtained by the Collateral Manager on a non-confidential basis, (g) such information as is necessary or appropriate to disclose so that the Collateral Manager may perform its duties hereunder, under the Indenture or any other Transaction Document, (h) as expressly permitted in the Final Offering Circular, in the Indenture or in any other Transaction Document or (i) general performance information which may be used by the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates or Owners in connection with their marketing activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that the Collateral Manager may disclose (a) that it is serving as collateral manager of the Issuer, (b) the nature, aggregate principal amount and overall performance of the Assets, (c) the amount of earnings on the Assets, (d) such other information about the Issuer, the Assets and the Notes as is customarily disclosed by managers of collateralized loan obligations and (e) each of its respective employees, representatives or other agents may disclose to any and all Persons, without limitation of any kind, the United States federal income tax treatment and United States federal income tax structure of the transactions contemplated by the Indenture, this Agreement and the related documents and all materials of any kind (including opinions and other tax analyses) that are provided to them relating to such United States federal income tax treatment and United States income tax structure. For purposes of this Section 6, the Holders and beneficial owners of the Notes shall not be considered "non-affiliated third parties."

Section 7. <u>Obligations of Collateral Manager</u>.

(a) In accordance with the performance standard set forth in Section 2(a), the Collateral Manager shall (a) take care to avoid taking any action that would (i) materially adversely affect the status of the Issuer for purposes of United States federal or state law, or other law applicable to the Issuer, (ii) not be permitted by the Issuer's Organizational Instruments, copies of which the Collateral Manager acknowledges the Issuer has provided to the Collateral Manager, (iii) violate any law, rule or regulation of any governmental body or agency having jurisdiction over the Issuer, including, without limitation, actions which would violate any United States federal, state or other applicable securities law that is known by the Collateral Manager to be applicable to it and, in each case, the violation of which would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Issuer or have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Collateral Manager to perform its obligations hereunder, (iv) require registration of the Issuer or the pool of Assets as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act (it being understood that the manager has elected to be treated as a "regulated investment company" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code), or (v) knowingly and willfully adversely affect the interests of the Issuer in the Assets in any material respect (other than (A) as expressly permitted hereunder or under the Indenture or (B) in connection with any action taken in the ordinary course of business of the Collateral Manager in accordance with its fiduciary duties to its clients) and (b) comply in all material respects with requirements of the U.S. Risk Retention Rules applicable to it in connection with the performance of its duties under this Agreement and the Indenture, in each case, except in such instances in which (i) such requirement, order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (ii) failure to comply therewith would not have a Material A

Indenture. If the Collateral Manager is ordered by the Designated Manager of the Issuer or the requisite Holders or beneficial owners of the Notes to take any action which would, or could reasonably be expected to, in each case in its reasonable business judgment, have any such consequences, the Collateral Manager shall promptly notify the Issuer that such action would, or could reasonably be expected to, in each case in its reasonable business judgment, have one or more of the consequences set forth above and shall not take such action unless the Designated Manager of the Issuer then request the Collateral Manager to do so and both a Majority of the Controlling Class and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes have consented thereto in writing. The Collateral Manager shall provide S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) with notice of any action taken in accordance with the previous sentence. Notwithstanding any such request, the Collateral Manager shall not take such action unless (1) arrangements satisfactory to it are made to insure or indemnify the Collateral Manager, Affiliates of the Collateral Manager and members, shareholders, partners, managers, directors, officers or employees of the Collateral Manager or such Affiliates from any liability and expense it may incur as a result of such action and (2) if the Collateral Manager so requests in respect of a question of law, the Issuer delivers to the Collateral Manager an Opinion of Counsel (from outside counsel satisfactory to the Collateral Manager) that the action so requested does not violate any law, rule or regulation of any governmental body or agency having jurisdiction over the Issuer or over the Collateral Manager. Neither the Collateral Manager nor its Affiliates, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers or employees shall be liable to the Issuer or any other Person, except as provided in Section 10. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, any indemnification or insurance by the Issuer provided for in this Section 7 or Section 10 shall be payable out of the Assets in accordance with the Priority of Payments, and the Collateral Manager may take into account such Priority of Payments in determining whether any proposed indemnity arrangements contemplated by this Section 7 are satisfactory.

(b) So long as the Secured Notes are Outstanding, the Collateral Manager shall retain 100% of the Outstanding Subordinated Notes and shall not transfer such Subordinated Notes unless it receives, in connection with any proposed transfer, written advice of counsel of nationally recognized standing in the United States that is experienced in such matters to the effect that such proposed transfer will not require the Collateral Manager to register as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act.

Section 8. <u>Compensation</u>.

(a) As compensation for its performance of its obligations as Collateral Manager under this Agreement and the Indenture, the Collateral Manager will be entitled to receive on each Payment Date (in accordance with the Priority of Payments) a fee, which will accrue quarterly in arrears on each Payment Date (prorated for the related Interest Accrual Period), in an amount equal to 0.20% per annum (calculated on the basis of the actual number of days in the applicable Interest Accrual Period divided by 360) of the Fee Basis Amount at the beginning of the Collection Period relating to such Payment Date (the "Collateral Management Fee"); provided that the Collateral Management Fees due on any Payment Date shall not include any such fees (or any portion thereof) that have been waived or deferred by the Collateral Manager pursuant to this Section 8(a) or Section 8(b) of this Agreement no later than the Determination Date immediately prior to such Payment Date. The Collateral Management Fees will be payable on each Payment Date to the extent of the funds available for such purpose in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

The Collateral Management Fee is payable on each Payment Date only to the extent that sufficient Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds are available in accordance with the Priority of Payments. To the extent the Collateral Management Fee is not paid on a Payment Date due to insufficient Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds (and such fee was not voluntarily deferred or

waived by the Collateral Manager), the Collateral Management Fee due on such Payment Date (or the unpaid portion thereof, as applicable, the "Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount") will be automatically deferred for payment on the succeeding Payment Date, with interest, in accordance with the Priority of Payments. Interest on Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts shall accrue at the Reference Rate plus 0.20% for the period beginning on the first Payment Date on which the related Collateral Management Fee was due (and not paid) through the Payment Date on which such Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount (including accrued interest) is paid as certified to the Trustee by the Collateral Manager.

At the option of the Collateral Manager, by written notice to the Trustee, no later than the Determination Date immediately prior to such Payment Date, on each Payment Date, (i) all or a portion of the Collateral Management Fee or the Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amount (including accrued interest) due and owing on such Payment Date may be deferred for payment on a subsequent Payment Date, without interest (the "Current Deferred Management Fee") and (ii) all or a portion of the previously deferred Collateral Management Fees or Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts (including accrued interest) (collectively, the "Cumulative Deferred Management Fee") may be declared due and payable and will be payable in accordance with the Priority of Payments. At such time as the Notes are redeemed in whole in connection with an Optional Redemption (other than a Refinancing) or a Tax Redemption, without duplication, all accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fees, Current Deferred Management Fees and Collateral Management Fee Shortfall Amounts (including accrued interest) (collectively, the "Aggregate Collateral Management Fee") shall be due and payable to the Collateral Manager.

- (b) The Collateral Manager may, in its sole discretion (but shall not be obligated to), elect to waive all or any portion of the Collateral Management Fees or the Aggregate Collateral Management Fees payable to the Collateral Manager on any Payment Date. Any such election shall be made by the Collateral Manager delivering written notice thereof to the Issuer, the Collateral Administrator and the Trustee no later than the Determination Date immediately prior to such Payment Date. Any election to waive the Collateral Management Fees or the Aggregate Collateral Management Fees may also be made by written standing instructions to the Trustee; *provided* that such standing instructions may be rescinded by the Collateral Manager at any time, except during the period between a Determination Date and a Payment Date. Any such Collateral Management Fee, once waived, shall not thereafter become due and payable and any claim of the Collateral Manager therein shall be extinguished. In accordance with the foregoing, the Issuer hereby acknowledges and agrees that Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. has elected to waive the Collateral Management Fees payable to it hereunder for so long as it is acting as the Collateral Manager, it being understood that, upon the appointment of a replacement collateral manager hereunder, such waiver shall cease and shall not be effective as to that replacement collateral manager.
- (c) Except as otherwise set forth herein and in the Indenture, the Collateral Manager will continue to serve as collateral manager under this Agreement notwithstanding that the Collateral Manager will not have received amounts due it under this Agreement because sufficient funds were not then available hereunder to pay such amounts in accordance with the Priority of Payments.
- (d) If this Agreement is terminated for any reason, or if the Collateral Manager resigns or is removed, (i) the Aggregate Collateral Management Fees calculated as provided in Section 8(a) shall be prorated for any partial period elapsing from the last Payment Date on which such Collateral Manager received the Collateral Management Fees to the effective date of such termination, resignation or removal and (ii) any unpaid Cumulative Deferred Management Fees shall be determined as of the effective date of such termination, resignation or removal and,

in each case, shall be due and payable on each Payment Date following the effective date of such termination, resignation or removal in accordance with the Priority of Payments until paid in full.

Section 9. <u>Benefit of the Agreement</u>.

The Collateral Manager shall perform its obligations hereunder and under the Indenture in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Indenture applicable to it. The Collateral Manager agrees and consents to the provisions contained in Section 15.1 of the Indenture. In addition, the Collateral Manager acknowledges the pledge of this Agreement under the granting clause of the Indenture.

Section 10. <u>Limits of Collateral Manager Responsibility</u>.

- None of the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates, its Owners or their respective Related Persons assumes any responsibility under this Agreement other than the Collateral Manager agrees to render the services required to be performed by it hereunder and under the terms of the Indenture applicable to it. The Collateral Manager shall not be responsible for any action or inaction of the Issuer or the Trustee in declining to follow any advice, recommendation or direction of the Collateral Manager including as set forth in Section 7. The Indemnified Parties (as defined below) shall not be liable to the Issuer, the Trustee, any Holder, any beneficial owner of Notes, the Initial Purchaser, any of their respective Affiliates, Owners or Related Persons or any other Persons for any act, omission, error of judgment, mistake of law, or for any claim, loss, liability, damage, judgments, assessments, settlement, cost, or other expense (including attorneys' fees and expenses and court costs) arising out of any investment, or for any other act or omission in the performance of the Collateral Manager's obligations under or in connection with this Agreement or the terms of any other Transaction Document applicable to the Collateral Manager, incurred as a result of actions taken or recommended or for any omissions of the Collateral Manager, or for any decrease in the value of the Assets, except for liability to which the Collateral Manager would be subject by reason of (i) acts or omissions constituting bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence in the performance of its duties hereunder and under the terms of the Indenture or (ii) the Collateral Manager Offering Circular Information (as of its date) containing any untrue statement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances in which they were made, not misleading (the preceding clauses (i) and (ii) collectively referred to for purposes of this Section 10 as "Collateral Manager Breaches"). The Collateral Manager shall not be liable for any consequential, punitive, exemplary or treble damages or lost profits hereunder or under the Indenture. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to waive any liability which cannot be waived under applicable state or federal law or any rules or regulations adopted thereunder.
- (b) The Issuer shall indemnify and hold harmless the Collateral Manager, its Affiliates and Owners and their respective Related Persons (each, an "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, assessments, costs or other liabilities (collectively, "Losses") and will promptly reimburse each such Indemnified Party for all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by an Indemnified Party with respect thereto (including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel) (collectively, "Expenses") arising out of or in connection with the issuance of the Notes (including, without limitation, any untrue statement of material fact contained in the Final Offering Circular, or omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading), the transactions contemplated by the Final Offering Circular, the Indenture or this Agreement and any acts or omissions of any such Indemnified Party; provided that, such Indemnified Party shall not be indemnified for any Losses or Expenses incurred as a result of any Collateral Manager Breach. Notwithstanding

anything contained herein to the contrary, the obligations of the Issuer under <u>Section 10</u> to indemnify any Indemnified Party for any Losses or Expenses are non-recourse obligations of the Issuer payable solely out of the Assets in accordance with the Priority of Payments set forth in the Indenture.

Section 11. No Joint Venture.

The Issuer and the Collateral Manager are not partners or joint venturers with each other and nothing herein shall be construed to make them such partners or joint venturers or impose any liability as such on either of them. The Collateral Manager shall be deemed, for all purposes herein, an independent contractor and shall, except as otherwise expressly provided herein or in the Indenture or authorized by the Issuer from time to time, have no authority to act for or represent the Issuer in any way or otherwise be deemed an agent of the Issuer. It is acknowledged that neither the Collateral Manager nor any of its Affiliates has provided or shall provide any tax, accounting or legal advice or assistance to the Issuer or any other Person in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

Section 12. <u>Term; Termination</u>.

- (a) This Agreement shall commence as of the date first set forth above and shall continue in force until the first of the following occurs: (i) the final liquidation of the Assets and the final distribution of the proceeds of such liquidation pursuant to the Indenture, (ii) the payment in full of the Notes, and the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture in accordance with its terms or (iii) the early termination of this Agreement in accordance with Section 12(b) or (e) or Section 14.
- (b) Subject only to <u>clause (c)</u> below, the Collateral Manager may resign, upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the Issuer (or such shorter notice as is acceptable to the Issuer) and the Trustee (who shall deliver a copy of such notice to the Holders); *provided* that, the Collateral Manager shall have the right to resign immediately upon the effectiveness of any change in applicable law or regulations which renders the performance by the Collateral Manager of its duties hereunder or under the Indenture to be a violation of such law or regulation.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of <u>clause (b)</u> above, no resignation or removal of the Collateral Manager or termination of this Agreement pursuant to such clause shall be effective until the date as of which a successor collateral manager shall have been appointed and approved in accordance with <u>Section 12(d)</u> and has accepted all of the Collateral Manager's duties and obligations pursuant to this Agreement in writing (an "<u>Instrument of Acceptance</u>") and has assumed such duties and obligations. As a condition precedent to assuming the obligations of the Collateral Manager hereunder, any successor portfolio manager shall agree that, in the event the Collateral Manager determines at any time that it is necessary or advisable under the requirements of the U.S. Risk Retention Rules to transfer the U.S. Retention Interest (or cause the Retention Holder to transfer the U.S. Retention Interest) to the successor Collateral Manager, the successor Collateral Manager shall acquire such U.S. Retention Interest from the Collateral Manager (or the Retention Holder) at a price equal to an amount agreed to between the Collateral Manager and the successor Collateral Manager.
- (d) Promptly after notice of any removal under <u>Section 14</u> or any resignation of the Collateral Manager that is to take place while any of the Notes are Outstanding, the Issuer shall transmit copies of such notice of resignation or removal to the Trustee (which shall forward a copy of such notice to the Holders) and S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) and shall appoint an institution as Collateral Manager, at the direction of a Majority of the Subordinated

Notes, which institution (i) has demonstrated an ability to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Collateral Manager hereunder, (ii) is legally qualified and has the capacity to assume all of the responsibilities, duties and obligations of the Collateral Manager hereunder and under the applicable terms of the Indenture, (iii) does not cause or result in the Issuer becoming, or require the pool of Assets to be registered as, an investment company under the Investment Company Act, (iv) has been identified in a prior written notice provided to S&P and (v) has not been objected to by a Majority of the Controlling Class.

- (e) If (i) a Majority of the Subordinated Notes fails to nominate a successor within thirty (30) days after initial notice of the resignation or removal of the Collateral Manager or (ii) a Majority of the Controlling Class objects to the proposed successor nominated by the Holders of the Subordinated Notes within ten (10) days after the date of the notice of such nomination, then a Majority of the Controlling Class shall, within thirty (30) days after the failure described in clause (i) or (ii) of this sentence, as the case may be, nominate a successor collateral manager that meets the criteria set forth in Section 12(d). If a Majority of the Subordinated Notes approves such Controlling Class nominee, such nominee shall become the Collateral Manager. If no successor collateral manager is appointed within ninety (90) days (or, in the event of a change in applicable law or regulation which renders the performance by the Collateral Manager of its duties under this Agreement or the Indenture to be a violation of such law or regulation, within thirty (30) days) following the termination or resignation of the Collateral Manager, any of the resigning or removed Collateral Manager, a Majority of the Subordinated Notes and a Majority of the Controlling Class shall each have the right to petition a court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor collateral manager, in either such case whose appointment shall become effective after such successor has accepted its appointment and without the consent of any Holder or beneficial owner of any Notes.
- (f) If no successor collateral manager has been appointed within 180 days after initial notice of the resignation or removal of the Collateral Manager, any Holder of Class A Notes with an Aggregate Outstanding Amount greater than \$5 million as of the date of the initial notice of the resignation or removal of the Collateral Manager may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor collateral manager. Any such appointment by any court of competent jurisdiction shall not require the consent of, nor be subject to the disapproval of, the Issuer, any Holder or beneficial owner of any Notes or the outgoing Collateral Manager. The Issuer shall provide notice to the Holders and the Trustee (for forwarding to S&P) of the appointment of a successor collateral manager promptly after the effectiveness of such appointment.
- (g) The successor collateral manager shall be entitled to the Collateral Management Fee set forth in Section 8(a) and no compensation payable to such successor collateral manager shall be greater than as set forth in Section 8(a) without the prior written consent of 100% of the Holders or beneficial owners of each Class of Notes voting separately by Class, including Collateral Manager Notes, and prior written notice to S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes). Upon the later of the expiration of the applicable notice periods with respect to termination specified in this Section 12 or in Section 14 and the acceptance of its appointment hereunder by the successor collateral manager, all authority and power of the Collateral Manager hereunder, whether with respect to the Assets or otherwise, shall automatically and without action by any Person or entity pass to and be vested in the successor collateral manager. The Issuer, the Trustee and the successor collateral manager shall take such action (or the Issuer shall cause the outgoing Collateral Manager to take such action) consistent with this Agreement and as shall be necessary to effect any such succession.

- (h) If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this <u>Section 12</u>, such termination shall be without any further liability or obligation of either party to the other, except as provided in clause (i) below.
- (i) <u>Sections 6, 7</u> (with respect to any indemnity or insurance provided thereunder), <u>10</u>, <u>15</u>, <u>17</u>, <u>21</u>, <u>22</u>, <u>23</u> and <u>25</u> shall survive any termination of this Agreement pursuant to this Section 12 or Section 14.

Section 13. <u>Assignments</u>.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 13, the Collateral Manager may not assign or delegate (except as provided in Section 2(e)), its rights or responsibilities under this Agreement without (i) providing prior written notice to S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) and (ii) obtaining the consent of the Issuer and a Majority of the Subordinated Notes. The Collateral Manager shall not be required to obtain such consents or satisfy such condition with respect to a change of control transaction that is deemed to be an assignment within the meaning of Section 202(a)(1) of the Advisers Act, so long as, after giving effect to such change of control transaction, the Collateral Manager continues to utilize substantially the same personnel performing the duties required under this Agreement prior to such transaction; provided that, if the Collateral Manager is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Advisers Act, the Collateral Manager shall obtain the consent of the Issuer, in a manner consistent with SEC staff interpretations of Section 205(a)(2) of the Advisers Act, to any such transaction.
- The Collateral Manager may, without obtaining the consent of any Holder or beneficial owner of any Notes and, so long as such assignment or delegation does not constitute an "assignment" for purposes of Section 205(a)(2) of the Advisers Act during such time as the Collateral Manager is a Registered Investment Adviser under the Advisers Act, without obtaining the prior consent of the Issuer or any Holder of Notes, (i) assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager; provided that, such Affiliate (A) has demonstrated ability, whether as an entity or by its personnel, to professionally and competently perform duties similar to those imposed upon the Collateral Manager pursuant to this Agreement, (B) has the legal right and capacity to act as Collateral Manager under this Agreement, and (C) shall not cause the Issuer or the pool of Assets to become required to register under the provisions of the Investment Company Act or (ii) enter into (or have its parent enter into) any consolidation or amalgamation with, or merger with or into, or transfer of all or substantially all of its assets to, another entity and at the time of such consolidation, merger, amalgamation or transfer the resulting, surviving or transferee entity assumes all the obligations of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement generally (whether by operation of law or by contract) and the other entity is solely a continuation of the Collateral Manager in another corporate or similar form and has substantially the same personnel; provided further that, the Collateral Manager shall deliver prior notice to S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) of any assignment, delegation or combination made pursuant to this sentence. Upon the execution and delivery of any such assignment by the assignee, the Collateral Manager will be released from further obligations pursuant to this Agreement except with respect to its obligations and agreements arising under Section 10, 12(h), 17, 21 through 23, and 25 in respect of acts or omissions occurring prior to such assignment and except with respect to its obligations under <u>Section 15</u> after such assignment.
- (c) This Agreement shall not be assigned by the Issuer without (i) the prior written consent of (A) the Collateral Manager, (B) a Majority of the Subordinated Notes and (C) a Majority of each Class of Secured Notes (voting separately by Class) and (ii) prior written notice to S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes), except in the case of assignment by the Issuer (1) to an entity which is a successor to the Issuer permitted under the Indenture, in which case

such successor organization shall be bound hereunder and by the terms of said assignment in the same manner as the Issuer is bound thereunder or (2) to the Trustee as contemplated by the granting clause of the Indenture. The Issuer has assigned its rights, title and interest in (but not its obligations under) this Agreement to the Trustee pursuant to the Indenture; and the Collateral Manager by its signature below agrees to, and acknowledges, such assignment. Upon assignment by the Issuer, the Issuer shall use reasonable efforts to cause such assignee to execute and deliver to the Collateral Manager such documents as the Collateral Manager shall consider reasonably necessary to effect fully such assignment.

(d) The Issuer shall provide S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) and the Trustee (who shall provide a copy of such notice to the Holders) with notice of any assignment pursuant to this <u>Section 13</u>.

Section 14. Removal for Cause.

- (a) The Collateral Manager may be removed for Cause upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice by the Issuer ("Termination Notice") at the direction of a Supermajority of the Controlling Class, provided that, Collateral Manager Notes will have no voting rights with respect to any vote on the removal of the Collateral Manager for Cause. Simultaneous with its direction to the Issuer to remove the Collateral Manager for Cause, the Controlling Class shall provide to the Issuer a written statement setting forth the reason for such removal ("Statement of Cause"). The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee (who shall deliver a copy of such notice to the Holders) a copy of the Termination Notice and the Statement of Cause within one Business Day of receipt. No such removal shall be effective (A) until the date as of which a successor collateral manager shall have been appointed in accordance with Sections 12(d) and (e) and delivered an Instrument of Acceptance to the Issuer and the removed Collateral Manager and the successor collateral manager has effectively assumed all of the Collateral Manager's duties and obligations and (B) unless the Statement of Cause has been delivered to the Issuer as set forth in this Section 14(a). "Cause" means any of the following:
 - (i) the Collateral Manager shall willfully and intentionally violate or breach any material provision of this Agreement or the Indenture applicable to it (not including a willful and intentional breach that results from a good faith dispute regarding reasonable alternative courses of action or reasonable interpretation of instructions);
 - (ii) other than as covered by clause (i), the Collateral Manager shall breach in any material respect any provision of this Agreement or any terms of the Indenture applicable to it (it being understood that failure to meet any Concentration Limitation, Collateral Quality Test or Coverage Test is not a breach for purposes of this <u>clause (ii)</u>), which breach would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Issuer and shall not cure such breach (if capable of being cured) within forty-five (45) days of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager receiving written notice of such breach, unless, if such breach is remediable, the Collateral Manager has taken action that the Collateral Manager believes in good faith will remedy such failure, and such action does remedy such failure, within ninety (90) days after a Responsible Officer receives written notice thereof;
 - (iii) the failure of any representation, warranty, certification or statement made or delivered by the Collateral Manager in or pursuant to this Agreement or the Indenture to be correct in any material respect when made which failure (A) would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect on the Issuer and (B) is not corrected by the Collateral Manager within forty-five (45) days of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager receiving notice of such failure, unless, if such breach is remediable, the

Collateral Manager has taken action that the Collateral Manager believes in good faith will remedy such failure, and such action does remedy such failure, within ninety (90) days after a Responsible Officer receives notice thereof;

- the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor, the Sub-Advisor is wound up or dissolved or there is appointed over it or a substantial part of its assets a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee or similar officer; or the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor (A) ceases to be able to, or admits in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due and payable, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of, or enters into any composition or arrangement with, its creditors generally; (B) applies for or consents (by admission of material allegations of a petition or otherwise) to the appointment of a receiver, trustee, assignee, custodian, liquidator or sequestrator (or other similar official) of the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor or of any substantial part of their respective properties or assets in connection with any winding up, liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law, or authorizes such an application or consent, or proceedings seeking such appointment are commenced without such authorization, consent or application against the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor and continue undismissed for ninety (90) days; (C) authorizes or files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, or applies for or consents (by admission of material allegations of a petition or otherwise) to the application of any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of debt, insolvency, dissolution, or similar law, or authorizes such application or consent, or proceedings to such end are instituted against the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor without such authorization, application or consent and are approved as properly instituted and remain undismissed for ninety (90) days or result in adjudication of bankruptcy or insolvency or the issuance of an order for relief; or (D) permits or suffers all or any substantial part of either of their respective properties or assets to be sequestered or attached by court order and the order (if contested in good faith) remains undismissed for ninety (90) days;
- (v) the occurrence and continuation of an Event of Default pursuant to Section 5.1(a) or 5.1(b) under the Indenture that primarily results from any material breach by the Collateral Manager of its duties under this Agreement or under the Indenture which breach or default is not cured within any applicable cure period;
- (vi) (A) the occurrence of an act by the Collateral Manager, the BDC Advisor or the Sub-Advisor that constitutes fraud or criminal activity in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement (as determined pursuant to a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction) or the indictment of the Collateral Manager or the Sub-Advisor for a criminal offense materially related to its business of providing asset management services, or (B) any Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager or the Sub-Advisor whose employees are (x) seconded or made available to the Collateral Manager to permit the Collateral Manager to perform its obligations under this Agreement, or (y) otherwise primarily responsible for the performance by the Collateral Manager of its obligations under this Agreement, is indicted for a criminal offense materially related to the business of the Collateral Manager or the Sub-Advisor providing asset management services, and such Responsible Officer continues to have responsibility for the performance by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement for a period of ten (10) Business Days after such indictment; or
- (vii) the Sub-Advisor or an Affiliate thereof is no longer engaged by the Collateral Manager as a sub-advisor to the BDC Advisor.

- (b) If any of the events specified in <u>clauses (a)(i)</u> through (vii) of this <u>Section 14</u> shall occur, the Collateral Manager shall give prompt written notice thereof to the Issuer, the Controlling Class, the Subordinated Notes, the Trustee, and S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes); *provided* that, if any of the events specified in <u>Section 14(a)(iv)</u> shall occur, the Collateral Manager shall give written notice thereof to the Issuer, the Trustee (who shall deliver a copy of such notice to the Holders) and S&P (if then rating a Class of Secured Notes) immediately upon the Collateral Manager's becoming aware of the occurrence of such event. A Majority of the Controlling Class, disregarding Collateral Manager Notes, may waive any event described in <u>Section 14(a)(i)</u>, (ii), (iii), (v), or (vi) as a basis for termination of this Agreement and removal of the Collateral Manager under this <u>Section 14</u>. In no event will the Trustee be required to determine whether or not Cause exists for the removal of the Collateral Manager.
- (c) If the Collateral Manager is removed pursuant to this <u>Section 14</u>, the Issuer shall have, in addition to the rights and remedies set forth in this Agreement, all of the rights and remedies available with respect thereto at law or equity.
- (d) If the Collateral Manager is removed for Cause pursuant to this <u>Section 14</u>, until the appointment of a successor collateral manager becomes effective, the Collateral Manager shall not be permitted under this Agreement to direct the Trustee to effect the purchase of any Collateral Obligation nor the sale or disposition of any Collateral Obligation other than a Credit Risk Obligation, Credit Improved Obligation, Defaulted Obligation, or Equity Security without the prior written consent of a Majority of the Controlling Class.

Section 15. Obligations of Resigning or Removed Collateral Manager.

- (a) On, or as soon as practicable after, the date any resignation or removal is effective, the Collateral Manager shall (at the Issuer's expense):
 - (i) deliver to the Issuer or to such other Person as the Issuer shall instruct all property and documents of the Issuer or otherwise relating to the Assets then in the custody of the Collateral Manager;
 - (ii) deliver to the Trustee an accounting with respect to the books and records delivered to the Trustee or the successor collateral manager appointed pursuant to Section 12; and
 - (iii) agree to cooperate with all reasonable requests related to any proceedings, even after its resignation or removal, which arise in connection with this Agreement or the Indenture, assuming the Collateral Manager has received an indemnity in form reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Manager from an entity reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Manager, and expense reimbursement reasonably satisfactory to the Collateral Manager.
- (b) Notwithstanding such resignation or removal, the Issuer and the Collateral Manager shall each remain liable to the other for its obligations under Section 10 and its acts or omissions giving rise thereto and for any expenses, losses, damages, liabilities, demands, charges and claims of any nature whatsoever (including reasonable attorneys' fees) in respect of or arising out of a Collateral Manager Breach, subject to the limitations of liability set forth in Section 10.

Section 16. Representations and Warranties.

(a) The Issuer hereby represents and warrants to the Collateral Manager as follows:

- (i) The Issuer has been duly formed and is validly existing under the laws of Delaware, has the full power and authority to own its assets and the securities proposed to be owned by it and included in the Assets and to transact the business in which it is presently engaged and is duly qualified under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership or lease of property, the conduct of its business or the performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes require such qualification, except for those jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified, authorized or licensed would not have a Material Adverse Effect on the Issuer.
- (ii) The Issuer has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform all of its obligations under this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes and has taken all necessary action to authorize this Agreement and the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of all obligations imposed upon it hereunder, and, as of the Closing Date, will have taken all necessary action to authorize the Indenture and the Notes and the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Indenture and the Notes and the performance of all obligations imposed upon it thereunder. No consent of any other Person including, without limitation, members and creditors of the Issuer, and no license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice or report to, or registration, filing (other than any filings pursuant to the UCC required under the Indenture and necessary to perfect any security interest granted thereunder) or declaration with, any governmental authority is required by the Issuer in connection with the execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement, the Indenture or the Notes or the obligations imposed upon the Issuer hereunder and thereunder. This Agreement has been, and each instrument and document to which the Issuer is a party required hereunder or under the Indenture or the Notes will be, executed and delivered by an Officer of the Issuer, and this Agreement constitutes, and each instrument or document required hereunder to which the Issuer is a party, when executed and delivered hereunder, will constitute, the legally valid and binding obligation of the Issuer enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, (A) to the effect of bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency, winding-up or similar event applicable to the Issuer and (B) to general equitable principles (whether enforceability of such principles is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity).
- (iii) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the documents and instruments required hereunder and under the Indenture will not violate any provision of any existing law or regulation binding on the Issuer, or any order, judgment, award or decree of any court, arbitrator or governmental authority binding on the Issuer, or the Organizational Instruments of, or any securities issued by, the Issuer or of any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement, instrument or undertaking to which the Issuer is a party or by which the Issuer or any of its assets may be bound, the violation of which would have a Material Adverse Effect on the Issuer, and will not result in or require the creation or imposition of any lien on any of its property, assets or revenues pursuant to the provisions of any such mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement, instrument or undertaking (other than the lien of the Indenture).
- (iv) The Issuer is not in violation of its Organizational Instruments or in breach or violation of or in default under any contract or agreement to which it is a party or by which it or any of its property may be bound, or any applicable statute or any rule, regulation or order of any court, government agency or body having jurisdiction over the Issuer or its properties, the breach or violation of which or default under which would have a material adverse effect on the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or the

provisions of the Indenture applicable to the Issuer, or the performance by the Issuer of its duties hereunder or thereunder.

- (b) The Collateral Manager hereby represents and warrants to the Issuer, as of the date hereof, as follows:
- (i) The Collateral Manager is a Maryland corporation incorporated and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland and has full power and authority to own its assets and to transact the business in which it is currently engaged, and is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where the performance of this Agreement would require such qualification, except for those jurisdictions in which the failure to be so qualified, authorized or licensed would not have a material adverse effect on the ability of the Collateral Manager to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the provisions of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager, or on the validity or enforceability of this Agreement and the provisions of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager.
- (ii) The Collateral Manager has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform all of its obligations required hereunder and under the provisions of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager, and has taken all necessary action to authorize this Agreement on the terms and conditions hereof and the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the performance of all obligations required hereunder and under the terms of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager. No consent of any other Person, including, without limitation, members and creditors of the Collateral Manager, and no license, permit, approval or authorization of, exemption by, notice or report to, or registration, filing or declaration with, any governmental authority is required by the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof in connection with this Agreement or the execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or the obligations imposed on the Collateral Manager hereunder or under the terms of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager other than those which have been obtained or made. No representation is made herein with respect to the requirements of state securities laws or regulations. This Agreement has been executed and delivered by an Officer of the Collateral Manager, and this Agreement constitutes the valid and legally binding obligations of the Collateral Manager enforceable against the Collateral Manager in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, (A) to the effect of bankruptcy, insolvency, winding-up or similar laws affecting generally the enforcement of creditors' rights as such laws would apply in the event of any bankruptcy, receivership, insolvency, winding-up or similar event applicable to the Collateral Manager and (B) to general equitable principles (whether enforceability of such principles is considered in a proceeding at law or in equity).
- (iii) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the terms of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager will not violate any provision of any existing law or regulation binding on the Collateral Manager (except that no representation is made herein with respect to the requirements of state securities laws or regulations), or any order, judgment, award or decree of any court, arbitrator or governmental authority binding on the Collateral Manager, or the Organizational Instruments of, or any securities issued by, the Collateral Manager or of any mortgage, indenture, lease, contract or other agreement, instrument or undertaking to which the Collateral Manager is a party or by which the Collateral Manager or any of its assets may be bound, the violation of which would have a material adverse effect on the business, operations, assets or financial condition of the Collateral Manager or which would

reasonably be expected to adversely affect in a material manner its ability to perform its obligations hereunder or under the Indenture.

- (iv) There is no charge, investigation, action, suit or proceeding before or by any court pending or, to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager, threatened, that, if determined adversely to the Collateral Manager, would have a material adverse effect upon the performance by the Collateral Manager of its duties under this Agreement or the provisions of the Indenture applicable to the Collateral Manager.
- (v) The Collateral Manager Offering Circular Information in the Final Offering Circular, as of the date of the Final Offering Circular and the Closing Date, does not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; it being understood that the Final Offering Circular does not purport to provide the scope of disclosure required to be included in a prospectus with respect to a registrant in connection with the offer and sale of securities of such registrant under the Securities Act.
- (c) The Collateral Manager makes no representation, express or implied, with respect to the Issuer or the disclosure with respect to the Issuer.

Section 17. <u>Limited Recourse; No Petition</u>.

The Collateral Manager hereby agrees that it shall not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against the Issuer any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, winding up, moratorium or liquidation proceedings or other proceedings under United States federal or state or other bankruptcy or similar laws until at least one year (or, if longer, the applicable preference period then in effect) plus one day after payment in full of all Notes; provided that, nothing in this Section 17 shall preclude the Collateral Manager from (a) taking any action prior to the expiration of such applicable preference period in (x) any case or proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Issuer or (y) any insolvency proceeding filed or commenced against the Issuer by any Person other than the Collateral Manager or (b) commencing against the Issuer or any of its properties any legal action that is not a bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, winding up, moratorium or liquidation proceeding. The Collateral Manager hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Issuer's obligations hereunder will be solely the corporate obligations of the Issuer, and that the Collateral Manager will not have any recourse to any of the managers, officers, employees, shareholders, directors, incorporators or Affiliates of the Issuer with respect to any claims, losses, damages, liabilities, indemnities or other obligations in connection with any Transactions contemplated hereby. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof or of any other transaction document, recourse in respect of any obligations of the Issuer to the Collateral Manager hereunder or thereunder will be limited to the Assets as applied in accordance with the Priority of Payments pursuant to the Indenture and, on the exhaustion of the Assets, all claims against the Issuer arising from this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or any Transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be extinguished and shall not revive. This Section 17 shall surv

Section 18. Notices.

Unless expressly provided otherwise herein, all notices, requests, demands and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made and received when delivered in accordance with the Indenture.

Section 19. <u>Binding Nature of Agreement; Successors and Assigns.</u>

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns as provided herein.

Section 20. <u>Entire Agreement; Amendment.</u>

This Agreement and the Indenture contain the entire agreement and understanding among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings, inducements and conditions, express or implied, oral or written, of any nature whatsoever with respect to the subject matter hereof. The express terms hereof and thereof control and supersede any course of performance and/or usage of the trade inconsistent with any of the terms hereof. This Agreement may not be modified or amended other than by an agreement in writing executed by each of the parties hereto. No amendment to this Agreement may, without the prior written consent of a Majority of the Subordinated Notes and notice to S&P (and a copy to the Trustee), and, solely with respect to the following clauses (a) and (c), a Majority of the Class A Notes for so long as the Class A Notes are Outstanding, (a) modify the definition of the term "Cause," (b) modify the Collateral Management Fee, including the method for calculation of any component of the Collateral Management Fee or any definition herein directly related to the Collateral Management Fee, (c) modify the Class or Classes or the percentage of the Aggregate Outstanding Amount of any Class that has the right to remove the Collateral Manager, consent to any assignment of this Agreement or nominate or approve any successor collateral manager, or (d) amend, modify or otherwise change provisions of this Agreement in any manner which would materially and adversely affect the Holders of any Class of Notes thereby. This Agreement may be amended for any other purpose upon notice to S&P (and a copy to the Trustee) and at least 10 days' prior written notice to the Holders of the Notes without the consent of the Holders of any Notes. The Issuer shall provide the Holders with notice of any amendment of this Agreement. For so long as any Notes are listed on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and so long as the guidelines of such exchange so require, t

Section 21. Governing Law.

THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY DISPUTE ARISING UNDER OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT (WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARDS TO CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF.

Section 22. Submission to Jurisdiction.

With respect to any suit, action or proceedings relating to this Agreement or any matter between the parties arising under or in connection with this Agreement ("<u>Proceedings</u>"), each party irrevocably: (a) submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the State of New York sitting in the Borough of Manhattan and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and any appellate court from any thereof; and (b) waives any objection which it may have at any time to the laying of venue of any Proceedings brought in any such court, waives any claim that such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further waives the right to object, with respect to such Proceedings, that such court does not have any jurisdiction over such party. Nothing in this Agreement precludes any of the parties from bringing Proceedings in any other jurisdiction, nor will the bringing of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the bringing of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction.

The Collateral Manager irrevocably consents to the service of any and all process in any Proceeding by the mailing or delivery of copies of such process to it at the office of the Collateral Manager in New York, New York. The Issuer hereby irrevocably designates and appoints Corporation Service Company as the agent of the Issuer to receive on its behalf service of all process brought against it with respect to any such Proceeding in any such court in the State of New York, such service being hereby acknowledged by the Issuer to be effective and binding on it in every respect. If for any reason such agent shall cease to be available to act as such, then the Issuer shall promptly designate a new agent in the City of New York.

Section 23. Waiver of Jury Trial.

EACH PARTY TO THIS AGREEMENT HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT THAT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY PROCEEDING.

Section 24. <u>Conflict with the Indenture</u>.

In respect of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the Indenture or actions required under the terms of the Indenture and the terms of this Agreement, the terms of the Indenture shall control.

Section 25. Subordination; Assignment of Agreement.

The Collateral Manager agrees that the payment of all amounts to which it is entitled pursuant to this Agreement shall be subordinated to the extent set forth in, and the Collateral Manager agrees to be bound by the provisions of, Article XI of the Indenture as if the Collateral Manager were a party to the Indenture and hereby consents to the assignment of this Agreement as provided in Section 15.1 of the Indenture.

Section 26. <u>Indulgences Not Waivers</u>.

Neither the failure nor any delay on the part of any party hereto to exercise any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of the same or of any other right, remedy, power or privilege, nor shall any waiver of any right, remedy, power or privilege with respect to any occurrence be construed as a waiver of such right, remedy, power or privilege with respect to any other occurrence. No waiver shall be effective unless it is in writing and is signed by the party asserted to have granted such waiver.

Section 27. Costs and Expenses.

Except as otherwise agreed to by the parties hereto, the costs and expenses (including the fees and disbursements of counsel and accountants but excluding all overhead costs and employees' salaries) of the Collateral Manager and of the Issuer incurred in connection with the negotiation and preparation of and the execution of this Agreement and any amendment hereto, and all matters incidental thereto, shall be borne by the Issuer. The Issuer will reimburse the Collateral Manager for expenses including fees, costs and expenses reasonably incurred by the Collateral Manager in connection with services provided under this Agreement (regardless of whether the person providing or performing the service or output giving rise to such fees, costs and expenses is the Collateral Manager, an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or a third party, and including allocated portions of fees, costs and expenses, including overhead, incurred in connection with services performed by personnel or employees of the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates; *provided* that, if such service or output is provided or performed by the Collateral

Manager or an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager and not a third party, then, unless approved by the Independent Review Party, the applicable fees, costs and expenses shall not be greater than those that would be payable to a third party under arm's-length terms for the provision or performance of similar services or outputs) including, without limitation, (a) legal advisers, consultants, rating agencies, accountants, brokers and other professionals retained or employed by the Issuer or the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Collateral Manager (in each case, on behalf of the Issuer), (b) asset pricing and asset rating services, compliance services and software, and accounting, programming and data entry services directly related to the management of the Assets, (c) all taxes, regulatory and governmental charges (not based on the income of the Collateral Manager), insurance premiums or expenses, (d) any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition, disposition of investments on behalf of the Issuer (whether or not actually consummated) and management thereof, including attorneys' fees and disbursements, (e) preparing reports to Holders of the Notes, (f) reasonable travel expenses (including without limitation airfare, meals, lodging and other transportation) undertaken in connection with the performance by the Collateral Manager of its duties pursuant this Agreement or the Indenture, (g) expenses and costs in connection with any investor conferences, (h) any broker or brokers in consideration of brokerage services provided to the Collateral Manager in connection with the sale or purchase of any Collateral Obligation, Workout Loan, Restructured Loan, Equity Security, Eligible Investment or other assets received in respect thereof, (i) bookkeeping, accounting or recordkeeping services obtained or maintained with respect to the Issuer (including those services rendered at the behest of the Collateral Manager), (j) software programs licensed from a third party and used by the Collateral Manager in connection with servicing the Assets, (k) fees and expenses incurred in obtaining the Market Value of Collateral Obligations (including without limitation fees payable to any nationally recognized pricing service), (l) audits incurred in connection with any consolidation review, (m) any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Collateral Manager in connection with complying with the U.S. Risk Retention Rules (other than the purchase of the U.S. Retention Interests), (n) the costs of complying with the reporting requirements under the EU/UK Transparency Requirements (including the properly incurred costs and expenses (including legal fees) incurred amending the Transaction Documents for this purpose) and (o) as otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, any expense reimbursement by the Issuer provided for in this <u>Section 27</u> shall be payable out of the Assets in accordance with the Priority of Payments.

Section 28. Third Party Beneficiary.

The parties hereto agree that the Trustee on behalf of the Secured Parties shall be a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, and shall be entitled to rely upon and enforce such provisions of this Agreement to the same extent as if each of them were a party hereto.

Section 29. <u>Titles Not to Affect Interpretation</u>.

The titles of paragraphs and subparagraphs contained in this Agreement are for convenience only, and they neither form a part of this Agreement nor are they to be used in the construction or interpretation hereof.

Section 30. <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts by telegraphic or other written form of communication, each of which shall be deemed to be an original as against any party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall become binding when one or more counterparts hereof,

individually or taken together, shall bear the signatures of all of the parties reflected hereon as the signatories.

Section 31. <u>Provisions Separable</u>.

The provisions of this Agreement are independent of and separable from each other, and no provision shall be affected or rendered invalid or unenforceable by virtue of the fact that for any reason any other or others of them may be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part.

Section 32. Gender.

Words used herein, regardless of the number and gender specifically used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context requires.

Section 33. Communications with Rating Agencies.

The Collateral Manager shall, on behalf of the Issuer, take all steps required for the Issuer to comply with its obligations under the Indenture and under rating application letters and any related side letters, in each case in respect of Rule 17g-5 under the Exchange Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Collateral Management Agreement as of the date first written above.

CHURCHILL NCDLC CLO-III, LLC, as Issuer

By: Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., its Designated Manager

By: /s/ Shai Vichness
Name: Shai Vichness
Title: Chief Financial Officer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Collateral Management Agreement as of the date first written above.

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP., as Collateral Manager

/s/ Shai Vichness Name: Shai Vichness Title: Chief Financial Officer By:

THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT, dated as of March 14, 2024 (this "Amendment"), by and among NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC SPV V, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP. (F/K/A NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC INC.), a Marvland corporation (the "Collateral Manager"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association (the "Administrative Agent"), WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (the "Lender") and NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP. (F/K/A NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC INC.), as the Equity Investor (the "Equity Investor").

WHEREAS, the Borrower, each other borrower from time to time party thereto, the Lender, each other lender from time to time party thereto, the Equity Investor, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as successor in interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as the collateral agent and U.S. Bank National Association, as the custodian, are party to the Amended and Restated Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2019 (as amended, modified and supplemented from time to time, the "Loan and Security Agreement"). Terms used but not defined herein have the respective meanings given to such terms in the Loan and Security Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Borrower, the Lender, the Equity Investor, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager desire to amend and otherwise modify the Loan and Security Agreement, in accordance with Section 12.1 of the Loan and Security Agreement and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. Terms used but not defined herein have the respective meanings given to such terms in the Loan and Security Agreement.
- 2. Amendments to Loan and Security Agreement. As of the Amendment Effective Date, the Loan and Security Agreement is hereby amended to delete the stricken text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: stricken text) and to add the bold and double-underlined text (indicated textually in the same manner as the following example: bold and double-underlined text) as set forth on the pages attached as Appendix A hereto.
- 3. Representations and Warranties. The Borrower hereby represents and warrants to the Lender, the Equity Investor, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager that, as of the date first written above, (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) the representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in the Loan and Security Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of such day (other than any representation and warranty that is made as of a specific date).
- 4. <u>Conditions Precedent</u>. This Amendment shall become effective upon the execution and delivery of this Amendment by each party hereto.
- 5. Governing Law. THIS AMENDMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 6. Ratification. Except as expressly amended hereby, the Loan and Security Agreement is in all respects ratified and confirmed and all the terms, conditions and provisions

thereof shall remain in full force and effect. This Amendment shall form a part of the Loan and Security Agreement for all purposes.

- 7. Counterparts. The parties hereto may sign one or more copies of this Amendment in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Amendment by facsimile or email transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.
- 8. Headings. The headings of the Articles and Sections in this Amendment are for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed to alter or affect the meaning or interpretation of any provisions hereof.
- 9. Severability Clause. In case any provision in this Amendment shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- 10. Limited Recourse; Non-Petition. The parties hereto agree to the provisions set forth in Sections 12.10 and 12.11 of the Loan and Security Agreement, and such provisions are incorporated in this Amendment, *mutatis mutandis*.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be duly ex-	executed as of the date first written above.
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BORROWER:

NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC SPV V, LLC

By: /s/ Shaul Vichness Name: Shaul Vichness Title: Chief Financial Officer

COLLATERAL MANAGER:

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP.

By: /s/ Shaul Vichness Name: Shaul Vichness Title: Chief Financial Officer

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Brendan Cappiello_ Name: Brendan Cappiello Title: Vice President

LENDER:

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

By: /s/ Brendan Cappiello Name: Brendan Cappiello Title: Vice President

EQUITY INVESTOR:

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP.

By: /s/ Shaul Vichness Name: Shaul Vichness Title: Chief Financial Officer

APPENDIX A

Amendments to Loan and Security Agreement	

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AMENDED AND RESTATED LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

by and among

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP. (F/K/A NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC INC.), (Collateral Manager)

EACH OF THE BORROWERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO, $(\underline{Borrower})$

EACH OF THE LENDERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO, (Lenders)

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (Administrative Agent)

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (Collateral Agent)

and

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, (Collateral Agent and Custodian)

Dated as of December 31, 2019

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AMENDED AND RESTATED LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT (as amended, modified, waived, supplemented, restated or replaced from time to time, this "Agreement") is made as of December 31, 2019, by and among:

- (1) NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP. (F/K/A NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC INC.) , a Maryland corporation, as Collateral Manager (the "Collateral Manager");
- (2) **EACH OF THE BORROWERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO** (collectively, the "Borrower" or, if referred to individually, each a "Borrower");
- (3) **EACH OF THE LENDERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY HERETO** (together with its respective successors and assigns in such capacity, each a "Lender," collectively, the "Lenders");
- (4) **WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, a national banking association ("<u>WF</u>"), as the administrative agent hereunder (together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Agent</u>"); and
- (5) U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association ("<u>U.S. Bank</u>"), not in its individual capacity but as <u>successor to U.S. Bank National Association</u>, as the collateral agent (together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "<u>Collateral Agent</u>"); and
- (6) U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association ("U.S. Bank"), not in its individual capacity but as the document custodian (together with its successors and assigns in such capacity, the "Custodian").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, Churchill Middle Market CLO V Ltd. (the "<u>Existing Borrower</u>") shall merge with and into Nuveen Churchill BDC SPV I, LLC (the "<u>Successor Borrower</u>"), with the Successor Borrower as the surviving company (such merger, the "<u>Permitted Merger</u>") pursuant to the plan of merger dated as of December 31, 2019 (the "<u>Plan of Merger</u>") among the Existing Borrower and the Successor Borrower:

WHEREAS, in connection with the Permitted Merger, the Successor Borrower shall assume all interests, rights and obligations of the Existing Borrower under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement (as defined below) and each other Transaction Document and shall be the "Borrower" for all purposes under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement, this Agreement and each other Transaction Documents on and after the date hereof;

WHEREAS, the Borrower (as successor by merger to the Existing Borrower), the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Collateral Agent are parties to that certain Loan and Security Agreement dated as of October 28, 2015 (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Existing Loan and Security Agreement"), pursuant to which the Lenders purchased the Variable Funding Notes (as defined below) and extended credit thereunder by providing Commitments and making Advances (each as defined below) under the Variable Funding Notes from time to time prior to the Reinvestment Period End Date (as defined below) for the general business purposes of the Borrower;

WHEREAS, the Borrower and the Lenders have requested that U.S. Bank continue to act as Collateral Agent and that U.S. Bank National Association continue to act as Custodian hereunder, with all covenants and agreements made by the Borrower herein being for the benefit and security of the Secured Parties; and the Collateral Agent and the Custodian accept such appointments and agree to perform the duties and obligations of Collateral Agent and Custodian, respectively, pursuant to the terms hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested that the Lenders amend and restate the Existing Loan and Security Agreement as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Lenders are willing to agree to this amendment and restatement and to extend such credit to the Borrower on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the foregoing Recitals, the mutual premises and agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Certain Defined Terms.

Certain capitalized terms used throughout this Agreement are defined in this <u>Section 1.1</u>. As used in this Agreement and its schedules, exhibits and other attachments, unless the context requires a different meaning, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"1940 Act": The United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"A&R Effective Date": December 31, 2019.

"Account": Any of the Collateral Account, the Collection Account, the Principal Collection Account, the Interest Collection Account, the Expense Reserve Account, the Unfunded Exposure Account and any sub-accounts thereof deemed appropriate or necessary by the Collateral Agent or Securities Intermediary for convenience in administering such accounts.

"Account Bank": (i) The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association, (ii) U.S. Bank National Association or (iii) another institution reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Accreted Interest": Interest accrued on a Loan that is added to the principal amount of such Loan instead of being paid as it accrues.

"Accrual Period": With respect to (a) the first Payment Date, the period from and including the Original Closing Date to and including the Determination Date preceding the first Payment Date, and (b) each subsequent Payment Date, the period from and including the day immediately following the Determination Date with respect to the immediately preceding Payment Date to and including the Determination Date with respect to such subsequent Payment Date (or, in the case of the final Payment Date, to and including such Payment Date).

- "Adjusted Borrowing Value": For any Eligible Loan, on any date, an amount equal to the Assigned Value for such Eligible Loan on such date multiplied by the Outstanding Balance of such Eligible Loan; provided that, the parties hereby agree that the Adjusted Borrowing Value of any Loan that is no longer an Eligible Loan shall be zero.
- "Administrative Agent": WF, in its capacity as administrative agent, together with its successors and assigns, including any successor appointed pursuant to Section 11.6.
- "Administrative Expenses": All fees, expenses and indemnification payments (other than such amounts described by Section 2.7(a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(3) and (a)(9), Section 2.7(b)(1), (b)(2)(A), (b)(3) and (b)(10) and Section 2.8(1), (2)(A), (3) and (9) due or accrued and payable by the Borrower to any Person pursuant to any provision of any Transaction Document.
 - "Advance": The meaning specified in Section 2.1(b).
 - "Advance Date": With respect to any Advance, the date on which such Advance is made.
- "Advances Outstanding": On any date of determination, the aggregate principal amount of all Advances outstanding on such day, after giving effect to all repayments of Advances and the making of new Advances on such day.
 - "Advisers Act": The United States Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended.
 - "Affected Party": The Administrative Agent, the Lenders and each of their respective assigns.
- "Affiliate": With respect to a Person, means any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with such Person, or is a director or officer of such Person; provided that, for purposes of determining whether any Loan is an Eligible Loan or any Obligor is an Eligible Obligor, the term Affiliate shall not include any Affiliate relationship which may exist solely as a result of direct or indirect ownership of, or control by, (x) a common Financial Sponsor or (y) a Financial Sponsor that is under common control with such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," when used with respect to any specified Person means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to vote (1) solely with respect to Section 2.14(e)(viii), Section 2.14(f) and clause (cc) of the definition of "Eligible Loan", 20% or more and (2) otherwise, at least a majority, in each case, of the voting securities of such Person or to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall TIAA or any direct or indirect Subsidiary thereof be deemed an "Affiliate" of the Borrower for any purpose hereunder.
 - "Agreement": The meaning specified in the Preamble.
- "Anti-Corruption Laws": (a) the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended; (b) the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, as amended; and (c) any other anti-bribery or anti-corruption laws, regulations or ordinances in any jurisdiction in which the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or any of their respective Subsidiaries or Related Parties is located or doing business.
- "Anti-Money Laundering Laws": Applicable Laws in any jurisdiction in which the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, or any of their respective Subsidiaries or Related Parties

are located or doing business that relates to money laundering or terrorism financing, any predicate crime to money laundering, or any financial record keeping and reporting requirements related thereto.

"Applicable Law": For any Person or property of such Person, all existing and future laws, rules, regulations (including temporary and final income tax regulations), statutes, treaties, codes, ordinances, permits, certificates, orders and licenses of and interpretations by any Governmental Authority which are applicable to such Person or property (including, without limitation, predatory lending laws, usury laws, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Federal Truth in Lending Act, and Regulation Z and Regulation B of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), and applicable judgments, decrees, injunctions, writs, awards or orders of any court, arbitrator or other administrative, judicial, or quasi-judicial tribunal or agency of competent jurisdiction.

"Applicable Percentage": (a) With respect to any Eligible Loan that is a Broadly Syndicated Loan, 72.5%, (b) with respect to any Eligible Loan that is a First Lien Middle Market Loan, 70.0% and (c) with respect to any Eligible Loan that is a Second Lien Loan, 25.0%.

"Applicable Spread": The rate per annum set forth in the applicable Fee Letter.

"Approval Notice": An approval notice signed by the Administrative Agent substantially in the form of Exhibit A-5 hereto.

"Asset Coverage Ratio": The ratio, determined on a consolidated basis, without duplication, and in accordance with GAAP as required by, and in accordance with, the 1940 Act and any orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued to Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp., to be determined by the Board of Directors of Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. and reviewed by its auditors, of (a) the fair value of the total assets of Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. and its Subsidiaries less all liabilities (other than Indebtedness, including Indebtedness hereunder) of Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. and its Subsidiaries, to (b) the aggregate amount of Indebtedness of Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. and its Subsidiaries; provided that the calculation of the Asset Coverage Ratio shall not include Subsidiaries that are not required to be included by the 1940 Act as affected by such orders of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued to Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. or otherwise, including, if set forth in any such order, any Subsidiary which is a small business investment company which is licensed by the Small Business Administration to operate under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

"Assigned Value": With respect to each Loan:

- (a) the lower of (i) the Purchase Price of such Loan and (ii) the value of such Loan (expressed as a percentage of par) as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion as of the date upon which such Loan is acquired by the Borrower;
- (b) on any date following the occurrence of an Assigned Value Adjustment Event (other than as described in clause (d) below) with respect to such Loan, the value of such Loan (expressed as a percentage of par) as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion; provided that solely with respect to the occurrence of an Assigned Value Adjustment Event of the type described in clause (a)(ii) of the definition thereof, immediately after giving effect to any such reevaluation, the Assigned Value shall, to the extent applicable, be increased to the lower of (x) the original Assigned Value and (y) such value that would result in the Facility Attachment Ratio for such Loan being lower than the "Minimum Facility Attachment Ratio" specified therefore in accordance with the grid below:

First Lien Middle Market Loans and Broadly Syndicated Loans

Net Senior Leverage Ratio	Minimum Facility Attachment Ratio
Less than 4.25x	2.90x
Greater than or equal to 4.25 and less than 5.00x	2.80x
Greater than or equal to 5.00 and less than 6.00x	2.70x
Greater than or equal to 6.00 and less than 7.00x	2.60x
Greater than or equal to 7.00 and less than 8.00x	2.40x
Greater than or equal to 8.00x	0.00x
Second Lien Loans	
Total Net Leverage Ratio	Minimum Facility Attachment Ratio
Less than 5.00x	Facility Attachment Ratio as of the date of acquisition of such Loan
Greater than or equal to 5.00 and less than 6.00x	Facility Attachment Ratio as of the date of acquisition of such Loan <i>less</i> 0.25x
Greater than or equal to 6.00 and less than 7.00x	Facility Attachment Ratio as of the date of acquisition of such Loan less 0.50x
Greater than or equal to 7.00x	0.00x
Designated Loans	
Total Net Leverage Ratio	Minimum Facility Attachment Ratio
Less than 6.00x	Lesser of (x) the Facility Attachment Ratio as of the date of acquisition of such Loan and (y) 2.00x
Greater than or equal to 6.00x	0.00x

- (c) on any date on which the Administrative Agent assigns a new value to such Loan in its sole discretion in accordance with its receipt of a written request from the Borrower following an Assigned Value Adjustment Event that has been remedied or is no longer in existence, such higher Assigned Value as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion;
- the Assigned Value shall automatically be deemed to be zero (unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent) following the occurrence of an Assigned Value Adjustment Event described in clause (b), (c), (d) (solely with respect to a Material Modification described in clause (a) of the definition thereof) or (f) of the definition thereof; and
 - the Assigned Value shall be zero for any Loan that is not an Eligible Loan. (e)

Any Assigned Value determined hereunder with respect to any Loan on any date after the date such Loan is transferred to the Borrower shall be communicated by the Administrative Agent to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders.

"Assigned Value Adjustment Event": With respect to any Eligible Loan, the occurrence of any one or more of the following events after the related Funding Date:

- (f) (i) the Interest Coverage Ratio for any Relevant Test Period of the related Obligor with respect to such Loan is both (A) 85% or less of the Interest Coverage Ratio on the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower and (B) less than 1.50 to 1.00, or (ii)(x) if such Eligible Loan is a Second Lien Loan or Designated Loan, the Total Net Leverage Ratio for any Relevant Test Period of the related Obligor with respect to such Loan is both (A) greater than 0.75 higher than the Total Net Leverage Ratio on the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower and (B) greater than 3.50 to 1.00 or (y) otherwise, the Net Senior Leverage Ratio for any Relevant Test Period of the related Obligor with respect to such Loan is both (A) greater than 0.75 higher than the Net Senior Leverage Ratio on the date such Loan was acquired by the Borrower and (B) greater than 3.50 to 1.00; provided that in connection with any Revenue Recognition Implementation or any Operating Lease Implementation, the Administrative Agent (with the consent of the Collateral Manager (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned)) may retroactively adjust the Interest Coverage Ratio, Total Net Leverage Ratio or Net Senior Leverage Ratio, as applicable, for any Loan as determined on the date on which such Loan was pledged hereunder;
- (g) an Obligor payment default in the payment of principal or interest in an aggregate amount of greater than \$5,000 under such Loan (after giving effect to the shorter of (x) any applicable grace period and (y) five (5) Business Days or if such default is solely the result of administrative error or discrepancy on the part of the administrative agent with respect to such Loan, seven (7) Business Days);
- (h) an Obligor default under such Loan, together with the election by any agent or lender (including, without limitation, the Borrower) to accelerate such Loan or to enforce any of their respective rights or remedies under the applicable UCC or by other institution of legal or equitable proceedings, in each case pursuant to the applicable Underlying Instruments; provided that, the imposition of a default rate of interest shall not, absent acceleration or the enforcement of any other rights or remedies, constitute an Assigned Value Adjustment Event under this clause (c);
 - (i) the occurrence of a Material Modification with respect to such Loan;
- (j) the failure to deliver any monthly reports, quarterly reports, annual reports or other financial statements (including unaudited financial statements) provided by the related Obligor by the earlier of (i) two (2) Business Days of the Borrower's or Collateral Manager's receipt thereof (after giving effect to any applicable grace period thereunder, such period not to exceed ten (10) days) and (ii) with respect to any (A) quarterly report or statement, within sixty (60) days after the end of the applicable quarter and (B) annual report or statement within one hundred fifty (150) days after the end of the applicable fiscal year (in each case, unless waived or otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders in their respective sole discretion) which failure has a material adverse effect on the ability to calculate the Net Senior Leverage Ratio or the Interest Coverage Ratio of the related Obligor; or

- (k) the occurrence of an Insolvency Event with respect to a related Obligor (unless such Obligor was immaterial, as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion).
- "Available Funds": With respect to any Payment Date, all amounts on deposit in the Collection Account (including, without limitation, any Collections) as of the last day of the related Accrual Period, other than (x) Excluded Amounts and (y) amounts designated for the purchase of Eligible Loans pursuant to Section 2.14 with respect to which the related trade date (but not settlement date) has occurred.
- "Bankruptcy Code": The United States Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 (11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.), as amended from time to time.
- "Base Rate": For any day, the rate *per annum* (rounded upward, if necessary, to the next 1/16 of 1%) equal to the greater of (a) the Federal Funds Rate in effect on such day *plus* ½ of 1% and (b) the Prime Rate in effect on such day.
- "BDC Advisor": Nuveen Churchill Advisors LLC, in its role as investment adviser to the Equity Investor, or any permitted successor thereto.
- "Benchmark": Initially, Daily Simple SOFR, <u>provided</u> that if a Benchmark Transition Event has occurred with respect to Daily Simple SOFR or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement to the extent that such Benchmark Replacement has replaced such prior benchmark rate pursuant to <u>Section 12.1</u>.
- "Benchmark Replacement": With respect to any Benchmark Transition Event for the then-current Benchmark, the sum of: (a) the alternate benchmark rate that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a replacement rate or the mechanism for determining such a rate by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a rate of interest as a replacement to the then-current Benchmark for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; provided that, if the Benchmark Replacement as so determined would be less than zero, the Benchmark Replacement will be deemed to be zero for the purposes of this Agreement.
- "Benchmark Replacement Adjustment": With respect to any replacement of the then-current Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement for each applicable Accrual Period, the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero), that has been selected by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower giving due consideration to (i) any selection or recommendation of a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Benchmark Replacement by the Relevant Governmental Body or (ii) any evolving or then-prevailing market convention for determining a spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of such Benchmark with the applicable Benchmark Replacement for Dollar-denominated syndicated credit facilities at such time.
- "Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes": With respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the definition of "Base Rate," the definition of "Accrual Period," timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest and other administrative matters) that the Administrative Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption and implementation of such Benchmark Replacement and to permit the administration thereof by the Administrative Agent in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the

Administrative Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Administrative Agent determines that no market practice for the administration of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner of administration as the Administrative Agent decides is reasonably necessary in connection with the administration of this Agreement).

"Benchmark Replacement Date": The earlier to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark: (i) in the case of clause (a) or (b) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the later of (x) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (y) the date on which the administrator of such Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide such Benchmark; or (ii) in the case of clause (c) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event," the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

"Benchmark Transition Event": The occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark: (a) public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of such Benchmark announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide such Benchmark, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such Benchmark; (b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark, the U.S. Federal Reserve System, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for such Benchmark or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for such Benchmark, which states that the administrator of such Benchmark has ceased or will cease to provide such Benchmark permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide such Benchmark; or (c) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of such Benchmark announcing that such Benchmark is no longer representative.

"Benchmark Transition Start Date": In the case of a Benchmark Transition Event, the earlier of (a) the applicable Benchmark Replacement Date and (b) if such Benchmark Transition Event is a public statement or publication of information of a prospective event, the 90th day prior to the expected date of such event as of such public statement or publication of information (or if the expected date of such prospective event is fewer than 90 days after such statement or publication, the date of such statement or publication).

"Benchmark Unavailability Period": If a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark and solely to the extent that such Benchmark has not been replaced with a Benchmark Replacement, the period (x) beginning at the time that such Benchmark Replacement Date has occurred if, at such time, no Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder in accordance with Section 12.1 and (y) ending at the time that a Benchmark Replacement has replaced such Benchmark for all purposes hereunder pursuant to Section 12.1.

"Beneficial Ownership Certification": A certification regarding beneficial ownership required by the Beneficial Ownership Regulation, which certification shall be substantially similar in form and substance to the form of Certification Regarding Beneficial Owners of Legal Entity Customers published jointly, in May 2018, by the Loan Syndications and Trading Association and Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

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

"BHC Act Affiliate": The meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k).

"Borrower": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Borrower Joinder Agreement": The meaning given in Section 2.19(c).

"Borrower's Notice": Any (a) Funding Notice or (b) Reinvestment Notice.

"Borrowing Base": As of any Measurement Date, an amount equal to the least of:

- (l) the aggregate sum of (i) the sum of the products, for each Eligible Loan as of such date, of (A) the Applicable Percentage for each such Eligible Loan as of such date and (B) the Adjusted Borrowing Value of each such Eligible Loan as of such date, *plus* (ii) the amount on deposit in the Principal Collection Account as of such date, *minus* (iii) the Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount, *plus* (iv) the amount on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account;
- (m) (i) the aggregate Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans as of such date *minus* (ii) the Minimum Equity Amount *plus* (iii) the amount on deposit in the Principal Collection Account as of such date, *minus* (iv) the Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount, *plus* (v) the amount on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account; and
- (n) (i) the Facility Amount, *minus* (ii) the Unfunded Exposure Amount, *plus* (iii) the amount on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account.

"Borrowing Base Certificate": A certificate in the form of Exhibit A-4, prepared by the Collateral Manager.

"Borrowing Base Deficiency": A condition occurring on any date on which the Advances Outstanding exceed the Borrowing Base.

"Breakage Costs": With respect to any Lender and to the extent requested by such Lender in writing (which writing shall set forth in reasonable detail the basis for requesting any such amounts), any amount or amounts as shall compensate such Lender for any loss (excluding loss of anticipated profits), cost or expense actually incurred by such Lender as a result of the liquidation or re-employment of deposits or other funds required by the Lender if any payment by the Borrower of Advances Outstanding or Interest occurs on a date other than a Payment Date (for avoidance of doubt, the Breakage Costs in respect of any such payment by the Borrower on any Payment Date shall be deemed to be zero). All Breakage Costs shall be due and payable hereunder on each Payment Date in accordance with Section 2.7 and Section 2.8. The determination by the applicable Lender of the amount of any such loss, cost or expense shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

"Broadly Syndicated Loan": Any First Lien Middle Market Loan that, as of the date on which it was acquired by the applicable Borrower, (i) was issued pursuant to an Underlying Instrument governing the issuance of Indebtedness of the related Obligor having an aggregate principal amount (whether drawn or undrawn) of \$350,000,000 or greater, (ii) has a related Obligor with EBITDA of at least \$75,000,000 for the twelve months immediately prior to the acquisition of such Loan by the Borrower, (iii) has three (3) or more un-Affiliated lenders, (iv) is publicly rated by both of Moody's and S&P and no such rating is lower than "B3" in the case of Moody's or "B-" in the case of S&P and (v) has a most recently calculated Net Senior Leverage Ratio of 5.0x or less.

"Business Day": Any day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks are not required or authorized to be closed in New York, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; or the United States location of the Collateral Agent's Corporate Trust Office. For avoidance of doubt, if the offices of the Collateral Agent are authorized by applicable law, regulation or executive order to close on any day but such offices remain open on such day, such day shall not be a "Business Day."

"Capital Stock": Any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock of a corporation, limited liability company, any and all similar ownership interests in a Person (other than a corporation), and any and all warrants, rights or options to purchase any of the foregoing.

"Cash": Cash or legal currency of the United States of America as at the time shall be legal tender for payment of all public and private debts.

"Cash Interest Expense": With respect to any Obligor for any period, the amount which, in conformity with GAAP, would be set forth opposite the caption "interest expense" (exclusive of any Accreted Interest that, according to the term of the Underlying Instruments, can never be converted to cash interest that is due and payable prior to maturity) or any like caption reflected on the most recent financial statements delivered by such Obligor to the Borrower for such period.

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

"Change of Control": The Equity Investor ceases to own, of record, beneficially and directly, 100% of the Capital Stock of the Borrower.

"Clearing Agency": An organization registered as a "clearing agency" pursuant to Section 17A of the Exchange Act.

"Clearing Corporation": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(5) of the UCC.

"Code": The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral": All of the Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under (in each case, whether now owned or existing, or hereafter acquired or arising) all "Accounts" (as defined in the UCC), General Intangibles, Instruments and Investment Property and any and all other property of any type or nature owned by it, including but not limited to:

- (o) all Loans, Permitted Investments and Equity Securities, all payments thereon or with respect thereto and all contracts to purchase, commitment letters, confirmations and due bills relating to any Loans, Permitted Investments or Equity Securities;
 - (p) the Accounts and all Cash and Financial Assets credited thereto and all income from the investment of funds therein;
 - (q) all Transaction Documents to which the Borrower is a party;
- (r) all funds delivered to the Collateral Agent (directly or through an Intermediary or custodian) (other than funds determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion to be Excluded Amounts); and

- (s) all accounts, accessions, profits, income benefits, proceeds, substitutions and replacements, whether voluntary or involuntary, of and to any of the property of the Borrower described in the preceding clauses.
- "Collateral Account": A Securities Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Collateral Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.
- "Collateral Agent": U.S. Bank, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Collateral Agent, its successor in interest pursuant to Section 7.3 or such Person as shall have been appointed Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 7.5.
- "Collateral Agent and Custodian Fee Letter": The fee schedule of the Collateral Agent and the Custodian as accepted and acknowledged by the Borrower.
- "Collateral Agent Fee": The fees, expenses and indemnities set forth as such in the Collateral Agent and Custodian Fee Letter and as provided for in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document.
 - "Collateral Agent Termination Notice": The meaning specified in Section 7.5.
- "Collateral Management Fee": The fee payable to the Collateral Manager on each Payment Date in arrears in respect of each Accrual Period pursuant to Sections 2.7(a)(2) and (b)(2) or Section 2.8(2), as applicable, unless waived pursuant to Section 6.6, which fee shall be equal to the product of (a) the result obtained by dividing (x) the sum of the Outstanding Balances of all Loans owned by the Borrower on each day during such Accrual Period by (y) the number of days in such Accrual Period and (b) a rate equal to 0.75% per annum.
- "Collateral Management Report": A statement substantially in the form of Exhibit K and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager including (A) for each such statement delivered on a Reporting Date, (a) a calculation of the Borrowing Base as of the immediately prior Determination Date, (b) the Loan Tape calculated as of the most recent Determination Date, (c) in any month in which a Payment Date occurs, amounts to be remitted pursuant to Section 2.7 or Section 2.8, as applicable, to the applicable parties (which shall include any applicable wiring instructions of the parties receiving payment), and (d) each other section of the Collateral Management Report as of the immediately prior Determination Date, and (B) for each other statement, (a) a calculation of the Borrowing Base as of such date of determination, (b) the Loan Tape calculated as of such date of determination, provided that it is understood that other sections of the Loan Tape shall be current only as of the last Determination Date.
- "Collateral Manager": Prior to the A&R Effective Date, Nuveen Alternatives Advisors LLC, and from and after the A&R Effective Date, the meaning specified in the Preamble.
 - "Collateral Manager Indemnified Party": The meaning specified in Section 10.2.
 - "Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses": The meaning specified in Section 6.7.
 - "Collateral Manager Standard": The meaning specified in Section 6.2(e).
 - "Collateral Manager Termination Event": The occurrence of any one of the following:

- (t) any failure on the part of the Collateral Manager to duly observe or perform in any material respect the covenants or agreements of the Collateral Manager set forth in any Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party, which failure continues unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which written notice of such failure shall have been delivered to the Collateral Manager by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, and (ii) the date on which a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager acquires actual knowledge thereof;
 - (u) an Insolvency Event shall occur with respect to the Collateral Manager;
 - (v) the occurrence of a Change of Control with respect to the Collateral Manager;
 - (w) the occurrence of an Event of Default;
- (x) any representation, warranty or certification made by the Collateral Manager in any Transaction Document or in any certificate delivered pursuant to any Transaction Document shall prove to have been incorrect when made, which inaccuracy has a Material Adverse Effect on the Lenders and which continues to be unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days after the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which written notice of such inaccuracy shall have been given to the Collateral Manager by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower and (ii) the date on which a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager acquires actual knowledge thereof;
- (y) the occurrence or existence of any change with respect to the Collateral Manager which has a material and adverse effect on the Collateral Manager's ability to perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents;
- (z) any failure by the Collateral Manager to deliver any Required Reports (other than any Required Reports not yet received by the Collateral Manager) required to be delivered by the Collateral Manager hereunder on or before the date occurring ten (10) Business Days after written notice of such failure or such request is delivered to the Collateral Manager by the Administrative Agent;
- (aa) the failure of the Collateral Manager to make any payment when due (after giving effect to any related grace period) with respect to any borrowed money which exceeds \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, or the occurrence of any event or condition that has resulted in the acceleration of such borrowed money, whether or not waived;
- (ab) the rendering against the Collateral Manager of one or more final judgments, decrees or orders for the payment of money in excess of \$5,000,000, individually or in the aggregate, and the Collateral Manager shall not have, within forty-five (45) days of the rendering thereof, (i) had any such judgment, decree or order dismissed, (ii) perfected a timely appeal of such judgment, decree or order and caused the execution of such judgment, decree or order to be stayed during the pendency of the appeal or (iii) satisfied or provided for the satisfaction of any such judgment, decree or order in accordance with its terms;
- (ac) the Equity Investor shall fail to maintain (x) unencumbered liquidity in an amount equal to or greater than 4.0% of the Facility Amount (calculated as the sum of (i) cash or cash equivalents, (ii) advances or the equivalent thereof available under any revolving credit facility and (iii) uncalled capital commitments, in each case which are not subject to any Liens (other than all asset liens) or which otherwise would be

considered available for general corporate purposes in the reasonable determination of the Collateral Manager) and (y) its status as a "business development company" under the 1940 Act;

- (ad) As of the end of any fiscal quarter, Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. fails to maintain an Asset Coverage Ratio at greater than or equal to 1.50:1:00;
 - (ae) Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. or an Affiliate thereof shall cease to be Collateral Manager hereunder; or
- (af) any failure by the Collateral Manager to deposit (or caused to be deposited) into the Collection Account any Collections received by it within two (2) Business Days of the date required in accordance with Section 2.9(a) (or, if such failure is solely due to administrative error by the Collateral Agent within two (2) Business Days following the earlier of notice to the Collateral Manager or actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager).

"Collateral Manager Termination Notice": The meaning specified in Section 6.11.

"Collection Account": A Securities Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Collection Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The Collection Account shall have at least two sub-accounts, the Interest Collection Account and the Principal Collection Account.

"Collection Date": The date on which the Obligations have been irrevocably paid in full in accordance with Section 2.3(b) and Section 2.7 or 2.8, as applicable, and the Commitments have been irrevocably terminated in full pursuant to Section 2.3(a) or as a result of the end of the Reinvestment Period.

"Collections": (a) All Cash collections and other Cash proceeds of any Loan, including, without limitation or duplication, any Interest Collections, Principal Collections, amendment fees, late fees, prepayment fees, waiver fees or other amounts received in respect thereof (but excluding any Excluded Amounts) and (b) earnings on Permitted Investments or otherwise in any Account. For the avoidance of doubt, Advances shall not constitute Collections.

"Commitment": With respect to each Lender, the commitment of such Lender to make Advances in accordance herewith prior to the Reinvestment Period End Date, in an aggregate amount not to exceed the Facility Amount and, for each Lender, the amount opposite such Lender's name set forth on Annex B hereto or on Schedule I to the Joinder Supplement relating to each such Lender.

"Commitment Reduction Fee": With respect to any reduction of the Facility Amount pursuant to Section 2.3(a), an amount equal to the product of (a) the amount of such reduction multiplied by (b) the applicable Commitment Reduction Percentage; provided, that no Commitment Reduction Fee shall be payable with respect to any reduction of the Facility Amount in connection with a securitization involving the Collateral.

"Commitment Reduction Percentage": On or prior to the first anniversary of the Second Amendment Closing Date, 1.00%.

"Contractual Obligation": With respect to any Person, any provision of any securities issued by such Person or any mortgage, deed of trust, contract, undertaking,

agreement, instrument or other material document to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound or to which either is subject.

"Corporate Trust Office": The applicable designated corporate trust office of the Collateral Agent specified on Annex A hereto, or such other address within the United States as the Collateral Agent may designate from time to time by at least 30 days prior written notice to the Administrative Agent.

"Covered Party": Any Secured Party that is one of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §252.82(b); (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §47.3(b), or any subsidiary of such a covered bank to which 12 C.F.R. Part 47 applies in accordance with 12 C.F.R. §47.3(b); or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §382.2(b).

"Custodian": U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Custodian, its successor in interest pursuant to Section 7.3 or such Person as shall have been appointed Custodian pursuant to Section 7.5.

"Custodian Fee": The fees, expenses and indemnities set forth as such in the Collateral Agent and Custodian Fee Letter and as provided for in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document.

"Daily Simple SOFR": For any day (a "SOFR Rate Day"), a rate per annum equal to the greater of (a) SOFR for the day (such day, a "SOFR Determination Day") that is five (5) U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to (i) if such SOFR Rate Day is a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, such SOFR Rate Day or (ii) if such SOFR Rate Day is not a U.S. Government Securities Business Day, the U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately preceding such SOFR Rate Day, in each case, as such SOFR is published by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website, and (b) zero. If by 5:00 p.m. on the second (2nd) U.S. Government Securities Business Day immediately following any SOFR Determination Day, SOFR in respect of such SOFR Determination Day has not been published on the SOFR Administrator's Website and a Benchmark Replacement Date with respect to the Daily Simple SOFR has not occurred, then SOFR for such SOFR Determination Day will be SOFR as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which such SOFR was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website; provided that any SOFR determined pursuant to this sentence shall be utilized for purposes of calculation of Daily Simple SOFR for no more than three (3) consecutive SOFR Rate Days. Any change in Daily Simple SOFR due to a change in SOFR shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in SOFR without notice to the Borrower.

"<u>Default</u>": Any event that, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time, or both, would (unless cured or waived in accordance with <u>Section 12.1</u>) become an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Right</u>": The meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable.

"Defaulting Lender": Any Lender that (i) has failed to fund any portion of the Advances required to be funded by it hereunder within one Business Day of the date required to be funded by it hereunder, (ii) has otherwise failed to pay over to the Administrative Agent or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within three Business Days of the date when due, unless such amount is the subject of a good faith dispute, (iii) has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any other Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with any of its funding obligations under this Agreement or has made a public

statement to the effect that it does not intend to comply or has failed to comply with its funding obligations under this Agreement or generally under other agreements in which it commits or is obligated to extend credit, or (iv) has become or is insolvent or has become the subject of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, or has had a receiver, conservator, trustee or custodian appointed for it, or has taken any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment.

"Delayed Draw Loan": A Loan that is (x) fully committed on the initial funding date of such Loan and (y) requires one or more future advances to be made by the Borrower and which does not permit the re-borrowing of any amount previously repaid by the related Obligor; provided that such loan shall only be considered a Delayed Draw Loan for so long as any future funding obligations remain in effect and only with respect to any portion which constitutes a future funding obligation.

"<u>Designated Loan</u>": Any Loan that the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion, designates on the related Approval Notice as a "Designated Loan".

"Determination Date": The 15th of each calendar month.

"Discretionary Sale": The meaning specified in Section 2.14(c).

"Dollars": Means, and the conventional "\$" signifies, the lawful currency of the United States.

"Domiciled": With respect to any Obligor: (a) except as provided in clause (b) below, its country of organization; or (b) solely to the extent (x) designated by the Collateral Manager to the Administrative Agent prior to delivery of the related Approval Notice or (y) otherwise approved by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, the country in which, in the Collateral Manager's good faith estimate, a substantial portion of its operations are located or from which a substantial portion of its revenue is derived, in each case directly or through subsidiaries (which shall be any jurisdiction and country known at the time of designation by the Collateral Manager to be the source of the majority of revenues, if any, of such Obligor).

"EBITDA": With respect to the Relevant Test Period with respect to the related Loan, the meaning of "EBITDA," "Adjusted EBITDA" or any comparable definition in the Underlying Instruments for such Loan, and in any case that "EBITDA," "Adjusted EBITDA" or such comparable definition is not defined in such Underlying Instruments, an amount, for the Obligors on such Loan (determined on a consolidated basis without duplication in accordance with GAAP) equal to earnings from continuing operations for such period *plus* (a) interest expense, (b) income taxes, (c) depreciation and amortization for such Relevant Test Period (to the extent deducted in determining earnings from continuing operations for such period), (d) amortization of intangibles (including, but not limited to, goodwill, financing fees and other capitalized costs), other non-cash charges and organization costs, (e) extraordinary losses in accordance with GAAP, (f) one-time, non-recurring non-cash charges consistent with the compliance statements and financial reporting packages provided by the Obligors, and (g) any other item the Borrower and the Administrative Agent mutually deem to be appropriate.

"Effective Equity": As of any day, the greater of (a) the sum of (i) the products, for each Eligible Loan as of such date, of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of each such Eligible Loan as of such date, *plus* (ii) the amount on deposit in the Principal Collection Account, *plus* (iii) the amount on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account *minus* (iv) the Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount *minus* (v) the aggregate principal amount of all Advances Outstanding and (b) \$0.

"Eligible Loan": Each Loan which complies with each of the following eligibility requirements (unless, at the written request of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders in their respective sole discretion agree to waive any such eligibility requirement with respect to such Loan):

- (ag) such Loan has been approved by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion as evidenced by an Approval Notice delivered by the Administrative Agent with respect to such Loan;
- (ah) such Loan is a Broadly Syndicated Loan, a First Lien Middle Market Loan or a Second Lien Loan which has been assigned to the Borrower pursuant to an assignment agreement either (i) complying with the related Underlying Instruments or (ii) on the LSTA standard assignment form;
 - (ai) [reserved];
- (aj) after giving effect to the Borrower's acquisition thereof, the Borrower has good and marketable title to, and is the sole owner of, such Loan, and the Borrower has granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties a valid and perfected first priority (subject to Permitted Liens) security interest in such Loan and the related Collections and Underlying Instruments;
 - (ak) each Obligor with respect to such Loan is an Eligible Obligor;
 - (al) such Loan is payable in Dollars and does not permit the currency in which such Loan is payable to be changed;
- (am) such Loan complies with each of the representations and warranties made by the Borrower and the Collateral Manager in the Transaction Documents with respect thereto and all written factual information (other than projections, forward-looking information, general economic data or industry information and with respect to any information or documentation prepared by the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates for internal use or consideration, statements as to (or the failure to make a statement as to) the value of, collectability of, prospects of or potential risks or benefits associated with a Loan or Obligor) provided by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager with respect to such Loan is true and correct in all material respects after giving effect to any updates thereto (or, with respect to information relating to third parties, is true and correct in all material respects to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager) as of the date such information is provided;
- (an) such Loan and any Underlying Assets (and, with respect to clause (i), the acquisition thereof and granting of a security interest to the Collateral Agent therein) (i) will comply with and will not violate in any material respect any Applicable Law or (ii) will not cause any Lender (as notified to the Borrower and the Collateral Manager by such Lender in its commercially reasonable judgment) to fail to comply with any request or directive from any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over such Lender;
- (ao) such Loan and the Underlying Instruments related thereto, are eligible (after giving effect to the provisions of Sections 9-406 and 9-408 of the UCC) to be sold, assigned or transferred to the Borrower and to have a security interest therein granted to the Collateral Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, and neither the sale, transfer or assignment of such Loan to the Borrower, nor the granting of a security interest hereunder to the Collateral Agent, violates, conflicts with or contravenes (and are

permitted by) any contractual or other restriction, limitation or encumbrance or materially violates, conflicts with or contravenes any Applicable Law;

- (ap) as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loan, it is not the subject of an offer of exchange or tender by the related Obligor for Cash, securities or any other type of consideration, and has not been called for redemption or tender into any other security or property that is not, on the date of such investment, a Loan;
- (aq) as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loan, it (A) is not an Equity Security and (B) does not provide by its terms for the conversion or exchange into an Equity Security at any time on or after the date it is included as part of the Collateral;
- (ar) unless agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, no interest required by the related Underlying Instruments to be paid in Cash has previously been deferred or capitalized as principal and not subsequently paid in full;
- (as) the repayment of such Loan is not subject to material non-credit related risk (for example no payment is expressly contingent upon the nonoccurrence of a catastrophe), as reasonably determined by the Collateral Manager in accordance with the Collateral Manager Standard on the date the Borrower acquired such Loan;
- (at) the acquisition of such Loan will not cause the Borrower or the pool of Collateral to be required to register as an investment company under the 1940 Act;
 - (au) such Loan is not principally secured by Margin Stock;
 - (av) such Loan provides for a fixed amount of principal payable in Cash no later than its stated maturity;
- (aw) such Loan provides for periodic payments of interest in Cash (x) at a rate of at least 2.00% per annum and (y) no less frequently than semi-annually; unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, such Loan is not a PIK Loan.
- (ax) such Loan gives rise only to payments that are not subject to any tax (other than income taxes) unless the Obligor thereon is required under the terms of the related Underlying Instrument to make "gross up" payments that cover the full amount of such withholding tax on an after tax basis;
 - (ay) the primary Underlying Asset for such Loan is not real property and such Loan was not underwritten as a mortgage loan;
- (az) such Loan and the related Underlying Instruments, (i) are in full force and effect and constitute the legal, valid and binding obligation of the related Obligor and each material guarantor of such Obligor's obligations thereunder and enforceable against such Obligor and each such material guarantor in accordance with their terms, subject to usual and customary bankruptcy, insolvency and equity limitations and (ii) contain provisions substantially to the effect that the Obligor's and each material guarantor's payment obligations thereunder are absolute and unconditional without any right of rescission, setoff, counterclaim or defense for any reason against the Borrower or any assignee;
 - (ba) as of the related trade date, such Loan has an original term to stated maturity that does not exceed ninety-six (96) months;

- (bb) (i) the Custodian has received (or, in accordance with Section 14.2(a), will receive) the related Required Loan Documents and (ii) a servicing and management files are held at the Collateral Manager's principal place of business;
- (bc) as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loan, it was not in default in payment of principal or interest after giving effect to any applicable cure periods;
- (bd) as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loan, there is no default, breach, violation or event or condition which would give rise to a right of acceleration existing under the related Underlying Instruments and no event which, with the passage of time or with notice and the expiration of any grace or cure period, would constitute a default, breach, violation or event or condition which would give rise to a right of acceleration;
- (be) the Underlying Instruments for such Loan do not contain a confidentiality provision that would prohibit the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or any Lender from accessing all necessary information (as required to be provided pursuant to the Transaction Documents) with regard to such Loan if such Persons agree to comply with customary and market confidentiality provisions;
- (bf) as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loan, if such Loan is one of a number of loans made to the same Obligor at the same seniority in such Obligor's capital structure, such Loan and all such other loans contain standard cross-collateralization and cross-default or cross-acceleration provisions;
- (bg) the rights to service, administer and enforce all rights and remedies under the related Underlying Instruments inure to the benefit of the holder of such Loan or its designee (including the administrative agent for such Loan);
 - (bh) no related Obligor is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding;
- (bi) as of the related trade date, the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans made to the related Obligor and its Affiliates do not exceed \$7,000,000, except that (i) the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans to one (1) Obligor and its Affiliates may be up to \$10,500,000 and (ii) the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans to five (5) Obligors and their respective Affiliates (not including the Obligor specified in clause (i)) may each be up to \$8,750,000;
- (bj) as of the related trade date, the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans that are fixed-rate Loans does not exceed the greater of (i) 10% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans *plus* the amount on deposit (including Permitted Investments) in the Principal Collection Account and (ii) \$11,000,000;
- (bk) as of the related trade date, the Unfunded Exposure Amount (plus the aggregate funded principal balance of all revolving loans) does not exceed the greater of (i) 10% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans *plus* the amount on deposit (including Permitted Investments) in the Principal Collection Account and (ii) \$11,000,000;
- (bl) as of the related trade date, the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans that are Second Lien Loans does not exceed the greater of (i) 10% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans *plus* the amount on deposit (including Permitted Investments) in the Principal Collection Account and (ii) \$11,000,000;

- (bm) as of the related trade date, the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans which pay interest less frequently than quarterly does not exceed the greater of (i) 5% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans plus the amount on deposit (including Permitted Investments) in the Principal Collection Account and (ii) \$5,500,000;
- as of the related trade date, the sum of the Adjusted Borrowing Value of all Eligible Loans which are domiciled in Canada does not exceed the greater of (i) 5% of the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans plus the amount on deposit (including Permitted Investments) in the Principal Collection Account and (ii) \$5,500,000;
- such Loan, together with the Underlying Instruments related thereto, (i) is not subject to, or the subject of any written assertions in respect of, any material litigation, dispute or offset;
- to the knowledge of the Borrower, the Obligor with respect to such Loan (and each other material guarantor of such Obligor's obligations thereunder) had full legal capacity to execute and deliver the related Underlying Instruments;
- the Borrower has all necessary licenses and permits to purchase and own such Loan and enter into the applicable Underlying Instruments as a lender in the State where such Obligor is located except where the failure to have such licenses or permits would not have a material adverse effect on the Borrower or any Secured Party;
- neither the related Obligor, any other party obligated with respect to such Loan or any Governmental Authority has alleged in writing that such Loan or any related Underlying Instrument is illegal or unenforceable;
- such Loan requires the related Obligor to maintain the Underlying Assets for such Loan in good repair and to maintain adequate insurance with respect thereto;
- such Loan and any Underlying Assets have not, and will not, be used by the related Obligor in any manner or for any purpose that would result in any material risk of liability being imposed upon the Borrower or any Secured Party under any Applicable Law; and
- if such Loan is a First Lien Middle Market Loan, such Loan contains a covenant by the Obligor thereunder to comply with one or more financial covenants that test for either a cash component (interest coverage ratio, fixed charge coverage ratio, etc.) or a leverage covenant (net debt ratio, total debt ratio, etc.) during each reporting period regardless of whether or not the borrower has taken any specific action.

"Eligible Obligor": On any date of determination, any Obligor that:

- (a) is (i) a business organization (and not a natural person) duly organized and validly existing under the laws of its jurisdiction and (ii) Domiciled in the United States or any State thereof or Canada or any territory thereof;
 - (b) is a legal operating entity or holding company;
 - has not entered into the Loan primarily for personal, family or household purposes; (c)
 - (d) if such Obligor is the primary Obligor, is not a Governmental Authority;

- (e) is not an Affiliate of, or controlled by, the Borrower;
- (f) as of the date the Borrower acquired the related Loan, the Obligor has evidenced EBITDA for the most recent twelve month reporting period of not less than \$5,000,000 for the twelve month period then ending; and
- (g) is not (and has not been for at least three years) the subject of an Insolvency Event, and, as of the date the Borrower acquired such Loans, such Obligor is not in financial distress and has not experienced a material adverse change in its condition, financial or otherwise (as determined by the Collateral Manager).

"Employee Plan": At any time, an "employee pension benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA that is subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA (other than a Multiemployer Plan).

"Equity Investor": Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. (f/k/a Nuveen Churchill BDC Inc.)

"Equity Security": Any stock or similar security, certificate of interest or participation in any profit sharing agreement, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, voting trust certificate or certificate of deposit for an equity security, limited partnership interest, interest in a joint venture, or certificate of interest in a business trust; any security future on any such security; or any security convertible, with or without consideration into such a security, or carrying any warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase such a security; or any such warrant or right; or any put, call, straddle, or other option or privilege of buying such a security from or selling such a security to another without being bound to do so.

"ERISA": The United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and the regulations promulgated or issued thereunder.

"ERISA Affiliate": Each person (as defined in Section 3(9) of ERISA) that is a member of a controlled group that includes or is under common control with, the Borrower, within the meaning of Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code.

"Eurodollar Disruption Event": The occurrence of any of the following: (a) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower of a determination by such Lender that it would be contrary to law or to the directive of any central bank or other Governmental Authority (whether or not having the force of law) to obtain Dollars in the London interbank market to fund any Advance, (b) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower of a determination by such Lender that the rate at which Dollars are being offered to such Lender in the London interbank market does not accurately reflect the cost to such Lender of making, funding or maintaining any Advance or (c) any Lender shall have notified the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower of the inability of such Lender, as applicable, to obtain Dollars in the London interbank market to make, fund or maintain any Advance.

"Events of Default": The meaning specified in Section 9.1.

"Excepted Persons": The meaning specified in Section 12.13(a).

"Exchange Act": The United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Excluded Amounts": (i) Any amount received in the Collection Account with respect to any Loan included as part of the Collateral, which amount is attributable to the reimbursement of payment by the Borrower of any Tax, fee or other charge imposed by any Governmental Authority on such Loan or on any Underlying Assets, (ii) any interest or fees (including origination, agency, structuring, management or other up-front fees) that are for the account of any Person from whom the Borrower purchased such Loan (including, without limitation, interest accruing prior to the date such Loan is purchased by the Borrower), (iii) solely to the extent originally paid from amounts other than Collections, any reimbursement of insurance premiums or other reasonable and customary expenses paid by the Borrower in connection with such Loan, (iv) any escrows relating to Taxes, insurance and other amounts in connection with Loans which are held in an escrow account for the benefit of the Obligor and the secured party pursuant to escrow arrangements under Underlying Instruments or (v) any amount deposited into the Collection Account in error, in each case as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Excluded Taxes": Any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable lending office located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in the Obligations or Commitments pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest (other than pursuant to an assignment effected in accordance with Section 2.18) or (ii) such Lender changes its lending office, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 2.13, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its lending office, (c) Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with Section 2.13(f) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Borrower": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Existing Loan and Security Agreement": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Expense Reserve Account": A Securities Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Expense Reserve Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"Expense Reserve Account Amount": At any time, an amount equal to \$50,000 minus the available balance of each Expense Reserve Account at such time.

"Facility Amount": (a) Prior to the Securitization Date, \$350,000,000 and (b) on and after the Securitization Date, \$275,000,000\$\$150,000,000, which amount may be increased during the Reinvestment Period upon written request by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent, subject to the Administrative Agent's and each increasing Lender's consent in its respective sole discretion up to \$250,000,000, in each case as such amount may vary from time to time pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof; provided that, on or after the Reinvestment Period End Date, the Facility Amount shall mean the Advances Outstanding.

"Facility Attachment Ratio": As of any date of determination, with respect to (a) any Designated Loan an amount equal to the product of (i) its Total Net Leverage Ratio, (ii) its

Applicable Percentage and (iii) its Assigned Value, (b) any Second Lien Loan, the sum of (i) its Net Senior Leverage Ratio and (ii) the product of (A) its Total Net Leverage Ratio less its Net Senior Leverage Ratio, (B) its Applicable Percentage and (C) its Assigned Value, or (c) any other Loan, an amount equal to the product of (i) its Net Senior Leverage Ratio, (ii) its Applicable Percentage and (iii) its Assigned Value.

"Facility Maturity Date": March 31, 2027.

"FATCA": 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 and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code, any applicable intergovernmental agreements and any law or regulations implementing any intergovernmental agreement or approach thereto.

"FDIC": The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and any successor thereto.

"Federal Funds Rate": For any period, a fluctuating interest *per annum* rate equal, for each day during such period, to the weighted average of the overnight federal funds rates as reported in Federal Reserve Board Statistical Release H.15(519) or any successor or substitute publication selected by the Administrative Agent (or, if such day is not a Business Day, for the next preceding Business Day), or, if for any reason such rate is not available on any day, the rate determined, in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent, to be the rate at which overnight federal funds are being offered in the national federal funds market at 9:00 a.m. on such day.

"<u>Fee Letter</u>": Each fee letter entered into from time to time between the Borrower and one or more Lenders and/or the Administrative Agent, as the same may be amended, restated, modified or supplemented from time to time.

"Fees": All fees required to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement and the Fee Letter.

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

"Financial Sponsor": Any Person, including any Subsidiary of such Person, whose principal business activity is acquiring, holding, and selling investments (including controlling interests) in otherwise unrelated companies that each are distinct legal entities with separate management, books and records and bank accounts, whose operations are not integrated with one another and whose financial condition and creditworthiness are independent of the other companies so owned by such Person.

"First Amendment Closing Date": October 28, 2020.

"First Lien Middle Market Loan": A Loan that, as of the date the Borrower acquires such Loan, (i) is not (and cannot by its terms become) subordinate in right of payment to any obligation of the related Obligor (except with respect to liquidation preferences, if any, for trade claims, working capital facilities, purchase money indebtedness, capitalized leases and other similar obligations in respect of certain specified pledged collateral, if any) in any bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, (ii) is secured by a pledge of collateral, which security interest is validly perfected and first priority under Applicable Law (subject to Liens permitted by the applicable Underlying Instruments as of the date of the related Approval Notice and Liens accorded priority by law in favor of the United States or any State or agency), and (iii) has a value of collateral, as determined in good faith by the Collateral Manager, securing such Loan which, together with other attributes of the related

Obligor (including its enterprise value), equals or exceeds the outstanding principal balance of the loan *plus* the aggregate outstanding principal balances of all other loans of equal or higher seniority secured by the same collateral.

"Fitch": Fitch Ratings, Inc. or any successor thereto.

"Foreign Lender": A Lender that is not a U.S. Person.

"Funding Date": With respect to any Advance, the Business Day of receipt by the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent of a Funding Notice and other required deliveries in accordance with Section 2.2.

"Funding Notice": A notice in the form of Exhibit A-1 requesting an Advance, including the items required by Section 2.2.

"GAAP": Generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

"General Intangible": The meaning specified in Section 9-102(a)(42) of the UCC.

"Governing Documents": (a) With respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction), (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement, and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and, if applicable, any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

"Governmental Authority": With respect to any Person, any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, any central bank (or similar monetary or regulatory authority) thereof, any body or entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government and any court or arbitrator having jurisdiction over such Person.

"Guarantee Obligation": As to any Person (the "guaranteeing person"), any obligation of such guaranteeing person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any Indebtedness, leases, dividends or other obligations (the "primary obligations") of any other third Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including, without limitation, any obligation of the guaranteeing 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 (1) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (2) 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 primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of any such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof; provided, however, that the term "Guarantee Obligation" shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business. The terms "Guarantee" and "Guaranteed" used as a verb shall have a correlative meaning. The amount of any Guarantee Obligation of any guaranteeing person shall be deemed to be the lower of (a) an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee

Obligation is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee Obligation, unless such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee Obligation shall be such guaranteeing person's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.

"Highest Required Investment Category": (a) With respect to ratings assigned by Moody's, "Aa2" or "P-1" for one-month instruments, "Aa2" and "P-1" for three-month instruments, "Aa3" and "P-1" for six-month instruments and "Aa2" and "P-1" for instruments with a term in excess of six months, (b) with respect to rating assigned by S&P, "A-1" for short-term instruments and "A" for long-term instruments, and (c) with respect to rating assigned by Fitch (if such investment is rated by Fitch), "F-1+" for short-term instruments and "AAA" for long-term instruments.

"Increased Costs": Any amounts required to be paid by the Borrower to an Indemnified Party pursuant to Section 2.12.

"Indebtedness": With respect to (x) any Obligor if "Indebtedness" or any comparable definition is set forth in the Underlying Instruments for the related Loan, such definition or (y) otherwise, without duplication, (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money (whether by loan or the issuance and sale of debt securities) or for the deferred purchase price of Property or services (other than current trade liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business and payable in accordance with customary practices), (b) any other indebtedness of such Person which is evidenced by a note, bond, debenture or similar instrument, (c) all obligations of such Person in respect of letters of credit, acceptances or similar instruments issued or created for the account of such Person, (d) all liabilities secured by (or for which the holder of such obligations has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on any Property owned by such Person even though such Person has not assumed or otherwise become liable for the payment thereof, and (e) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (d) above. The amount of any Indebtedness under clause (d) shall be equal to the lesser of (A) the stated amount of the relevant obligations and (B) the fair market value of the Property subject to the relevant Lien. The amount of any Indebtedness of any Person is hall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness expressly provide that such Person is not liable therefor.

"Indemnified Amounts": The meaning specified in Section 10.1(a).

"Indemnified Parties": The meaning specified in Section 10.1(a).

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

"Indorsement": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(11) of the UCC, and "Indorsed" has a corresponding meaning.

"Insolvency Event": With respect to a specified Person, (a) the filing of a decree or order for relief by a court having jurisdiction over such Person or any substantial part of its property in an involuntary case under any applicable Insolvency Law now or hereafter in effect, or appointing a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official

for such Person or for any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding-up or liquidation of such Person's affairs, and such decree, order or appointment shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of sixty (60) consecutive days, (b) the commencement by such Person or its shareholder of a voluntary case under any applicable Insolvency Law now or hereafter in effect, or the consent by such Person to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, (c) the consent by such Person to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official for such Person or for any substantial part of its property, or the making by such Person of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors, (d) the failure by such Person generally to pay its debts as such debts become due, or the taking of action by such Person in furtherance of any of the foregoing or (e) the shareholder of the Borrower shall pass a resolution to have the Borrower wound up on a voluntary basis.

"Insolvency Laws": The Bankruptcy Code and all other applicable liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, winding up, administration, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, suspension of payments, or similar debtor relief laws from time to time in effect affecting the rights of creditors generally.

"Insolvency Proceeding": Any case, action or proceeding before any court or other Governmental Authority relating to any Insolvency Event.

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

"Interest": For each Accrual Period and the Advances Outstanding, the sum of the products (for each day during such Accrual Period) of:

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where:

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provided that, (i) no provision of this Agreement shall require the payment or permit the collection of Interest in excess of the maximum permitted by Applicable Law, and (ii) Interest shall not be considered paid by any distribution if at any time such distribution is rescinded or must otherwise be returned for any reason.

"Interest Collection Account": A sub-account of the Collection Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Interest Collection Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"Interest Collections": All (a) payments of interest and delayed compensation (representing compensation for delayed settlement) received in Cash by or on behalf of the Borrower on the Collateral, including the accrued interest received in connection with a sale thereof, (b) principal and interest payments received by or on behalf of the Borrower on Permitted Investments purchased with Interest Collections and (c) all amendment and waiver fees, late payment fees, prepayment fees, ticking fees and other fees received by the Borrower; provided that Interest Collections shall not include (x) Sale Proceeds representing accrued interest that are applied toward payment for accrued interest on the purchase of a Loan, (y) interest received in respect of a Loan (including in connection with any sale thereof), which interest was purchased with Principal Collections and (z) any trading gains received, net of any trading losses incurred, by the Borrower in connection with sales and dispositions of Loans.

"Interest Coverage Ratio": With respect to any Loan for any Relevant Test Period, either (a) the meaning of "Interest Coverage Ratio" or comparable definition set forth in the Underlying Instruments for such Loan, or (b) in the case of any Loan with respect to which the related Underlying Instruments do not include a definition of "Interest Coverage Ratio" or comparable definition, the ratio of (i) EBITDA to (ii) Cash Interest Expense of such Obligor as of such Relevant Test Period, as calculated by the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) in good faith.

"Interest Rate": (a) Daily Simple SOFR *plus* (b) the Applicable Spread; <u>provided</u> that, upon and during the occurrence of a Eurodollar Disruption Event, with respect to the Advances owing to such Lender, "Interest Rate" shall mean the Base Rate *plus* the Applicable Spread.

"Intermediary": (a) A Clearing Corporation or (b) a Person, including a bank or broker, that in the ordinary course of its business maintains Securities Accounts for others and is acting in that capacity, which in each case is not an Affiliate of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager.

"Investment": With respect to any Person, any direct or indirect loan, advance or investment by such Person in any other Person, whether by means of share purchase, capital contribution, loan or otherwise, excluding the acquisition of Loans, Permitted Investments and the acquisition of Equity Securities otherwise permitted by the terms hereof which are related to such Loans.

"Investment Property": The meaning specified in Section 9-102(a)(49) of the UCC.

"Joinder Supplement": An agreement among the Borrower, a Lender and the Administrative Agent in the form of Exhibit H to this Agreement (appropriately completed) delivered in connection with a Person becoming a Lender hereunder after the A&R Effective Date, as contemplated by Section 2.1(d), a copy of which shall be delivered to the Collateral Agent and the Collateral Manager.

"Lenders": The meaning specified in the Preamble, including Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") and each financial institution which may from time to time become a Lender hereunder by executing and delivering a Joinder Supplement to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower as contemplated by Section 2.1(d).

"Lien": Any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, right, claim, security interest or encumbrance of any kind of or on any Person's assets or properties in favor of any other Person.

"Loan": Any commercial loan or note which the Borrower acquires from a third party in the ordinary course of its business.

"Loan Checklist": An electronic or hard copy, as applicable, of a checklist in the form of Exhibit J delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower to the Custodian for each Loan of all related Required Loan Documents, which shall also specify whether such document is an original or a copy.

"Loan File": With respect to each Loan, a file containing (a) each of the documents and items as set forth on the Loan Checklist with respect to such Loan and (b) duly executed originals or if the original is not available to the Borrower, a copy of any other relevant records relating to such Loans and the Underlying Assets pertaining thereto.

"Loan Register": The meaning specified in Section 5.3(j).

"Loan Tape": The loan tape to be delivered in connection with each Collateral Management Report, which tape shall include (but not be limited to) the aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans and, with respect to each Loan, the following information:

- (a) name and number of the related Obligor;
- (b) calculation of the Net Senior Leverage Ratio for the Relevant Test Period immediately prior to the date of the applicable Approval Notice and for the most recent Relevant Test Period, as calculated and delivered by the related Obligor or, if not calculated and delivered by such Obligor, as calculated by the Collateral Manager in its commercially reasonably determination;
- (c) calculation of the Interest Coverage Ratio for the Relevant Test Period immediately prior to the date of the applicable Approval Notice and for the most recent Relevant Test Period, as calculated and delivered by the related Obligor or, if not calculated and delivered by such Obligor, as calculated by the Collateral Manager in its commercially reasonably determination;
- (d) calculation of the Total Net Leverage Ratio for the most recent Relevant Test Period, as calculated and delivered by the related Obligor or, if not calculated and delivered by such Obligor, as calculated by the Collateral Manager in its commercially reasonably determination;
 - (e) collection status (number of days past due);
 - (f) loan status (whether in default or on non-accrual status);
 - (g) scheduled maturity date;
 - (h) loan rate of interest (and reference rate, if applicable);
 - (i) floor (if applicable);
 - (j) Outstanding Balance;
 - (k) face value;
 - (l) Assigned Value;

- (m) Purchase Price;
- (n) Moody's Obligor rating (if available);
- (o) S&P Obligor rating (if available);
- (p) whether such Loan has been subject to an Assigned Value Adjustment Event (and of what type);
- (q) whether such Loan has been subject to any waiver, amendment, restatement, supplement or other modification (and whether such action constitutes a Material Modification);
 - (r) the date on which such Loan was acquired by the Borrower;
 - (s) whether the Loan is a fixed rate Loan or a floating rate Loan;
 - (t) payment frequency;
 - (u) Obligor's domicile;
- (v) trailing twelve month EBITDA (and the date as of which such calculation was made), as calculated and delivered by the related Obligor or, if not calculated and delivered by such Obligor, as calculated by the Collateral Manager in its commercially reasonably determination;
 - (w) Loan type (Broadly Syndicated Loan, First Lien Middle Market Loan or Second Lien Loan);
 - (x) the applicable industry classification group set forth on <u>Schedule IV</u>;
 - (y) Tranche Size; and
 - (z) whether such Loan is a Delayed Draw Loan or a Revolving Loan.

"Margin Stock": "Margin Stock" as defined under Regulation U.

"Material Adverse Effect": With respect to any event or circumstance, a material adverse effect on (a) the business, assets, financial condition, management conditions (financial or otherwise), operations, performance or properties of the Collateral Manager, (b) the business, financial condition, management conditions (financial or otherwise), operations or performances of the Borrower excluding any such change resulting from any change in value or performance of all or any part of the Collateral, (c) the validity, enforceability or collectability of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document or the validity, enforceability or collectability of the Loans generally or any material portion of the Loans, (d) the rights and remedies of the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders with respect to matters arising under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, (e) the ability of each of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, to perform its respective obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is a party, or (f) the status, existence, perfection, priority or enforceability of the Collateral Agent's Lien on the Collateral.

"Material Modification": Any amendment or waiver of, or modification or supplement to, an Underlying Instrument governing an Eligible Loan executed or effected on or after the date on which such Loan is transferred to the Borrower, that:

- (a) reduces, waives or forgives any or all of the principal amount due under such Loan or any lenders' rights to payment of principal as and when due thereunder has been waived or delayed or lenders thereunder have agreed to forbear from enforcing their rights to such payment (including any scheduled or required excess cash flow sweeps);
- (b) waives one or more interest payments, reduces the amount of interest due with respect to such Loan or permits any interest due in cash to be deferred or capitalized and added to the principal amount of such Loan; <u>provided</u> that no such reduction shall be a Material Modification with respect to any Loan that utilizes grid pricing to the extent such reduction is in accordance with the provisions of the Underlying Instruments for such Loan;
 - (c) extends or delays (i) the stated maturity date of such Loan or (ii) any required or scheduled amortization;
- (d) contractually or structurally subordinates such Loan by operation of a priority of payments, turnover provisions, the transfer of assets in order to limit recourse to the related Obligor or the granting of Liens (other than Permitted Liens) on any of the Underlying Assets securing such Loan;
- (e) substitutes, alters or releases (other than as permitted by such Underlying Instruments) all or any material portion of the Underlying Assets securing such Loan, if such substitution, alteration or release, as determined in the sole reasonable discretion of the Administrative Agent, materially and adversely affects the value of such Loan; provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to any such release in conjunction with a relatively contemporaneous disposition by the related Obligor accompanied by a mandatory reinvestment of the applicable net proceeds or mandatory repayment of such Loan with all of such net proceeds; or
- (f) amends, waives, forbears, supplements or otherwise modifies in any way the definition of "Net Senior Leverage Ratio", "Total Net Leverage Ratio" or "Interest Coverage Ratio" or any respective comparable definitions in its Underlying Instruments (including any adjustment to "EBITDA" or "Adjusted EBITDA" or any respective comparable definitions) or the definition of any component thereof in a manner that, in the sole discretion of the Administrative Agent, is materially adverse to any Lender; provided that in connection with any Revenue Recognition Implementation or any Operating Lease Implementation, the Administrative Agent may waive any Material Modification resulting from such implementation pursuant to this clause (f).
- "Measurement Date": Each of the following: (i) each Determination Date; (ii) the date of any Borrower's Notice; (iii) the date of any Discretionary Sale, Optional Sale, Reinvestment or Substitution, (iv) the date that a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager has actual knowledge of the occurrence of any Assigned Value Adjustment Event; (v) the date that the Assigned Value of any Loan is adjusted; (vi) the date as of which any Collateral Management Report, as provided for in Section 6.8, is calculated, (vii) the date on which any Lender becomes a party hereto, and (viii) each other date requested by the Administrative Agent.

"Minimum Equity Amount": (a) Prior to the Securitization Date, \$60,000,000 and (b) on and after the Securitization Date, (i) prior to the first date after the Securitization Date on which the aggregate Adjusted Borrowing Value exceeds \$250,000,000, \$40,000,000 and (ii) thereafter, \$60,000,000.

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

"Multiemployer Plan": A "multiemployer plan" as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA that is subject to ERISA.

"New Borrower": The meaning given in Section 2.19.

"Net Senior Leverage Ratio": With respect to any Loan for any Relevant Test Period, either (a) the meaning of "Net Senior Leverage Ratio" or comparable definition set forth in the Underlying Instruments for such Loan, or (b) in the case of any Loan with respect to which the related Underlying Instruments do not include a definition of "Net Senior Leverage Ratio" or comparable definition, the ratio of (i) the senior Indebtedness (including, without limitation, such Loan) of the applicable Obligor as of the date of determination *minus* the Unrestricted Cash of such Obligor as of such date to (ii) EBITDA of such Obligor with respect to the applicable Relevant Test Period, as calculated by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager in good faith.

"Non-Usage Fee": The meaning set forth in the applicable Fee Letter.

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

"Notice of Exclusive Control": The meaning specified in each Securities Account Control Agreement.

"Nuveen": Nuveen Alternatives Advisors LLC.

"Obligations": The unpaid principal amount of, and accrued interest (including, without limitation, interest accruing after the maturity of the Advances and interest accruing after the filing of any petition in bankruptcy, or the commencement of any insolvency, reorganization or like proceeding, relating to the Borrower, whether or not a claim for post-filing or post-petition interest is allowed in such proceeding) on the Advances Outstanding and all other payment obligations and liabilities of the Borrower to the Secured Parties, whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, or now existing or hereafter incurred, which may arise under, or out of or in connection with any Transaction Document, and any other document made, delivered or given in connection therewith or herewith, whether on account of principal, interest, reimbursement obligations, fees, indemnities, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, all reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or to the Lenders that are required to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents) or otherwise.

"Obligor": With respect to any Loan, any Person or Persons obligated to make payments pursuant to or with respect to such Loan, including any guarantor thereof. For purposes of determining whether any Obligor is an Eligible Obligor, all Loans included as part of the Collateral or to be transferred to the Collateral the Obligor of which is an Affiliate of another Obligor shall be aggregated with all Loans of such Affiliate Obligor.

"Offer": A tender offer, voluntary redemption, exchange offer, conversion or other similar action.

"Officer's Certificate": A certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Person providing the applicable certification, as the case may be.

"Operating Lease Implementation": The implementation by an Obligor of IFRS 16/ASC 842.

"Opinion of Counsel": A written opinion of nationally recognized counsel, which opinion and counsel are acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion.

"Optional Sale": The meaning specified in Section 2.14(d).

"Original Closing Date": October 28, 2015.

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

"Other Taxes": All present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, mortgage, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Transaction Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.18).

"Outstanding Balance": With respect to any Loan as of any date of determination, the outstanding principal balance of any advances or loans made by the Borrower to the related Obligor pursuant to the related Underlying Instruments as of such date of determination (exclusive of any interest and Accreted Interest).

"Participant Register": The meaning specified in Section 12.16(d).

"Payment Date": Quarterly on the 27th day of each January, April, July and October (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day), commencing in January 2016.

"Payment Duties": The meaning specified in Section 7.2(b)(vii).

"Pension Plans": "Employee pension benefit plans," as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA which are subject to Title IV of ERISA or Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code and maintained by the Borrower, or in which employees of the Borrower are entitled to participate, other than a Multiemployer Plan.

"Permitted Investments": Cash or negotiable instruments, securities or other investments, which may include obligations or securities of issuers for which the Collateral Agent or an Affiliate of the Collateral Agent provides services or receives compensation that (i) except in the case of demand or time deposits and investments in money market funds, are represented by instruments in bearer or registered form or ownership of which is represented by book entries by a Clearing Agency or by a Federal Reserve Bank in favor of depository institutions eligible to have an account with such Federal Reserve Bank who hold such investments on behalf of their customers, (ii) as of any date of determination, mature by their terms on or prior to the Business Day preceding the next Payment Date, and (iii) evidence:

- (g) direct obligations of, and obligations fully guaranteed as to full and timely payment by, the United States (or by any agency thereof to the extent such obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States);
- (h) demand deposits, time deposits, bank deposit products of or certificates of deposit of depository institutions or trust companies incorporated under the laws of the United States or any state thereof and subject to supervision and examination by federal or state banking or depository institution authorities; <u>provided</u> that at the time of the Borrower's investment or contractual commitment to invest therein, the commercial paper, if any, and short-term unsecured debt obligations (other than such obligation whose rating is based on the credit of a Person other than such institution or trust company) of such depository institution or trust company shall have a credit rating from Fitch and each Rating Agency in the Highest Required Investment Category granted by Fitch and such Rating Agency;
- (i) commercial paper, or other short term obligations, having, at the time of the Borrower's investment or contractual commitment to invest therein, a rating in the Highest Required Investment Category granted by each Rating Agency and Fitch;
- (j) demand deposits, time deposits or certificates of deposit that are fully insured by the FDIC and either have a rating on their certificates of deposit or short-term deposits from Moody's and S&P of "P-1" and "A-1", respectively, and if rated by Fitch, from Fitch of "F-1+":
- (k) investments in taxable money market funds or other regulated investment companies having, at the time of the Borrower's investment or contractual commitment to invest therein, a rating of the Highest Required Investment Category from each Rating Agency and Fitch (if rated by Fitch); or
- (l) time deposits (having maturities of not more than 90 days) by an entity the commercial paper of which has, at the time of the Borrower's investment or contractual commitment to invest therein, a rating of the Highest Required Investment Category granted by each Rating Agency and Fitch.;

provided, that notwithstanding the foregoing clauses (a) through (f), unless the Borrower and the Collateral Manager have received the written advice of counsel of national reputation experienced in such matters to the contrary (together with an Officer's Certificate of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (on which the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent may rely) that the advice specified in this definition has been received by the Borrower and the Collateral Manager), on and after the date required for conformance with the Volcker Rule (or such later date as may be determined by the Borrower and the Collateral Manager based upon such advice), Permitted Investments may only include obligations or securities that constitute cash equivalents for purposes of the rights and assets in paragraph (c)(8)(i)(B) of the exclusions from the definition of "covered fund" for purposes of the Volcker Rule. The Collateral Agent shall have no duty to determine or oversee compliance with the foregoing.

"Permitted Liens":

- (a) with respect to the interest of the Borrower in the Loans included in the Collateral, Liens in favor of the Collateral Agent created pursuant to this Agreement; and
- (b) with respect to the interest of the Borrower in the other Collateral (including any Underlying Assets): (i) materialmen's, warehousemen's, mechanics' and other

Liens arising by operation of law in the ordinary course of business for sums not due or sums that are being contested in good faith, (ii) purchase money security interests in certain items of equipment, (iii) Liens for Taxes that are not material Taxes if such Taxes shall not at the time be due and payable or if a Person shall currently be contesting the validity thereof in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in accordance with GAAP have been provided on the books of such Person, (iv) other customary Liens permitted by the applicable Underlying Instruments with respect thereto consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard, (v) Liens in favor of the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary created pursuant to the Transaction Documents, (vi) with respect to Third Party Agented Loans, Liens in favor of the lead agent, the collateral agent or the paying agent for the benefit of all holders of Indebtedness of such Obligor, (vii) with respect to any Equity Security, any Liens granted (x) on such Equity Security to secure Indebtedness of the related Obligor and/or (y) under any governing documents or other agreement between or among or binding upon the Borrower as the holder of equity in such Obligor (provided that, in each case, to the extent such Equity Securities comprise part of the collateral securing the Loan made to such Obligor, such Liens rank junior in priority to the security interest of the lenders under such Loan), and (viii) with respect to any Underlying Assets, Liens permitted by the applicable Underlying Instruments.

"Permitted Merger": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Permitted RIC Distribution": Any Restricted Payment made to the Equity Investor to the extent required to allow the Equity Investor to make sufficient distributions to qualify as a regulated investment company within the meaning of Section 851 of the Code and to otherwise eliminate federal or state income or excise taxes payable by the Equity Investor in or with respect to any taxable year of the Equity Investor (or any calendar year, as relevant); provided that (A) the amount of any such payments made in or with respect to any such taxable year (or calendar year, as relevant) of the Equity Investor shall not exceed 110% of the amounts that the Borrower would have been required to distribute to the Equity Investor to: (i) allow the Borrower to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements that would be imposed by Section 852(a) of the Code (or any successor thereto) to maintain its eligibility to be taxed as a regulated investment company for any such taxable year, (ii) reduce to zero for any such taxable year the Borrower's liability for federal income taxes imposed on (x) its investment company taxable income pursuant to Section 852(b)(1) of the Code (or any successor thereto) and (y) its net capital gain pursuant to Section 852(b)(3) of the Code (or any successor thereto), and (iii) reduce to zero the Borrower's liability for federal excise taxes for any such calendar year imposed pursuant to Section 4982 of the Code (or any successor thereto), in the case of each of (i), (ii) or (iii), calculated assuming that the Borrower had qualified to be subject to tax as a regulated investment company under the Code and (B) (w) a Borrowing Base Deficiency does not exist immediately prior to and immediately after giving effect to such Permitted RIC Distribution, (x) after giving effect on a pro forma basis to the application of Interest Proceeds or Principal Proceeds to the payment of Permitted RIC Distributions and taking into account scheduled payments that are expected to be received prior to the next Payment Date, sufficient Interest Proceeds and Principal Proceeds will be available on the next Payment Date to pay in full all amounts due under Section 2.7(a)(3) and (4), Section 2.7(b)(3) and (4), or Section 2.8(3), (4) and (6), as applicable, (y) the Borrower gives at least one (1) Business Day's prior written notice thereof to the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent and (z) the Borrower and the Collateral Manager confirm in writing (which may be by email) to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent that the conditions to a Permitted RIC Distribution set forth herein are satisfied.

"<u>Permitted Securitization</u>": Any private or public term or conduit securitization transaction undertaken by the Borrower that is secured, directly or indirectly, by any Loan currently or formerly included in the Collateral or any portion thereof or any interest therein

released from the Lien of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any collateralized loan obligation or collateralized debt obligation offering or other asset securitization or term facility.

"Person": An individual, partnership, corporation (including a statutory or business trust), company, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, joint stock company, trust, estate, unincorporated association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, nonprofit corporation, group, sector, government (or any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision thereof), territory or other entity or organization.

"PIK Loan": A Loan on which any portion of the interest accrued for a specified period of time or until the maturity thereof is, at the option of the Obligor or pursuant to conditions specified (in each case, under the related loan agreement), added to the principal balance of such Loan or otherwise deferred rather than being paid in cash; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, no Loan shall constitute a PIK Loan if any portion of the interest accruing thereon is contractually required to be paid in cash and such cash interest accrues at a rate equal to or in excess of (a) the applicable interest rate plus 2.00%, if such Loan is a floating rate loan pursuant to the loan agreement for such Loan, (b) the applicable prime rate, if such Loan is a floating rate loan with an interest rate based on the applicable prime rate, and (c) 6.0%, if such Loan is a fixed rate loan.

"Plan of Merger": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"Prime Rate": The rate announced by Wells Fargo from time to time as its prime rate in the United States, such rate to change as and when such designated rate changes. The Prime Rate is not intended to be the lowest rate of interest charged by Wells Fargo or any other specified financial institution in connection with extensions of credit to debtors.

"Principal Collection Account": A sub-account of the Collection Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Principal Collection Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"Principal Collections": All Cash amounts (other than Excluded Amounts) received by or on behalf of the Borrower that are not Interest Collections.

"Proceeds": With respect to any Collateral, all property that is receivable or received when such Collateral is collected, sold, liquidated, foreclosed, exchanged, or otherwise disposed of, whether such disposition is voluntary or involuntary, and includes all rights to payment with respect to any insurance relating to such Collateral.

"Property": Any right or interest in or to property of any kind whatsoever, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, including, without limitation, Capital Stock.

"Pro Rata Share": With respect to any Lender, the percentage obtained by dividing the Commitment of such Lender (as determined pursuant to the definition of Commitment) by the aggregate Commitments of all the Lenders (as determined pursuant to the definition of Commitment) or, if the Commitments have been terminated, based on the Advances Outstanding.

"Purchase Agreement": Any purchase agreement entered into by and between the Collateral Manager, as the seller, and the Borrower, as the purchaser, as such agreement may from time to time be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof.

"Purchase Price": With respect to any Loan, an amount (expressed as a percentage of par) equal to (i) the purchase price in Dollars (or, if different principal amounts of such Loan were purchased at different purchase prices, the weighted average of such purchase prices) paid by the Borrower for such Loan (exclusive of any interest, Accreted Interest, original issue discount and upfront fees) divided by (ii) the outstanding principal balance of the portion of such Loan purchased by the Borrower outstanding as of the date of such purchase (exclusive of any interest, Accreted Interest, original issue discount and upfront fees); provided, that any Loan (x) acquired by the Borrower in connection with the origination or primary syndication of such Loan and (y) with a "Purchase Price" of at least 97% (including, for the avoidance of doubt, in excess of 100%), shall be deemed to have a "Purchase Price" of 100%.

"QFC": The meaning assigned to the term "qualified financial contract" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. 5390(c)(8)(D).

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

"Rating Agencies": Each of Moody's and S&P.

"Recipient": (a) The Administrative Agent and (b) any Lender, as applicable.

"Register": The meaning specified in Section 12.16(b).

"Regulation U": Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 C.F.R. Part 221, or any successor regulation.

"Reinvestment": The meaning specified in Section 2.14(a)(i).

"Reinvestment Notice": Each notice required to be delivered by the Collateral Manager in respect of any Reinvestment of Principal Collections pursuant to Section 3.2(b) in the form of Exhibit A-3.

"Reinvestment Period": The period commencing on the First Amendment Closing Date and ending on the day preceding the Reinvestment Period End Date.

"Reinvestment Period End Date": The earliest to occur of:

- (a) March 31, 2025;
- (b) the Termination Date pursuant to Section 9.2(a)(i);
- (c) the date of the declaration of the Reinvestment Period End Date pursuant to <u>Section 9.2(a)(ii)</u>; or
- (d) the date of the termination of all of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.3(a).

"Related Parties": With respect to any Person, such Person's Related Party Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, administrators, managers, advisors and representatives of such Person and of such Person's Related Party Affiliates.

"Related Party Affiliate": With respect to any Person, any other Person that, at any time, directly or indirectly, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For the purpose of this definition, "control" and the correlative meanings of the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with" when used with respect to any specified Person means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting shares, partnership interests, shareholder interests, membership interests or by contract or otherwise.

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

"Relevant Test Period": With respect to any Loan, the relevant test period for the calculation of Net Senior Leverage Ratio, Interest Coverage Ratio, Total Net Leverage Ratio or EBITDA as applicable, for such Loan in accordance with the related Underlying Instruments or, if no such period is provided for therein, (i) for Obligors delivering monthly financial statements, each period of the last twelve (12) consecutive reported calendar months, and (ii) for Obligors delivering quarterly financial statements, each period of the last four (4) consecutive reported fiscal quarters of the principal Obligor on such Loan; provided that with respect to any Loan for which the relevant test period is not provided for in the related Underlying Instruments, if an Obligor is a newly-formed entity as to which twelve (12) consecutive calendar months have not yet elapsed, "Relevant Test Period" shall initially include the period from the date of formation of such Obligor to the end of the twelfth (12th) calendar month or fourth (4th) fiscal quarter (as the case may be) from the date of formation, and shall subsequently include each period of the last twelve (12) consecutive reported calendar months or four (4) consecutive reported fiscal quarters (as the case may be) of such Obligor.

"Repayment Notice": Each notice required to be delivered by the Borrower in respect of any reduction of the Commitments or by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) in respect of any repayment of Advances Outstanding, in the form of Exhibit A-2.

"Reportable Event": Any non-exempt prohibited transactions, accumulated funding deficiencies, withdrawals or reportable events within the meaning of 4043 of ERISA, other than those events as to which the 30-day notice period referred to in Section 4043(c) of ERISA has been waived.

"Reporting Date": The date that is two (2) Business Days prior to the 25th of each calendar month, with the first Reporting Date occurring in December 2015.

"Required Lenders": (a) Lenders representing an aggregate of at least 51% of the aggregate Commitments (or, if the applicable Commitments have been terminated, Advances Outstanding) and (b) as long as WF (or an Affiliate thereof) is the Administrative Agent, WF; provided that, if there are two or more unaffiliated Lenders party hereto as of the applicable date of determination, then at least two such Lenders shall be required to constitute the Required Lenders; provided further that, the Commitment of, and the portion of any outstanding Advances, as applicable, held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of the Required Lenders.

"Required Loan Documents": For each Loan, the following documents or instruments, in each case as specified on the related Loan Checklist:

- (a) (i) the original executed promissory note or, in the case of a lost note, a copy of the executed underlying promissory note accompanied by an original executed affidavit and indemnity endorsed by the Borrower in blank (and an unbroken chain of endorsements from each prior holder of such promissory note to the Borrower), or (ii) if no promissory note is issued in the name of the Borrower or such Loan is a Noteless Loan, an executed copy of each assignment and assumption agreement, transfer document or instrument relating to such Loan evidencing the assignment of such Loan from any prior third party owner thereof to the Borrower and from the Borrower in blank; and
- (b) to the extent applicable for the related Loan, copies of the executed (i) guaranty, (ii) underlying credit or loan agreement (or similar agreement pursuant to which the related Loan has been issued or created) and (iii) security agreement, mortgage or other agreement that secures the obligations represented by such Loan, in each case as set forth on the Loan Checklist.

"Required Reports": Collectively, the Borrowing Base Certificate, the Collateral Management Report, financial statements of each Obligor and the Borrower required to be delivered under the Transaction Documents, the annual statements as to compliance and the annual independent public accountant's report pursuant to Section 6.8(d).

"Responsible Officer": With respect to any Person, any duly authorized officer of such Person or of the general partner, administrative manager or managing member of such Person with direct responsibility for the administration of this Agreement and also, with respect to a particular matter, any other duly authorized officer of such Person or of the general partner, administrative manager or managing member of such Person to whom such matter is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and with respect to the Collateral Agent, Custodian or Securities Intermediary, an officer within the Corporate Trust Office to whom a corporate trust matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and having direct responsibility for the administration of this transaction.

"Restricted Payment": (i) Any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any class of membership interests of the Borrower now or hereafter outstanding, except a dividend or distribution paid solely in interests of that class of membership interests or in any junior class of membership interests of the Borrower; (ii) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any class of membership interests of the Borrower now or hereafter outstanding, and (iii) any payment made to redeem, purchase, repurchase or retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire membership interests of the Borrower now or hereafter outstanding.

"Revenue Recognition Implementation": The implementation by an Obligor of IFRS 15/ASC 606.

"Review Criteria": The meaning specified in Section 14.2(a)(ii).

"Revolving Loan": A Broadly Syndicated Loan or a First Lien Middle Market Loan (other than a Delayed Draw Loan) that under the Underlying Instruments relating thereto may require one or more future advances to be made to the Obligor by the Borrower; provided that, any such Loan will be a Revolving Loan only until all commitments by the Borrower to

make advances to the Obligor thereof expire, or are terminated, or are irrevocably reduced to zero.

"S&P": Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business, and any successor thereto.

"Sale Proceeds": With respect to any Loan, all proceeds received as a result of the sale of such Loan, net of all reasonable and documented fees and out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Agent incurred in connection with any such sale.

"Sanction" or "Sanctions": Individually and collectively, respectively, any and all economic or financial sanctions, sectoral sanctions, secondary sanctions, trade embargoes and anti-terrorism laws, including but not limited to those imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by: (a) the United States of America, including those administered by OFAC, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Commerce, or through any existing or future executive order; (b) the United Nations Security Council; (c) the European Union; (d) the United Kingdom; or (e) any other Governmental Authorities with jurisdiction over any Credit Party or its Subsidiaries or their respective Related Parties.

"Sanctioned Person": Any Person that is a target of Sanctions, including without limitation, a Person that is: (a) listed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) and Blocked Persons List; (b) listed on OFAC's Consolidated Non-SDN List; (c) a legal entity that is deemed by OFAC to be a Sanctions target based on the direct or indirect ownership or control of such legal entity by Sanctioned Person(s); or (d) a Person that is a Sanctions target pursuant to any territorial or country-based Sanctions program.

"Scheduled Payment": Each scheduled payment of principal and/or interest required to be made by an Obligor on the related Loan, as adjusted pursuant to the terms of the related Underlying Instruments, if applicable.

"Second Amendment Closing Date": March 31, 2022.

"Second Lien Loan": A Loan that (i) does not satisfy each requirement set forth in the definition of "First Lien Middle Market Loan," (ii) is secured by a pledge of collateral, which security interest is validly perfected and second priority under Applicable Law (subject to Permitted Liens), (iii) is not (and cannot by its terms become) subordinate in right of payment to any obligation of any related Obligor in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings but which may be subordinated (with respect to liquidation preferences with respect to pledged collateral) to a senior secured loan of such Obligor and (iv) pursuant to an intercreditor agreement between the Borrower and the holder of the first priority Lien over the Underlying Assets, the amount of Indebtedness secured by such first priority Lien is limited (in terms of aggregate dollar amount or percent of outstanding principal or both).

"Section 28(e)": The meaning specified in Section 6.2(1).

"Secured Party": (i) Each Lender, (ii) the Administrative Agent, (iii) the Collateral Agent, (iv) the Custodian, (v) the Securities Intermediary and (vi) solely with respect to the right to receive fees, expenses and indemnities owing to it hereunder, the Collateral Manager.

"Securities Account": The meaning specified in Section 8-501(a) of the UCC.

"Securities Account Control Agreement": A Securities Account Control Agreement between a Borrower and the applicable Account Bank establishing "control" within the meaning of the UCC over the accounts described therein, as the same may be amended, modified, waived, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Securities Act": The U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Securities Intermediary": U.S. Bank National Association, in its capacity as securities intermediary pursuant to a Securities Account Control Agreement, or any subsequent (i) Clearing Corporation; or (ii) Person, including a bank or broker, that in the ordinary course of its business maintains Securities Accounts for others and is acting in that capacity or agreeing to act in such capacity pursuant to any Securities Account Control Agreement.

"Securitization Date": The first date following the Second Amendment Closing Date on which a Permitted Securitization closes.

"Security Certificate": The meaning specified in Section 8-102(a)(16) of the UCC.

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

"Similar Law": The meaning specified in Section 4.1(w)(iii).

"SOFR": With respect to any day means the secured overnight financing rate published for such day by the SOFR Administrator on the SOFR Administrator's Website.

"SOFR Administrator": The Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or any successor administrator).

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

"SOFR Determination Day": The meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR."

"SOFR Rate Day": The meaning specified in the definition of "Daily Simple SOFR."

"Solvent": As to any Person at any time, having a state of affairs such that all of the following conditions are met: (a) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the amount of such Person's liabilities (including disputed, contingent and unliquidated liabilities) as such value is established and liabilities evaluated for purposes of Section 101(32) of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) the present fair saleable value of the property of such Person in an orderly liquidation of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts and other liabilities as they become absolute and matured; (c) such Person is able to realize upon its property and pay its debts and other liabilities (including disputed, contingent and unliquidated liabilities) as they mature or fall due in the normal course of business; (d) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay as such debts and liabilities mature; and (e) such Person is not engaged in a business or a transaction, and does not propose to engage

in a business or a transaction, for which such Person's property assets would constitute unreasonably small capital.

"Sub-Advisor": The meaning specified in Section 6.2(c).

"Subsidiary": As to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person.

"Substitution": The meaning specified in Section 2.14(b).

"Successor Borrower": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

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

"Termination Date": The earliest of (a) the date of the termination of all the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.3(a), (b) the Facility Maturity Date, and (c) the date of the declaration of the Termination Date or the date of the automatic occurrence of the Termination Date pursuant to Section 9.2(a).

"Third Party Agented Loan": Any Loan originated as part of a syndicated loan transaction that has one (1) or more administrative, paying and/or collateral agents who are not the Borrower, Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof and receive payments and hold the collateral pledged by the related Obligor on behalf of all lenders with respect to the related credit facility.

"Third Amendment Closing Date": March 14, 2024.

"TIAA": Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America.

"Total Net Leverage Ratio": With respect to any Loan for any Relevant Test Period either (a) the meaning of "Total Net Leverage Ratio" or any comparable definition set forth in the Underlying Instruments for such Loan, or (b) in the case of any Loan with respect to which the related Underlying Instruments do not include a definition of "Total Net Leverage Ratio" or comparable definition, the ratio of the ratio of (a) Indebtedness (including, without limitation, such Loan) of the applicable Obligor as of the date of determination *minus* Unrestricted Cash of such Obligor as of such date to (b) EBITDA of such Obligor with respect to the applicable Relevant Test Period, as calculated by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager in good faith.

"Tranche Size": With respect to any Loan, the dollar value of the tranche of Indebtedness of the applicable Obligor currently held or contemplated for purchase by the Borrower, which shall include any funded and unfunded Indebtedness under a delayed draw tranche that (x) is an obligation of the same Obligor under the same Underlying Instrument, (y) pari passu with such Loan and (z) has the same stated maturity as such Loan.

"Transaction": The meaning specified in Section 3.2.

"Transaction Documents": This Agreement, the Fee Letters, each Securities Account Control Agreement, any Borrower Joinder Agreement, each Variable Funding Note, any Joinder Supplement, any Transferee Letter, the Collateral Agent and Custodian Fee Letter and each Purchase Agreement.

"Transferee Letter": The meaning specified in Section 12.16(a).

"<u>UCC</u>": The Uniform Commercial Code as from time to time in effect in the applicable jurisdiction or jurisdictions.

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement": The Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

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

"<u>Underlying Assets</u>": With respect to a Loan, any property or other assets designated and pledged as collateral to secure repayment of such Loan, including, without limitation, to the extent provided for in the relevant Underlying Instruments, a pledge of the stock, membership or other ownership interests in the related Obligor and all Proceeds from any sale or other disposition of such property or other assets.

"<u>Underlying Instruments</u>": The loan agreement, credit agreement or other agreement pursuant to which a Loan has been issued or created and each other agreement that governs the terms of or secures the obligations represented by such Loan or Permitted Investments or of which the holders of such Loan or Permitted Investment are the beneficiaries.

"<u>Unfunded Exposure Account</u>": A Securities Account created and maintained on the books and records of the Securities Intermediary entitled "Unfunded Exposure Account" in the name of one Borrower and subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"<u>Unfunded Exposure Amount</u>": As of any date of determination, an amount equal to the aggregate amount (without duplication) of all unfunded commitments associated with the Loans.

"<u>Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount</u>": As of any date of determination, an amount equal to the sum for all Loans of (a) the Unfunded Exposure Amount with respect to such Loan *minus* (b) the product of (i) the Unfunded Exposure Amount with respect to such Loan, (ii) the Applicable Percentage for such Loan and (iii) the Assigned Value with respect to such Loan.

"United States" or "U.S.": The United States of America.

"Unrestricted Cash": The meaning of "Unrestricted Cash" or any comparable definition in the Underlying Instruments for each Loan, and in any case that "Unrestricted Cash" or such comparable definition is not defined in such Underlying Instruments, all cash available for use for general corporate purposes and not held in any reserve account or legally or contractually restricted for any particular purposes or subject to any lien (other than blanket liens permitted under or granted in accordance with such Underlying Instruments), as reflected on the most recent financial statements of the relevant Obligor that have been delivered to the Borrower.

"U.S. Bank": The meaning specified in the Preamble.

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day": Any day except for (a) a Saturday, (b) a Sunday or (c) a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in United States government securities; provided, that for purposes of the notice requirements in Section 2.03(b), such day is also a Business Day.

"U.S. Person": Any Person that is a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"<u>U.S. Special Resolution Regime</u>": Each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

"U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate": The meaning set forth in Section 2.13(f).

"<u>USA Patriot Act</u>": The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001, Public Law 107-56.

"Variable Funding Note" or "VFN": The meaning specified in Section 2.1(a).

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

"Wells Fargo": Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association and its successors and assigns.

"Withholding Agent": The Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

Section 1.2 Other Terms.

All accounting terms used but not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with GAAP. All terms used in the UCC in the State of New York, and used but not specifically defined herein, are used herein as defined in such UCC.

Section 1.3 <u>Computation of Time Periods</u>.

Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement, in the computation of a period of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including" and the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding."

Section 1.4 <u>Interpretation</u>.

In each Transaction Document, unless a contrary intention appears:

- (a) the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa;
- (b) reference to any Person includes such Person's successors and assigns but, if applicable, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by the Transaction Documents;
 - (c) reference to any gender includes each other gender;
 - (d) reference to day or days without further qualification means calendar days;

- (e) reference to any time means Charlotte, North Carolina time;
- (f) the word "including" is not limiting and means "including without limitation;"
- (g) the word "any" is not limiting and means "any and all" unless the context clearly requires or the language provides otherwise;
- (h) reference to any agreement (including any Transaction Document), document or instrument means such agreement, document or instrument as amended, modified, waived, supplemented, restated or replaced and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms of the other Transaction Documents, and reference to any promissory note includes any promissory note that is an extension or renewal thereof or a substitute or replacement therefor;
- (i) reference to any Applicable Law means such Applicable Law as amended, modified, codified, replaced or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and reference to any Section or other provision of any Applicable Law means that provision of such Applicable Law from time to time in effect and constituting the substantive amendment, modification, codification, replacement or reenactment of such Section or other provision;
- (j) reference to any delivery or transfer to the Collateral Agent or the Custodian with respect to the Collateral, as applicable, means delivery or transfer to the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties;
- (k) if any date for compliance with the terms or conditions of any Transaction Document falls due on a day which is not a Business Day, then such due date shall be deemed to be the immediately following Business Day;
- (l) reference to the date of any acquisition or disposition of any Collateral, or the date on which any asset is added to or removed from the Collateral shall mean the related "settlement date" and not the related "trade date";
- (m) references herein to the knowledge or actual knowledge of a Person shall mean the actual knowledge following due inquiry of a responsible officer of such Person;
- (n) for purposes of this Agreement, an Event of Default shall be deemed to be continuing until it is waived in accordance with Section 12.1;
- (o) any use of "material" or "materially" or words of similar meaning in this Agreement shall mean material, as determined by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion;
- (p) on any date when more than one (1) Borrower is party to this Agreement, the obligations of each Borrower hereunder shall be joint and several in all respects, including, without limitation, for purposes of <u>Article X</u>;
- (q) any Borrower that is the issuer under a Permitted Securitization shall, upon the delivery of a release letter by such Borrower and subject to the following clause (r), be removed as a Borrower on the closing date of such Permitted Securitization and released from all of its obligations hereunder and each other Transaction Document (other than those that expressly survive);

- (r) there shall be at least one (1) Borrower party hereto at all times prior to the Termination Date;
- (s) there shall not be more than two (2) Borrowers party hereto at any time without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion;
- (t) any representation, warranty, covenant or other agreement hereunder of a Person who becomes a Borrower hereunder after the A&R Effective Date shall apply only with respect to such Borrower on and after the date on which such Borrower executes and delivers a Borrower Joinder Agreement;
- (u) unless otherwise expressly stated in this Agreement, if at any time any change in generally accepted accounting principles (including the adoption of IFRS) would affect the computation of any covenant (including the computation of any financial covenant) set forth in this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, Borrower and Administrative Agent shall negotiate in good faith to amend such covenant to preserve the original intent in light of such change; provided, that, until so amended, (i) such covenant shall continue to be computed in accordance with the application of generally accepted accounting principles prior to such change and (ii) the Borrower shall promptly after written demand therefor provide to the Administrative Agent a written reconciliation, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, between calculations of such covenant made before and after giving effect to such change in generally accepted accounting principles; and
- (v) any reference to Borrower acquiring any Loan or other asset shall, with respect to any asset originally acquired by the Existing Borrower and subsequently acquired by the Successor Borrower by operation of the Permitted Merger, be deemed to refer to the original acquisition thereof by the Existing Borrower (and not, for the avoidance of doubt, to the subsequent acquisition thereof by the Successor Borrower pursuant to the Permitted Merger).

ARTICLE II

THE VARIABLE FUNDING NOTE

Section 1.1 The Variable Funding Notes.

- (a) On the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Borrower shall deliver (i) on the A&R Effective Date, to each Lender so requesting at the applicable address set forth on Annex A to this Agreement, and (ii) on the effective date of any Joinder Supplement, to each additional Lender so requesting, at the address set forth in the applicable Joinder Supplement, a duly executed variable funding note in substantially the form of Exhibit B (each a "Variable Funding Note" or "VFN"), dated as of the date of this Agreement or the effective date of the applicable Joinder Supplement, each in a face amount equal to the applicable Lender's Commitment as of the A&R Effective Date or the effective date of any Joinder Supplement, as applicable, and otherwise duly completed. Each Variable Funding Note shall evidence obligations in an amount equal, at any time, to the outstanding Advances by such Lender under the applicable VFN on such day.
- (b) During the Reinvestment Period, the Borrower may, at its option, request the Lenders to make advances of funds (each, an "Advance") under this Agreement pursuant to a Funding Notice; provided, however, that no Lender shall be obligated to make any Advance on or after the date that is two (2) Business Days prior to the Reinvestment Period End Date, unless the Borrower has entered into a binding commitment to purchase an Eligible Loan prior to the declaration of the Termination Date or the Reinvestment Period End Date pursuant to

Section 9.2(a) and the related Advance Date is not more than thirty (30) days after such declaration.

- (c) Following the receipt of a Funding Notice during the Reinvestment Period and subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, the Lenders shall fund such Advance. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Lender shall be obligated to make any Advance if, after giving effect to such Advance and the addition to the Collateral of the Eligible Loans to be acquired by the Borrower with the proceeds of such Advance, (i) in the sole discretion of any such Lender, a Default or Event of Default would or could reasonably be expected to result therefrom or (ii) the aggregate Advances Outstanding would exceed the Borrowing Base.
- (d) The Borrower may, with the written consent of the Administrative Agent, add additional Persons who satisfy the requirements set forth in <u>Section 12.16</u> as Lenders and increase the Commitments hereunder; <u>provided</u> that the Commitment of any Lender may only be increased with the prior written consent of such Lender and the Administrative Agent. Each additional Lender shall become a party hereto by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower a Transferee Letter and a Joinder Supplement.

Section 1.2 Procedures for Advances by the Lenders.

- (a) Subject to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 2.1(b)</u>, the Borrower may request an Advance from the Lenders by delivering to the Lenders at certain times the information and documents set forth in this <u>Section 2.2</u>.
- (b) With respect to all Advances, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Business Day prior to the proposed Funding Date, the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on the Borrower's behalf) shall deliver:
 - (i) to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent) a wire disbursement and authorization form, to the extent not previously delivered; and
 - (ii) to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to each Lender and the Collateral Agent) a duly completed Funding Notice (including a duly completed Borrowing Base Certificate as of the proposed Funding Date and giving *pro forma* effect to the Advance requested and the use of the proceeds thereof) which shall (i) specify the desired amount of such Advance, which amount shall not cause the Advances Outstanding to exceed the Borrowing Base and must be at least equal to \$250,000 (or such lesser amount that is necessary to fund a draw under a Revolving Loan or Delayed Draw Loan), to be allocated to each Lender in accordance with its Pro Rata Share, (ii) specify the proposed Funding Date of such Advance, (iii) specify the Loan(s) (if any) to be financed on such Funding Date (including the appropriate file number, Obligor, Outstanding Balance, Assigned Value and Purchase Price for such Loan(s) (if any)), and (iv) include a representation that all conditions precedent (other than Sections 3.2(h) and (i)) for an Advance described in Article III hereof have been satisfied or waived. Each Funding Notice shall be irrevocable. If any Funding Notice is received by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Lender after 3:00 p.m. on the Business Day prior to the proposed Funding Date or on a day that is not a Business Day, such Funding Notice shall be deemed to be received by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Lender at 9:00 a.m. on the next Business Day.
- (c) On the proposed Funding Date, subject to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 2.1(b)</u> and upon satisfaction or waiver of the applicable conditions set forth in <u>Article III</u>,

each Lender shall make available to the Borrower in same day funds, by wire transfer to the account designated by the Borrower in the Funding Notice given pursuant to this <u>Section 2.2</u>, an amount equal to such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the least of (i) the amount requested by the Borrower for such Advance, (ii) the aggregate unused Commitments then in effect and (iii) the maximum amount that, after taking into account the proposed use of the proceeds of such Advance, could be advanced to the Borrower hereunder without causing the Advances Outstanding to exceed the Borrowing Base on the related Funding Date.

(d) On each Funding Date, the obligation of each Lender to remit its Pro Rata Share of any such Advance shall be several from that of each other Lender and the failure of any Lender to so make such amount available to the Borrower shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation hereunder.

Section 1.3 Reduction of the Facility Amount; Principal Repayments.

- (a) The Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower) may irrevocably terminate the Commitments in whole or irrevocably reduce in part the portion of the Commitments that exceed the sum of the Advances Outstanding and accrued Interest and Breakage Costs with respect thereto; provided that (i) the Borrower shall provide a Repayment Notice at least one (1) Business Day prior to the date of such termination or reduction to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Agent); (ii) any partial reduction of the Commitments shall be in an amount equal to \$5,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$500,000 in excess thereof; and (iii) in the case of such termination or reduction on or prior to the two (2) year anniversary of the First Amendment Closing Date other than (x) in connection with an amendment and restatement of this Agreement or (y) within five (5) Business Days following a demand by any Lender for Increased Costs pursuant to Section 2.12, the Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for distribution to the Lenders the applicable Commitment Reduction Fee. Each notice of a reduction or termination pursuant to this Section 2.3(a) shall be irrevocable. The applicable Commitment of each Lender shall be reduced by an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share (prior to giving effect to any reduction of the Commitments hereunder) of the aggregate amount of any reduction under this Section 2.3(a).
- (b) The Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower) may, at any time, reduce Advances Outstanding; provided that, other than a reduction pursuant to Section 2.7 or 2.8 (i) the Borrower shall provide a Repayment Notice at least one (1) Business Day prior to the date of such reduction to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders (provided that same day notice may be given with respect to curing any Borrowing Base Deficiency) and (ii) any reduction of Advances Outstanding (other than with respect to repayments of Advances Outstanding made by the Borrower to reduce Advances Outstanding such that no Borrowing Base Deficiency exists) shall be in a minimum amount of \$500,000 (unless the Advances Outstanding are less than \$500,000 in which case the minimum reduction shall be equal to the Advances Outstanding at such time) and in integral multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof. In connection with any such reduction of Advances Outstanding, the Borrower (or, in the case of curing a Borrowing Base Deficiency, the Equity Investor on behalf of the Borrower) shall deliver (1) to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and each Lender of such Advances, a Repayment Notice and (2) funds to the Collateral Agent for payment to the Lenders of such Advances sufficient to repay such Advances Outstanding, accrued Interest thereon and any Breakage Costs which may include instructions to the Collateral Agent to use funds from the Principal Collection Account and/or funds otherwise provided by the Borrower or the Equity Investor to the Collateral Agent with respect thereto; provided that, the Advances Outstanding will not be reduced unless sufficient funds have been remitted to pay all such amounts referred to in this sentence in full. Any Advance so repaid may, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, be reborrowed during the Reinvestment Period. Any Repayment Notice relating to any repayment pursuant to this Section 2.3(b) shall be irrevocable.

(c) Unless sooner prepaid pursuant to the terms hereof, the Advances Outstanding shall be repaid in full on the Termination Date or on such later date as is agreed to in writing by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders.

Section 1.4 <u>Determination of Interest.</u>

- (a) The Administrative Agent shall determine the Interest (including unpaid Interest related thereto, if any, due and payable on a prior Payment Date) to be paid by the Borrower on each Payment Date for the related Accrual Period and shall advise the Collateral Manager and the Borrower thereof on the third Business Day prior to such Payment Date.
- (b) No provision of this Agreement shall require the payment or permit the collection of Interest in excess of the maximum permitted by Applicable Law.
- (c) No Interest shall be considered paid by any distribution if at any time such distribution is rescinded or must otherwise be returned for any reason.

Section 1.5 Notations on Variable Funding Notes.

Each Lender is hereby authorized to enter on a schedule attached to the VFN with respect to such Lender, as applicable, a notation (which may be computer generated) or to otherwise record in its internal books and records or computer system with respect to each Advance under the VFN made by the applicable Lender of (a) the date and principal amount thereof and (b) each payment and repayment of principal thereof. Any such recordation shall, absent manifest error, constitute *prima facie* evidence of the outstanding Advances, as applicable, under each VFN. The failure of any Lender to make any such notation on the schedule attached to the applicable VFN shall not limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Advances in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

Section 1.6 Borrowing Base Deficiency Cures.

Any Borrowing Base Deficiency may be cured by the Borrower taking one or more of the following actions:

- (i) crediting Cash into the Principal Collection Account;
- (ii) repaying the applicable Advances Outstanding in accordance with Section 2.3(b);
- (iii) posting additional Eligible Loans and/or Permitted Investments as Collateral or effecting a Substitution of a new Eligible Loan for an existing Loan; <u>provided</u> that the amount of any reduction of a Borrowing Base Deficiency pursuant to any such additional Eligible Loans shall be the Adjusted Borrowing Value of such Eligible Loans; or
- (iv) selling Loans and/or purchasing Loans in accordance with <u>Section 2.14</u> if such sales and/or purchases, together with any other combination of actions under this <u>Section 2.6</u> will cure such event; <u>provided</u> that the sale proceeds of any Loan sold pursuant to this clause (iv) that has not settled in Cash within twenty (20) Business Days of its respective trade date shall no longer be included in the determination of whether any Borrowing Base Deficiency has been cured.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower may cure a Borrowing Base Deficiency by any combination of (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) of this Section 2.6 (or by any other action with the

prior written consent of the Administrative Agent). Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, if the Borrower has eliminated a Borrowing Base Deficiency pursuant to clause (i) of this Section 2.6, upon written request of the Borrower to the Collateral Agent to release such funds from the Principal Collection Account and written certification by the Borrower (which may be by email) that immediately after giving effect to the return of any such Cash, no Borrowing Base Deficiency will exist, the Borrower shall be permitted the return of all or a portion of the Cash so deposited in the Principal Collection Account and the Collateral Agent shall pay the amount so requested to the Borrower and, for the avoidance of doubt, such amount shall not constitute Available Funds.

Section 1.7 <u>Priority of Payments</u>.

- (a) <u>Interest Collection Account.</u> On each Payment Date, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Collateral Manager shall direct the Collateral Agent to pay pursuant to the related Collateral Management Report (and the Collateral Agent shall make payment from the Interest Collection Account to the extent of Available Funds, in reliance on the information set forth in such Collateral Management Report) to the following Persons, the following amounts in the following order of priority:
 - (1) pro rata to (A) the Collateral Agent, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Agent Fees, (B) the Custodian, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Custodian Fees and (C) the Securities Intermediary, in an amount equal to any amounts payable to each Securities Intermediary under each Securities Account Control Agreement; provided that, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to this Section 2.7(a)(1), Section 2.7(b)(1) and Section 2.8(1) shall not exceed \$100,000 per annum;
 - (2) to the Collateral Manager *first* (A) in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fee, to the extent not waived in writing by the Collateral Manager, and then *second* (B) all documented Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses due and owing to the Collateral Manager; <u>provided</u> that, during any 12-month rolling period, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to this <u>Section 2.7(a)(2)(B)</u>, <u>Section 2.7(b)(2)(B)</u> and <u>Section 2.8(2)(B)</u> shall not exceed \$100,000 *per annum*;
 - (3) pro rata to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Interest, Breakage Costs and Non-Usage Fee;
 - (4) pro rata to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, all Administrative Expenses and any Increased Costs due and owing to such Person;
 - (5) if a Borrowing Base Deficiency exists, *pro rata* to the Lenders to reduce the Advances Outstanding in an amount necessary to cure such Borrowing Base Deficiency;
 - (6) pro rata to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Commitment Reduction Fee;
 - (7) to the Expense Reserve Account, in an amount equal to the Expense Reserve Account Amount;
 - (8) pro rata to each applicable party to pay all other unpaid Administrative Expenses;

- (9) to the applicable Governmental Authority, any Tax or withholding Tax which, if not paid, could result in a Lien on any of the Collateral; and
 - (10) any remaining amounts shall be distributed to or as directed by the Borrower.
- (b) <u>Principal Collection Account.</u> On each Payment Date, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Collateral Manager shall direct the Collateral Agent to pay pursuant to the related Collateral Management Report (and the Collateral Agent shall make payment from the Principal Collection Account to the extent of Available Funds, in reliance on the information set forth in such Collateral Management Report) to the following Persons, the following amounts in the following order of priority:
 - (1) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(1)</u>, *pro rata* to (A) the Collateral Agent, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Agent Fees, (B) the Custodian, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Custodian Fees and (C) the Securities Intermediary, in an amount equal to any amounts payable to the Securities Intermediary under each Securities Account Control Agreement; <u>provided</u> that, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(1)</u>, this <u>Section 2.7(b)(1)</u> and <u>Section 2.8(1)</u> shall not exceed \$100,000 *per annum*;
 - (2) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(2)</u>, to the Collateral Manager *first* (A) in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fee, to the extent not waived in writing by the Collateral Manager, and then *second* (B) all documented Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses due and owing to the Collateral Manager; <u>provided</u> that, during any 12-month rolling period, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(2)</u>, this <u>Section 2.7(b)(2)(B)</u> and <u>Section 2.8(2)(B)</u> shall not exceed \$100,000 *per annum*;
 - (3) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(3)</u>, pro rata to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Interest, Breakage Costs and Non-Usage Fee;
 - (4) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(4)</u>, *pro rata* to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, all Administrative Expenses and any Increased Costs due and owing to such Person;
 - (5) to the Unfunded Exposure Account (which, during the Reinvestment Period shall be at the discretion of the Collateral Manager) in an amount necessary to cause the amount on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account to equal the Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount;
 - (6) (i) during the Reinvestment Period, to the extent not paid pursuant to Section 2.7(a)(5), pro rata to the Lenders to reduce the Advances Outstanding in an amount necessary to cure such Borrowing Base Deficiency or (ii) after the end of the Reinvestment Period, pro rata to each Lender to pay the Advances Outstanding until paid in full;
 - (7) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(6)</u>, *pro rata* to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Commitment Reduction Fee owing to the Lenders;

- (8) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(7)</u>, pro rata to each applicable party to pay all other outstanding amounts then due and payable under the Transaction Documents;
 - (9) to the Expense Reserve account, in an amount equal to the Expense Reserve Account Amount;
- (10) to the extent not paid pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(9)</u>, to the applicable Governmental Authority, any Tax or withholding Tax which, if not paid, could result in a Lien on any of the Collateral;
- (11) during the Reinvestment Period, at the sole discretion of the Collateral Manager, to the Principal Collection Account; and
 - (12) any remaining amounts shall be distributed to or as directed by the Borrower.
- (c) If Available Funds are not sufficient on any Payment Date to pay all accrued and unpaid Interest owing to the Lender on such Payment Date in accordance with Sections 2.7(a)(3) and (b)(3), then the Equity Investor may (but is not obligated to) make capital contributions to the Borrower and designate the proceeds thereof as Interest Collections in an amount sufficient to pay the amount of such deficiency.

Section 1.8 Alternate Priority of Payments.

On each Business Day (a) following the occurrence and during the continuation of a Default or an Event of Default, (b) on which an Optional Sale occurs or (c) following the declaration of the occurrence, or the deemed occurrence, as applicable, of the Termination Date pursuant to Section 9.2(a), the Collateral Manager (or, in the case of clause (a) or (c), after delivery of a Notice of Exclusive Control, the Administrative Agent) shall direct the Collateral Agent to pay pursuant to the related Collateral Management Report (and the Collateral Agent shall make payment from the Collection Account to the extent of Available Funds, in reliance on the information set forth in such Collateral Management Report) to the following Persons, the following amounts in the following order of priority:

- (1) pro rata to the Collateral Agent, the Custodian and the Securities Intermediary, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Agent Fees, Custodian Fees and amounts payable to the Securities Intermediary under each Securities Account Control Agreement owing to such Person; provided that, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to Section 2.7(a)(1), Section 2.7(b)(1) and this Section 2.8(1) shall not exceed \$100,000 per annum; provided, further, that following the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent may in its sole discretion waive the limitation set forth in the previous proviso;
- (2) to the Collateral Manager *first* (A) in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Collateral Management Fee, to the extent not waived in writing by the Collateral Manager, and then *second* (B) all documented Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses due and owing to the Collateral Manager; <u>provided</u> that, during any 12-month rolling period, the aggregate amount payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.7(a)(2)(B)</u>, <u>Section 2.7(b)(2)(B)</u> and this <u>Section 2.8(2)(B)</u> shall not exceed \$100,000 *per annum*;

- (3) pro rata to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Interest, Breakage Costs and Non-Usage Fee;
- (4) pro rata to the Administrative Agent and each Lender, all Administrative Expenses and any Increased Costs due and owing to such Person;
- (5) to the Unfunded Exposure Account, in an amount necessary to cause the amount in the Unfunded Exposure Account to equal the Unfunded Exposure Amount;
 - (6) *pro rata* to the Lenders to pay the Advances Outstanding until paid in full;
- (7) pro rata to each Lender, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Commitment Reduction Fee owing to the Lenders;
 - (8) pro rata to each applicable party to pay all other amounts outstanding under the Transaction Documents;
- (9) to the applicable Governmental Authority, any Tax or withholding Tax which, if not paid, could result in a Lien on any of the Collateral; and
 - (10) any remaining amounts shall be distributed to or as directed by the Borrower.

Section 1.9 <u>Collections and Allocations</u>.

- (a) <u>Collections</u>. The Collateral Manager shall promptly identify any Collections received directly by it as Interest Collections or Principal Collections and shall transfer all such Collections to the appropriate Collection Account within two (2) Business Days after its receipt thereof. Upon the receipt of Collections in the Collection Account during any Accrual Period, the Collateral Manager shall identify Principal Collections and Interest Collections no later than the Measurement Date related to the Payment Date immediately following such Accrual Period and direct the Collateral Agent and Securities Intermediary to transfer the same to the Principal Collection Account and the Interest Collection Account, respectively. The Collateral Manager shall further include a statement as to the amount of Principal Collections and Interest Collections on deposit in the Principal Collection Account and the Interest Collection Account on each Reporting Date in the Collateral Management Report delivered pursuant to Section 6.8(c).
- (b) <u>Excluded Amounts</u>. With the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager may direct the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary to withdraw from the Collection Account and pay to the Person entitled thereto any amounts credited thereto constituting Excluded Amounts if the Collateral Manager has, prior to such withdrawal and consent, delivered to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Borrower and each Lender a report setting forth the calculation of such Excluded Amounts in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and each Lender.
- (c) <u>Initial Deposits</u>. On the initial Funding Date with respect to any Loan, the Collateral Manager will deposit or cause to be deposited into the Collection Account all Collections received in respect of such Loan on such initial Funding Date. The Borrower shall confirm to the Administrative Agent in writing when it has provided each such payment instruction.

- (d) Investment of Funds. All uninvested amounts on deposit in the Collection Account or the Expense Reserve Account shall be invested pursuant to clause (b) (or, upon written notice from the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Agent, clause (c)) of the definition of Permitted Investments at the direction of the Collateral Manager. If no such direction is received by the Collateral Agent, all such amounts shall remain uninvested. All earnings (net of losses and investment expenses) thereon shall be retained or deposited into the Principal Collection Account or the Expense Reserve Account and shall be applied on each Payment Date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.7 or Section 2.8 (as applicable).
- (e) <u>Unfunded Exposure Account</u>. On the last day of the Reinvestment Period, the Borrower shall fund an amount equal to the Unfunded Exposure Amount into the Unfunded Exposure Account. All funding requests associated with the Unfunded Exposure Amount shall be made from the Unfunded Exposure Account after the Reinvestment Period End Date. All uninvested amounts on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account shall be invested pursuant to clause (b) (or, upon written notice from the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Agent, clause (c)) of the definition of Permitted Investments.
- (f) Expense Reserve Account. At any time, the Collateral Manager may in its sole discretion, but shall not be obligated to, direct the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary to withdraw from the Expense Reserve Account and pay to (i) the Collateral Manager an amount equal to any Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses; (ii) the Collateral Agent an amount equal to any Collateral Agent Fee, expenses and indemnities; (iii) the Custodian an amount equal to any Custodian Fee, expenses and indemnities; (iv) the Securities Intermediary, any amounts owed pursuant to each Securities Account Control Agreement; (v) the applicable Person an amount equal to any invoice received pursuant to Section 2.11; or (vi) amounts owed pursuant to any Fee Letter.

Section 1.10 Payments, Computations, etc.

- (a) Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all amounts to be paid or deposited by the Borrower hereunder shall be paid or deposited in accordance with the terms hereof no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day when due in lawful money of the United States in immediately available funds and any amount not received before such time shall be deemed received on the next Business Day. The Borrower shall, to the extent permitted by law, pay to the Secured Parties interest on all amounts not paid or deposited when due hereunder at 2.00% *per annum* above the Prime Rate, payable on demand; <u>provided</u> that such interest rate shall not at any time exceed the maximum rate permitted by Applicable Law. Such interest shall be for the account of the applicable Secured Party. All computations of interest and other fees hereunder shall be made on the basis of a year consisting of 360 days (other than calculations with respect to the Base Rate, which shall be based on a year consisting of 365 or 366 days, as applicable) for the actual number of days elapsed.
- (b) Whenever any payment hereunder shall be stated to be due on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and such extension of time shall in such case be included in the computation of the payment of Interest or any fee payable hereunder, as the case may be. For avoidance of doubt, to the extent that Available Funds are insufficient on any Payment Date to satisfy the full amount of any Increased Costs pursuant to Section 2.12, such unpaid amounts shall remain due and owing and shall accrue interest as provided in Section 2.10(a) until repaid in full.
- (c) If any Advance requested by the Borrower is not effectuated as a result of the failure to fulfill any condition under <u>Section 3.2</u> (other than any condition that is waived by the Administrative Agent), as the case may be, on the date specified therefor, whichever of the Collateral Manager or the Borrower is at fault, such Person shall indemnify the applicable

Lender against any reasonable loss, cost or expense incurred by the applicable Lender, including, without limitation, any loss, cost or expense incurred by reason of the liquidation or reemployment of deposits or other funds acquired by the applicable Lender to fund or maintain such Advance upon receipt by the Borrower of documentation setting forth such costs.

Section 1.11 Fees.

The Borrower shall pay to Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP and Walkers as counsel to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders and Nixon Peabody LLP, as counsel to the Collateral Agent, within two (2) Business Days following an invoice therefor, its reasonable invoiced fees and out-of-pocket expenses through the A&R Effective Date.

Section 1.12 <u>Increased Costs; Capital Adequacy; Illegality</u>.

- (a) If either (i) the introduction of or any change (including, without limitation, any change by way of imposition or increase of reserve requirements) in or in the interpretation of any Applicable Law after the Original Closing Date or (ii) the compliance by an Affected Party with any guideline, request or interpretation issued after the Original Closing Date from any central bank or other Governmental Authority (whether or not having the force of law), shall (A) subject any Affected Party to any Taxes (other than (i) Indemnified Taxes and (ii) Taxes described in clauses (b) through (d) of the definition of Excluded Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto, (B) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve requirement (including, without limitation, any reserve requirement imposed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, but excluding any reserve requirement, if any, included in the determination of Interest), special deposit or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the amount of, or credit extended by, any Affected Party or (C) impose any other condition (other than with respect to Taxes) affecting any Affected Party's rights hereunder or under any other Transaction Document, the result of which is to increase the cost to any Affected Party or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by an Affected Party under this Agreement or under any other Transaction Document, then on the Payment Date following demand by such Affected Party (which demand shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the basis for such demand), the Borrower shall pay (in accordance with Section 2.7 or 2.8, as applicable) directly to such Affected Party such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Affected Party for such additional or increased cost incurred or such reduction suffered.
- (b) If either (i) the introduction of or any change in or in the interpretation of any law, guideline, rule, regulation, directive or request or (ii) compliance by any Affected Party with any law, guideline, rule, regulation, directive or request from any central bank or other Governmental Authority or agency (whether or not having the force of law), including, without limitation, compliance by an Affected Party with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy, but excluding with respect to Taxes, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on the capital of any Affected Party as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or arising in connection herewith to a level below that which any such Affected Party could have achieved but for such introduction, change or compliance (taking into consideration the policies of such Affected Party with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount deemed by such Affected Party to be material, then from time to time, on the Payment Date following demand by such Affected Party (which demand shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth the basis for such demand), the Borrower shall pay (in accordance with Section 2.7 or 2.8, as applicable) directly to such Affected Party such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Affected Party for such reduction. For the avoidance of doubt, if the issuance of any amendment or supplement to Interpretation No. 46 or to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140 by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or any other change in accounting standards or

the issuance of any other pronouncement, release or interpretation, causes or requires the consolidation of all or a portion of the assets and liabilities of the Borrower or any Affected Party with the assets and liabilities of the Administrative Agent or any Lender or shall otherwise impose any loss, cost, expense, reduction of return on capital or other loss, such event shall constitute a circumstance on which such Affected Party may base a claim for reimbursement under this Section 2.12. Notwithstanding the foregoing, but subject to Section 6.7, the provisions of this Section 2.12(b) shall not apply to the consolidation of the Borrower for accounting purposes as required by GAAP with the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof, whether or not an Affected Party.

- (c) If as a result of any event or circumstance similar to those described in clause (a) or (b) of this Section 2.12, any Affected Party is required to compensate a bank or other financial institution providing liquidity support, credit enhancement or other similar support to such Affected Party in connection with this Agreement or the funding or maintenance of Advances hereunder, then on the Payment Date following demand by such Affected Party, the Borrower shall pay to such Affected Party such additional amount or amounts as may be necessary to reimburse such Affected Party for any amounts payable or paid by it.
- (d) In determining any amount provided for in this <u>Section 2.12</u>, the Affected Party may use any reasonable averaging and attribution methods. Any Affected Party making a claim under this <u>Section 2.12</u> shall submit to the Borrower and the Collateral Manager a written description as to such additional or increased cost or reduction and the calculation thereof, which written description shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (e) If a Eurodollar Disruption Event with respect to any Lender occurred on any date prior to the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, such Lender shall in turn so notify the Borrower, whereupon all Advances Outstanding of the affected Lender in respect of which Interest accrues at Daily Simple SOFR shall immediately be converted into Advances Outstanding in respect of which such Interest accrues at the Base Rate; provided that such Lender or the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower promptly when the Eurodollar Disruption Event is no longer continuing and interest on such Advances Outstanding on and after the date of such notice with respect to such Lender shall accrue interest at Daily Simple SOFR; provided, further, that if a Eurodollar Disruption Event with respect to any Lender has occurred and Daily Simple SOFR has been replaced with a Benchmark Replacement, such Eurodollar Disruption Event shall no longer be continuing, and interest on such Advances Outstanding on and after the date of such replacement shall accrue interest at the Benchmark Replacement.
- (f) Subject to the next sentence of this <u>Section 2.12(f)</u>, failure or delay on the part of any Affected Party to demand compensation pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u> shall not constitute a waiver of such Affected Party's right to demand or receive such compensation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this <u>Section 2.12</u>, the Borrower shall not be required to compensate an Affected Party pursuant to this <u>Section 2.12</u> for any amounts incurred more than six (6) months prior to the date that such Affected Party notifies the Borrower of such Affected Party's intention to claim compensation therefor; <u>provided</u> that, if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such six (6) month period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect.

Section 1.13 Taxes.

(a) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Transaction Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by applicable law. If any applicable law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall be

entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section 2.13) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding been made.

- (b) The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law, or at the option of the Administrative Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (c) The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within 10 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section 2.13) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability and the calculation thereof delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (d) Without limiting the generality of Section 11.5, each Lender shall severally indemnify the Administrative Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Administrative Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of the Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of Section 12.16(d) relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Administrative Agent in connection with any Transaction Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Administrative Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Transaction Document or otherwise payable by the Administrative Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this Section 2.13(d).
- (e) As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
- (f) (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Transaction Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine

whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements, and to comply with any such requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Section 2.13(f)(ii)(1), Section 2.13(f)(ii)(2), and Section 2.13(f)(ii)(4) below) shall not be required if in the Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
- (1) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent), executed copies of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding tax;
- (2) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
 - a. in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Transaction Document, executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Transaction Document, IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such tax treaty;
 - b. executed copies of IRS Form W-8ECI;
 - c. in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.13-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable; or
 - d. to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner of the income, executed copies of IRS Form W-8IMY,

accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, IRS Form W-8BEN-E, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.13-2 or Exhibit 2.13-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification or documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; <u>provided</u> that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit 2.13-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

- any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent), executed copies of any other form prescribed by applicable law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable law to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding required to be made: and
- if a payment made to a Lender under any Transaction Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (4), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 2.13 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 2.13), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section 2.13 with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this Section 2.13(g) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 2.13(g), in no event will the indemnified

party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this <u>Section 2.13(g)</u> the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax 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 paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

(h) Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 2.13</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 any Transaction Document.

Section 1.14 Reinvestment; Discretionary Sales, Substitution and Optional Sales of Loans.

- (a) <u>Reinvestment</u>. On the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth as certified in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent, prior to the Facility Maturity Date, the Borrower may withdraw funds on deposit in the Principal Collection Account for the following purposes:
 - (i) to reinvest such funds in Loans to be pledged hereunder (a "Reinvestment"), so long as (1) all conditions precedent set forth in Section 3.2 have been satisfied and (2) each Loan acquired by the Borrower in connection with such reinvestment shall be an Eligible Loan;
 - (ii) to make payments in respect of the Advances Outstanding at such time in accordance with and subject to the terms of Section 2.3(b); or
 - (iii) during the Reinvestment Period, to fund Delayed Draw Loans and Revolving Loans; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall have used all funds on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account to fund such Delayed Draw Loans and Revolving Loans prior to withdrawing funds from the Principal Collection Account for such purpose.

Upon the satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in this Section 2.14(a) (as certified by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent), the Collateral Agent will release funds from the Principal Collection Account to be applied pursuant to the above in an amount not to exceed the lesser of (A) the amount requested by the Borrower and (B) the amount on deposit in the Principal Collection Account on such day.

(b) <u>Substitutions</u>. Subject to <u>Sections 2.14(e)</u> and (f), upon not less than two (2) Business Days' prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent and the Lenders), the Equity Investor (or the Borrower at the Equity Investor's discretion) may, during the Reinvestment Period, replace any Loan with another Loan (each a "<u>Substitution</u>") so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and, immediately after giving effect to such Substitution, no Event of Default shall have occurred, (ii) each substitute Loan acquired by the Borrower in connection with a Substitution shall be an Eligible Loan, (iii) 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the Loan(s) to be replaced in connection with such Substitution are either applied by the Borrower to acquire the substitute Loan(s) or deposited in the Collection Account, (iv) all conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 3.2</u> have been satisfied with respect to each substitute Loan to be acquired by the Borrower in connection with such Substitution, and (v) immediately after giving effect to such Substitution, no Borrowing Base Deficiency exists; <u>provided</u> that, notwithstanding anything to

the contrary set forth in <u>Section 3.2</u>, in the event a Borrowing Base Deficiency shall have existed immediately prior to giving effect to such Substitution, the Borrower may effect a Substitution so long as, immediately after giving effect to such Substitution and any other sale or transfer substantially contemporaneous therewith, such Borrowing Base Deficiency is reduced or cured.

- (c) <u>Discretionary Sales</u>. Subject to <u>Sections 2.14(e)</u> and <u>(f)</u>, upon not less than one (1) Business Day's prior written notice to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent and the Lenders), the Collateral Manager may direct the Borrower (which direction shall be deemed a certification that the following conditions have been satisfied) to sell Loans (each, a "<u>Discretionary Sale</u>") so long as (i) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and, immediately after giving effect to such Discretionary Sale, no Default or an Event of Default shall have occurred, (ii) unless the Administrative Agent has provided its prior written consent, the sale price of each Loan sold pursuant to a Discretionary Sale shall be greater than or equal to its Adjusted Borrowing Value and (iii) immediately after giving effect to such Discretionary Sale, no Borrowing Base Deficiency exists; <u>provided</u> that, in the event a Borrowing Base Deficiency shall have existed immediately prior to giving effect to such Discretionary Sale, the Borrower may, with the prior consent of the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, effect a Discretionary Sale so long as, immediately after giving effect to such Discretionary Sale and any other sale or transfer substantially contemporaneous therewith, such Borrowing Base Deficiency is reduced or cured.
- (d) Optional Sales. Subject to Section 2.14(e), the Borrower shall have the right to sell all of the Loans included in the Collateral (an "Optional Sale") on any Business Day. The proceeds of any Optional Sale shall be distributed on the related sale date in accordance with Section 2.8.
- (e) <u>Conditions to Sales, Substitutions and Repurchases.</u> Any Discretionary Sale, sale pursuant to a Substitution or Optional Sale effected pursuant to <u>Sections 2.14(b)</u>, (c), or (d) shall be subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions (as shall be deemed certified by the Collateral Manager upon delivery of any instruction to effect any such Discretionary Sale, sale pursuant to a Substitution or Optional Sale effective pursuant to <u>Sections 2.14(b)</u>, (c) or (d):
 - (i) the Collateral Manager shall deliver a Collateral Management Report to the Administrative Agent;
 - (ii) the Borrower shall deliver a list of all Loans to be sold or substituted to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent;
 - (iii) as certified in writing to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, no selection procedures adverse to the interests of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders were utilized by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, in the selection of the Loans to be sold or substituted;
 - (iv) the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent of any amount to be deposited into the Collection Account in connection with any sale or substitution;
 - (v) each such Discretionary Sale, sale pursuant to a Substitution and Optional Sale complies with Section 6.2(m);
 - (vi) (A) the Borrower shall be deemed to have certified to the Administrative Agent that the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.1 and 4.2 hereof and (B) the Collateral Manager shall be deemed to have certified to the Administrative Agent that the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.3

hereof shall continue to be correct in all material respects upon giving effect to any sale or substitution, except to the extent any such representation or warranty relates to an earlier date;

(vii) any repayment of Advances Outstanding in connection with any sale or substitution of Loans hereunder shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section 2.3;

- (viii) as certified in writing to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, any Discretionary Sale or sale in connection with a Substitution shall be made by the Borrower to a third-party purchaser unaffiliated with the Collateral Manager in a transaction (1) reflecting arm's-length market terms and (2) in which the Borrower makes no representations, warranties or covenants and provides no indemnification for the benefit of any other party to such sale (other than the representations, warranties and covenants set forth in the LSTA Par/Near Par Trade Confirmation, the LSTA Distressed Trade Confirmation or the LSTA Purchase and Sale Agreement for Distressed Trades, in each case as published by The Loan Syndications and Trading Association, Inc. as of the date of such confirmation or agreement, or substantially similar representations, warranties and covenants, to the extent such documentation is not used in connection with such transaction), provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower may make a Discretionary Sale or sale in connection with a Substitution, in each case for fair market value, to the Collateral Manager or an Affiliate of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion (except that, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no such consent shall be required in connection with a Discretionary Sale or Substitution permitted by Section 2.14(f); provided, further, that after the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Borrower may only make Discretionary Sales, sales pursuant to a Substitution or an Optional Sale with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion;
- (ix) the Borrower shall pay an amount equal to all Breakage Costs (with respect to any Optional Sale) and other accrued and unpaid costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable legal fees) of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders (but not including any Defaulting Lender) and the Collateral Agent in connection with any such sale, substitution or repurchase (including, but not limited to, expenses incurred in connection with the release of the Lien of the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties and any other party having an interest in the Loan in connection with such sale, substitution or repurchase);
- (x) with respect to an Optional Sale, the Borrower shall, not later than ten (10) Business Days prior to the date of such sale, deliver to the Administrative Agent and each Lender a certificate and evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of such parties (which satisfaction shall be confirmed in writing by the Administrative Agent and each Lender) that the Borrower shall have sufficient funds on or prior to the date of such sale to pay the outstanding Obligations in full pursuant to Section 2.8;
- (xi) if any Loan sold pursuant to a Discretionary Sale, sale pursuant to a Substitution or Optional Sale is sold for a price less than its Adjusted Borrowing Value, the Administrative Agent shall have provided its prior written consent to such sale in its sole discretion; and
- (xii) each such Discretionary Sale, sale pursuant to a Substitution and Optional Sale complies with any restrictions on such sales in any applicable Purchase Agreement.

- (f) <u>Limitations on Sales, Substitutions and Repurchases</u>. The aggregate Outstanding Balance of all Loans which are sold or intended to be sold by the Borrower during any 12-month rolling period shall not exceed, collectively, (i) in connection with a Substitution, 25% of the Facility Amount, in each case, (x) unless otherwise agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion and (y) as of the start of such 12-month period (or such lesser number of months as shall have elapsed as of such date); provided that, the limitation set forth in this clause (f)(ii) shall not apply with respect to any Discretionary Sale of a Loan (x) in connection with a refinancing by the related Obligor or (y) certified by the Collateral Manager to the Administrative Agent to be to an existing collateralized loan obligation facility managed by the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager.
- (g) <u>Sales of Loans with an Assigned Value of Zero and Sales of Equity Securities</u>. The Borrower may sell any Loan with an Assigned Value of zero or any Equity Security to any Person; <u>provided</u>, that any such sale shall be made on an arm's-length basis at fair market value.

Section 1.15 [Reserved].

Section 1.16 Capital Contributions.

The Equity Investor may, but shall not be obligated to, make a capital contribution in Cash or securities to the Borrower at any time, which proceeds may be deposited into any Account.

Section 1.17 <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>.

- (a) 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) 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 <u>Section 12.1</u>;
 - (ii) any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative Agent for the account of that Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, or otherwise), shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by that Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists (except to the extent caused by such Defaulting Lender, as determined by the Borrower in its reasonable discretion)), to the funding of any Advance in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; third, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a non-interest bearing deposit account and released in order to satisfy obligations of that Defaulting Lender to fund future Advances under this Agreement; fourth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the other Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender, as determined by the Borrower in its reasonable discretion), to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by such Borrower against such

Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and sixth, to that Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Advances in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Advances of all non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Advances of such Defaulting Lender. 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 2.17 shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto; and

- (iii) such Defaulting Lender shall not be entitled to receive any Non-Usage Fee or Commitment Reduction Fee for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and under no circumstance shall the Borrower retroactively be or become required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to such Defaulting Lender).
- If the Administrative Agent determines in its sole discretion that a Defaulting Lender should no longer be deemed to be 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), such Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase that portion of outstanding Advances of the other Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Advances to be held on a pro rata basis by the Lenders, whereupon that Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; provided that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

Section 1.18 Replacement of Lenders.

If any Lender is a Defaulting Lender hereunder or if any Lender (other than Wells Fargo) (i) requires the Borrower to pay any additional amounts under Section 2.12 or Section 2.13 with respect thereto, (ii) does not consent to any amendment or modification (including in the form of a consent or waiver) which is approved by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders, or (iii) does not consent to a request to extend the Facility Maturity Date, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender, the Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent, require such Lender to (x) assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 13.16), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement and the Transaction Documents to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment) or (y) terminate all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement and the Transaction Documents and reduce the aggregate Commitments outstanding; provided that:

if such Lender's Commitments have been assigned pursuant to clause (x) above, such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);

- (b) such assignment, delegation or termination does not conflict with Applicable Law; and
- (c) such designation or assignment (1) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 2.12</u> or <u>Section 2.13</u>, as the case may be, in the future, and (2) would not subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender.

Section 1.19 New Borrowers; Borrower Joinder Agreements.

A Person (a "New Borrower") may, from time to time, become a Borrower under this Agreement upon the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- (a) One hundred percent (100%) of its equity interests are owned by the Equity Investor.
- (b) It complies and is capable of complying, on an ongoing basis, with all covenants and agreements of the Borrower hereunder.
- (c) The Administrative Agent shall have received (each of the following documents being referred to herein as an "Additional Document"):
 - (i) a joinder agreement substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit L</u> (the "<u>Borrower Joinder Agreement</u>"), executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the then-existing Borrower, the New Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and acknowledged and accepted by the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Agent;
 - (ii) a certificate as to whether the New Borrower is Solvent in the form of Exhibit C;
 - (iii) for each Lender requesting the same, a Variable Funding Note of the New Borrower substantially in the form of Exhibit B and conforming to the requirements of the this Agreement and executed by a duly authorized officer of the New Borrower;
 - (iv) a Securities Account Control Agreement duly executed by the New Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Securities Intermediary;
- (d) The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) a certificate of the New Borrower as described in Sections 3.1(1), (m), (n) and (o), with appropriate insertions and attachments, reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, executed by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary (or other authorized Person) of the New Borrower and (ii) evidence that the conditions set forth in Sections 3.1(p) and (q) are satisfied.
- (e) The Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent shall have received with a counterpart for each Lender and the Collateral Manager, the executed legal opinion or opinions of counsel to the New Borrower, covering enforceability.
- (f) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received, sufficiently in advance of the execution of any Borrower Joinder Agreement, all documentation and other information with respect to the related New Borrower required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act.

- (g) The Borrower files or causes to be filed a UCC-1 financing statement naming the New Borrower as debtor and the Collateral Agent as secured party, which shall be in proper form for filing in the filing office of the appropriate jurisdiction and, when filed, together with the related Securities Account Control Agreement, shall be effective to perfect the Collateral Agent's security interest in the Collateral such that the Collateral Agent's security interest in the Collateral ranks senior to that of any other creditors of such Borrower (whether then existing or thereafter acquired).
- (h) Following the joinder of the New Borrower, no more than two (2) Borrowers shall be party hereto without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion.

ARTICLE III

CONDITIONS TO AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT AND ADVANCES

Section 1.1 Conditions to Amendment and Restatement.

No Lender shall be obligated to make any Advance hereunder, nor shall any Lender, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent be obligated to take, fulfill or perform any other action hereunder, and the Existing Loan and Security Agreement shall not be amended and restated hereby, until the following conditions have been satisfied, in the sole discretion of, or waived in writing by the Administrative Agent:

- (a) Each Transaction Document shall have been duly executed by, and delivered to, the parties thereto, and the Administrative Agent shall have received such other documents, instruments, agreements and legal opinions as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, each in form and substance satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;
- (b) The Administrative Agent shall have received satisfactory evidence that each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager has obtained all required consents and approvals of all Persons to the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby;
- (c) The Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a certificate as to whether such Person is Solvent in the form of Exhibit C;
- (d) The Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent a certification that no Default, Event of Default or Change of Control with respect to the Borrower has occurred and is continuing;
- (e) The Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Agent shall have received, with a counterpart for each Lender, the executed legal opinion or opinions of Dechert LLP, counsel to the Borrower, covering enforceability, non-consolidation, grant and perfection of the security interests on the Collateral in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion;
- (f) The Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall have received the executed legal opinion or opinions of Dechert LLP, counsel to the Collateral Manager, covering enforceability of the Transaction Documents to which the Collateral Manager is a party;

- (g) The Administrative Agent, the Lenders and the Collateral Agent shall have received the fees (including fees, disbursements and other charges of counsel to the Administrative Agent) to be received on date of the initial Advance referred to herein;
- (h) The Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall have received, sufficiently in advance of the A&R Effective Date, all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA Patriot Act;
- (i) All corporate and other proceedings, and all documents, instruments and other legal matters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents shall be reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent shall have received such other documents and legal opinions in respect of any aspect or consequence of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby as it shall reasonably request;
- (j) Each applicable Lender so requesting shall have received a duly executed copy of its Variable Funding Note, in a principal amount equal to the Commitment of such Lender;
- (k) (x) The UCC-1 financing statement naming the Borrower as debtor and the Collateral Agent as secured party is in proper form for filing in the filing office of the appropriate jurisdiction; and (y) the UCC-3 termination statement naming the Existing Borrower as debtor and the Collateral Agent as secured party is in proper form for filing in the filing office of the appropriate jurisdiction;
- (l) The Administrative Agent shall have received an officer's certificate of the Collateral Manager, and the Borrower, with a counterpart for each Lender, that includes a copy of the resolutions (or other authorizing instruments, if applicable), in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of the governing or managing body of such Person authorizing (i) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, (ii) in the case of the Borrower, the borrowings contemplated hereunder and the Permitted Merger and (iii) in the case of the Borrower, the granting by it of the Liens created pursuant to the Transaction Documents, certified by a Responsible Officer (or other authorized Person) of such Person as of the A&R Effective Date, which certification shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and shall state that the resolutions, or other authorizing instruments, if applicable, thereby certified have not been amended, modified, revoked or rescinded;
- (m) The Administrative Agent shall have received, with a counterpart for each Lender, a certificate of the Collateral Manager and the Borrower, dated the A&R Effective Date, as to the incumbency and signature of the officers of such Person executing any Transaction Document, which certification shall be included in the certificate delivered in respect of such Person pursuant to Section 3.1(1) and reasonably satisfactory in form and substance to the Administrative Agent, and shall be executed by a Responsible Officer (or other authorized Person) of such Person;
- (n) The Administrative Agent shall have received, with a counterpart for each Lender, true and complete copies of the Governing Documents of the Collateral Manager and the Borrower, certified as of the A&R Effective Date as complete and correct copies thereof by a Responsible Officer (or other authorized Person) of such Person, which certification shall be included in the certificate delivered in respect of such Person pursuant to Section 3.1(1) and shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

- (o) The Administrative Agent shall have received, with a copy for each Lender, certificates dated as of a recent date from the Secretary of State or other appropriate authority, evidencing the good standing of the Collateral Manager and the Borrower (i) in the jurisdiction of its organization or incorporation and (ii) in each other jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of Property or the conduct of its business requires it to qualify as a foreign Person except, as to this subclause (ii), where the failure to so qualify could not be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (p) The Administrative Agent shall have received evidence in form and substance satisfactory to it that all filings, recordings, registrations and other actions, including, without limitation, the filing of duly executed financing statements on form UCC-1 necessary or, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent, desirable to perfect the Liens created, or purported to be created, by the Transaction Documents shall have been completed;
- (q) The Administrative Agent shall have received the results of a recent search by a Person satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, of the UCC, judgment and tax lien filings which may have been filed with respect to personal property of the Borrower, and bankruptcy and pending lawsuits with respect to the Borrower and the results of such search shall be satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; and
- (r) The Borrower shall have received the executed legal opinion or opinions of Nixon Peabody LLP, counsel to the Collateral Agent, covering enforceability of the Transaction Documents to which the Collateral Agent is a party.
- (s) The Administrative Agent shall have received an officer's certificate of the Borrower, with a counterpart for each Lender, certifying that the Permitted Merger will occur prior to or simultaneously with the effectiveness of this Agreement.
- (t) In connection with the Permitted Merger, on the A&R Effective Date, the Collateral Agent is hereby directed to execute and deliver to the Existing Borrower an instrument in the form delivered to the Collateral Agent by the Successor Borrower (i) consenting to the Permitted Merger pursuant to the Plan of Merger and (ii) acknowledging that the undertaking, property and liabilities of the Existing Borrower will vest in the Successor Borrower by virtue of the Permitted Merger. The Collateral Agent will have no duty to inquire as to any matter in connection with the execution of such consent or any liability therefrom.

Section 1.2 Conditions Precedent to All Advances and Acquisitions of Loans.

Each Advance under this Agreement, each Reinvestment of Principal Collections pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(a)(i)</u> and each acquisition of Loans in connection with a Substitution pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(b)</u> (each, a "<u>Transaction</u>") shall be subject to the further conditions precedent that:

- (a) With respect to any Advance, the Collateral Manager shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent and each Lender) no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Business Day prior to the related Funding Date:
 - (i) a Funding Notice in the form of Exhibit A-1 and a Borrowing Base Certificate, if any; and
 - (ii) if a Loan is being acquired with such Advance, a certificate of assignment in the form of Exhibit F (including Exhibit A thereto) and containing such additional information as may be reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent and each Lender;

- (b) With respect to any Reinvestment of Principal Collections permitted by Section 2.14(a)(i) and each acquisition of Loans in connection with a Substitution pursuant to Section 2.14(b), the Collateral Manager shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent, no later than 2:00 p.m. on the date of such reinvestment, a Reinvestment Notice in the form of Exhibit A-3 and a Borrowing Base Certificate, executed by the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower;
- (c) On the date of such Transaction (A) the Borrower shall be deemed to have certified that each of the following statements shall be true and correct as of such date and (B) if the related Borrower's Notice is executed by the Borrower, the Borrower shall have certified in such notice that (other than with respect to the Collateral Manager's certifications in clauses (d) and, with respect to reports required to be delivered by the Collateral Manager under the Transaction Documents, (g) and the conditions precedent in clauses (f), (h) and (i) of this Section 3.2) all conditions precedent to the requested Transaction have been satisfied:
 - (i) the representations and warranties contained in <u>Section 4.1</u> and <u>Section 4.2</u> are true and correct in all respects on and as of such day (other than any representation and warranty that is made as of a specific date);
 - (ii) no event has occurred, or would result from such Transaction or from the application of proceeds thereof, that constitutes a Default or an Event of Default;
 - (iii) on and as of such day, immediately after giving effect to such Transaction, the Advances Outstanding do not exceed the Borrowing Base (or, to the extent permitted under <u>Section 2.14(b)</u>, any Borrowing Base Deficiency is reduced);
 - (iv) to the extent applicable to the requested Transaction and with respect to the Borrower, no Applicable Law shall prohibit or enjoin the proposed Reinvestment of Principal Collections or acquisition of Loans;
 - (v) on and as of such day, immediately after giving effect to such Transaction the Advances Outstanding do not exceed the Facility Amount; and
 - (vi) the amounts on deposit in the Unfunded Exposure Account are at least equal to the Unfunded Exposure Equity Amount.
- (d) On the date of such Transaction (A) the Collateral Manager shall be deemed to have certified that each of the following statements shall be true and correct as of such date and (B) the Collateral Manager shall have certified in the related Borrower's Notice that (other than with respect to the Borrower's certifications in clauses (c) and, with respect to reports required to be delivered by the Borrower under the Transaction Documents, (g) and the conditions precedent in clauses (f), (h) and (i) of this Section 3.2) all conditions precedent to the requested Transaction have been satisfied:
 - (i) no event has occurred, or would result from such Transaction or from the application of proceeds thereof, that constitutes a Default, an Event of Default or a Collateral Manager Termination Event;
 - (ii) on and as of such day, immediately after giving effect to such Transaction, the Advances Outstanding do not exceed the Borrowing Base (or, to the extent permitted under <u>Section 2.14(b)</u>, any Borrowing Base Deficiency is reduced);

- (iii) the representations and warranties contained in <u>Section 4.3</u> are true and correct in all respects on and as of such day (other than any representation and warranty that is made as of a specific date); and
- (iv) on and as of such day, immediately after giving effect to such Transaction, the Advances Outstanding do not exceed the Facility Amount.
- (e) (i) With respect to any Advance under this Agreement or any Reinvestment of Principal Collections pursuant to Section 2.14(a)(i), the Reinvestment Period End Date shall not have occurred, and (ii) with respect to any Transaction, the Termination Date shall not have occurred;
- (f) Prior to the initial acquisition of any Loans by the Borrower from the Equity Investor after the A&R Effective Date, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Collateral Agent shall have received, with a counterparty for each Lender, (x) the executed legal opinion of Dechert LLP, counsel to the Borrower, covering true sale matters and (y) a Purchase Agreement specific to the Equity Investor, in each case, in form and substance acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion;
- (g) The Borrower and Collateral Manager shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent all reports required to be delivered by either thereof as of the date of such Transaction including, without limitation, all deliveries required by Section 2.2;
- (h) The Borrower shall have paid all fees then required to be paid and, without duplication of Section 2.11, shall have reimbursed the Lenders (other than any Defaulting Lender), the Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent for all fees, costs and expenses then required to be paid in connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents, including the reasonable attorney fees and any other legal and document preparation costs incurred by the Lenders, the Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent;
- (i) The Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall have received a copy of an Approval Notice, executed by the Administrative Agent, evidencing the approval of the Administrative Agent, in its sole discretion in accordance with clause (a) of the definition of "Eligible Loan," of each Loan to be added to the Collateral;
- (j) In connection with the initial Advance with respect to the acquisition of any Loan, the Borrower shall have delivered to the Custodian (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), no later than 2:00 p.m. on the related Advance Date, a faxed or emailed copy of the duly executed original promissory notes for each such Loan in respect of which a promissory note is issued (or, in the case of any Noteless Loan, a fully executed assignment agreement); provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Borrower shall cause the Loan Checklist and the Required Loan Documents to be in the possession of the Custodian within (x) with respect to signed originals of any document required by clause (b) in the definition of "Required Loan Documents" that are unavailable as of the related Advance Date and with respect to which copies have been delivered to pursuant to clause (y), the later of ten (10) Business Days and fifteen (15) days of the related Advance Date and (y) otherwise, five (5) Business Days of the related Advance Date; and
- (k) Prior to the initial Advance after the A&R Effective Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received evidence satisfactory to it that the Effective Equity of the Borrower is equal to or greater than the Minimum Equity Amount.

The failure of any of the foregoing conditions precedent to be satisfied in respect of any Advance shall give rise to a right of the Administrative Agent and the applicable Lender, which right may be exercised at any time on the demand of the applicable Lender, to rescind the related Advance and direct the Borrower to pay to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the applicable Lender an amount equal to the related Advances made during any such time that any of the foregoing conditions precedent were not satisfied.

Section 1.3 <u>Custodianship</u>; Transfer of Loans and Permitted Investments.

- (a) The Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian shall hold all Certificated Securities and Instruments in physical form at the offices specified in Section 5.5(c). Any successor Collateral Agent or Custodian shall be a state or national bank or trust company which is not an Affiliate of the Borrower, which is a Qualified Institution.
- (b) Each time that the Borrower shall direct or cause the acquisition of any Loan or Permitted Investment, the Borrower shall, if such Permitted Investment or, in the case of a Loan, the related promissory note or (with respect to a Noteless Loan) assignment documentation has not already been delivered to the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian in accordance with the requirements set forth in the definition of "Required Loan Documents", cause the delivery of such Permitted Investment or, in the case of a Loan, the related promissory note or (with respect to a Noteless Loan) assignment documentation in accordance with the requirements set forth in the definition of "Required Loan Documents" to the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian to be credited by the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian to the Collateral Account in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The security interest of the Collateral Agent in the funds or other property utilized in connection with such acquisition shall, immediately and without further action on the part of the Collateral Agent, be released.
- (c) The Borrower shall cause all Loans or Permitted Investments acquired by the Borrower to be transferred to the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian for credit by the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian to the Collateral Account, and shall cause all Loans and Permitted Investments acquired by the Borrower to be delivered to the Collateral Agent and/or the Custodian by one of the following means (and shall take any and all other actions necessary to create and perfect in favor of the Collateral Agent a valid security interest in each Loan and Permitted Investment, which security interest shall be senior (subject to Permitted Liens) to that of any other creditor of the Borrower (whether now existing or hereafter acquired)):
 - (i) in the case of an Instrument or a Certificated Security represented by a Security Certificate in registered form by having it Indorsed to the Collateral Agent or in blank by an effective Indorsement or registered in the name of the Collateral Agent and by (A) delivering such Instrument or Security Certificate to the Securities Intermediary at the Corporate Trust Office and (B) causing the Securities Intermediary to maintain (on behalf of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties) continuous possession of such Instrument or Security Certificate at the offices of the Collateral Agent specified in Section 5.5(c);
 - (ii) in the case of an Uncertificated Security, by (A) causing the Collateral Agent to become the registered owner of such Uncertificated Security and (B) causing such registration to remain effective;
 - (iii) in the case of any Security Entitlement, by causing each such Security Entitlement to be credited to a Securities Account in the name of the Borrower pursuant to the applicable Securities Account Control Agreement; and

- (iv) in the case of General Intangibles (including any Loan or Permitted Investment not evidenced by an Instrument) by filing, maintaining and continuing the effectiveness of, a financing statement naming the Borrower as debtor and the Collateral Agent as secured party and describing the Loan or Permitted Investment (as the case may be) as the collateral (or describing the collateral as "all assets," or words of similar effect) at the filing office of the Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia.
- (d) The security interest of the Collateral Agent in any Collateral disposed of in a transaction in accordance with this Agreement shall, immediately and without further action on the part of the Collateral Agent, be released and the Collateral Agent shall immediately release such Collateral to, or as directed by, the Borrower.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 1.1 Representations and Warranties of the Borrower.

The Borrower represents and warrants as follows as of the A&R Effective Date and each Measurement Date:

- (a) <u>Organization and Good Standing</u>. The Borrower has been duly formed and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with all requisite limited liability company power and authority to own or lease its properties and conduct its business as such business is presently conducted, and had at all relevant times, and now has all necessary power, authority and legal right to acquire, own and sell the Collateral.
- (b) <u>Due Qualification</u>. The Borrower is (i) duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, and (ii) has obtained all necessary qualifications, licenses and approvals, in all jurisdictions in which the ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualifications, licenses or approvals, except where the failure to be qualified, licensed or approved would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery.</u> The Borrower (i) has all necessary limited liability company power, authority and legal right to (a) execute and deliver each Transaction Document to which it is a party, and (b) carry out the terms of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and (ii) has duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, the execution, delivery and performance of each Transaction Document to which it is a party and the pledge and assignment of a security interest in the Collateral on the terms and conditions herein provided. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which the Borrower is a party have been duly executed and delivered by the Borrower.
- (d) <u>Binding Obligation</u>. Each Transaction Document to which the Borrower is a party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its respective terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by Insolvency Laws and by general principles of equity (whether such enforceability is considered in a suit at law or in equity).
- (e) <u>No Violation</u>. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by each Transaction Document to which it is a party and the fulfillment of the terms thereof will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or

without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, the Governing Documents of the Borrower or any Contractual Obligation of the Borrower, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of the Borrower's properties pursuant to the terms of any such Contractual Obligation, other than this Agreement, or (iii) violate any Applicable Law.

- (f) Agreements. The Borrower is not a party to any agreement or instrument or subject to any corporate restriction that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower is not in default in any manner under any provision of any agreement or instrument evidencing Indebtedness, or any other material agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets are or may be bound, where such defaults could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- (g) No Proceedings. There is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened against the Borrower, before any Governmental Authority (i) asserting the invalidity of any Transaction Document to which the Borrower is a party, (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by any Transaction Document to which the Borrower is a party or (iii) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (h) <u>All Consents Required</u>. All approvals, authorizations, consents, orders, licenses, filings or other actions of any Person or of any Governmental Authority (if any) required for the due execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Transaction Document to which the Borrower is a party have been obtained.
- (i) <u>Bulk Sales</u>. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby do not require compliance with any "bulk sales" act or similar law by the Borrower.
- (j) <u>Solvency</u>. The Borrower is not the subject of any Insolvency Proceeding or Insolvency Event. The transactions under the Transaction Documents to which the Borrower is a party do not and will not render the Borrower not Solvent and the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent on the A&R Effective Date a certification in the form of <u>Exhibit C</u>.
- (k) <u>Taxes</u>. The Borrower (i) is and has always been treated as either (x) a partnership, each of whose partners (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is and has been U.S. Persons or (y) a disregarded entity of a U.S. Person for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (ii) has timely filed or caused to be filed all U.S. federal, state, and other material Tax returns and reports required to be filed by it and (x) has paid or caused to be paid all U.S. federal, state, and other material Taxes required to be paid by it, except Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the Borrower has set aside on its books adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP and (y) if it is treated as domestic partnership, it is not subject to any U.S. federal income tax liability (including any tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code).
- (I) Exchange Act Compliance; Regulations T, U and X. None of the transactions contemplated herein or in the other Transaction Documents (including, without limitation, the use of the proceeds from the transfer of the Collateral) will violate or result in a violation of Section 7 of the Exchange Act, or any regulations issued pursuant thereto, including, without limitation, Regulations T, U and X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 C.F.R., Chapter II. The Borrower does not own or intend to carry or purchase, and no proceeds from the Advances will be used to carry or purchase, any "margin stock" within the meaning of Regulation U or to extend "purpose credit" within the meaning of Regulation U.

(m) Security Interest.

- (i) This Agreement creates a valid and continuing security interest (as defined in the UCC as in effect from time to time in the State of New York) in the Collateral in favor of the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, which security interest is validly perfected under Article 9 of the UCC and is prior to all other Liens (except for Permitted Liens), and is enforceable as such against creditors of and purchasers from the Borrower;
- (ii) the Collateral is comprised of "instruments", "security entitlements", "general intangibles", "certificated securities", "uncertificated securities", "securities accounts", "investment property" and "proceeds" (each as defined in the applicable UCC) and such other categories of collateral under the applicable UCC as to which the Borrower has complied with its obligations under Section 4.1(m)(i);
 - (iii) with respect to Collateral that constitute Security Entitlements:
 - (1) all of such Security Entitlements have been credited to one of the Accounts and the securities intermediary for each Account has agreed to treat all assets credited to such Account as Financial Assets within the meaning of the UCC as in effect from time-to-time in the State of New York;
 - (2) the Borrower has taken all steps necessary to enable the Collateral Agent to obtain "control" (within the meaning of the UCC as in effect from time-to-time in the State of New York) with respect to each Account; and
 - (3) the Accounts are not in the name of any Person other than the Borrower, subject to the lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The Borrower has not instructed the securities intermediary of any Account to comply with the entitlement order of any Person other than the Collateral Agent; <u>provided</u> that, until the Collateral Agent delivers a Notice of Exclusive Control, the Borrower and the Collateral Manager may cause Cash in the Accounts to be invested in Permitted Investments, and the proceeds thereof to be paid and distributed in accordance with this Agreement;
- (iv) all Accounts constitute "securities accounts" as defined in the Section 8-501(a) of the UCC as in effect from time to time in the State of New York;
- (v) the Borrower owns and has good and marketable title to (or, with respect to assets securing any Collateral, a valid security interest in) the Collateral free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) of any Person;
- (vi) the Borrower has received all consents and approvals required by the terms of any Loan to the granting of a security interest in the Loans hereunder to the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties;
- (vii) the Borrower has taken all necessary steps to file all appropriate financing statements in the proper filing office in the appropriate jurisdictions under Applicable Law in order to perfect the security interest in that portion of the Collateral in which a security interest may be perfected by filing pursuant to Article 9 of the UCC as in effect in the Borrower's jurisdiction of incorporation;
- (viii) other than the security interest granted to the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, pursuant to this Agreement, the Borrower has not

pledged, assigned, sold, granted a security interest in or otherwise conveyed any of the Collateral. The Borrower has not authorized the filing of and is not aware of any financing statements against the Borrower that include a description of any collateral included in the Collateral other than any financing statement that has been terminated and/or fully and validly assigned to the Collateral Agent or the Borrower on or prior to the Original Closing Date;

- (ix) other than Permitted Liens, there are no judgments or Liens for Taxes with respect to the Borrower and no claim is being asserted with respect to the Taxes of the Borrower;
- (x) other than in the case of Noteless Loans, all original executed copies of each underlying promissory note that constitute or evidence each Loan that is evidenced by a promissory note has been or, subject to the delivery requirements contained herein, will be delivered to the Custodian;
- (xi) other than in the case of Noteless Loans, the Borrower has received, or subject to the delivery requirements contained herein will receive, a written acknowledgment from the Custodian that the Custodian or its custodian is holding the underlying promissory notes that evidence all Loans evidenced by a promissory note solely on behalf of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties;
- (xii) other than any assignment to the Borrower in connection with the Borrower's acquisition of the related Loan, if applicable, none of the underlying promissory notes (if any) that constitute or evidence the Loans has any marks or notations indicating that they have been pledged, assigned or otherwise conveyed to any Person other than the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties;
- (xiii) with respect to Collateral that constitutes a "certificated security," such certificated security has been delivered to the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties and, if in registered form, has been specially Indorsed to the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, or in blank by an effective Indorsement or has been registered in the name of the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, upon original issue or registration of transfer by the Borrower; and
- (xiv) in the case of an Uncertificated Security, the Borrower has caused the issuer of such Uncertificated Security to register the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, as the registered owner of such Uncertificated Security.
- (n) Reports Accurate. Any of the following information provided or prepared by an Obligor, the Collateral Manager, the Sub-Advisor or the Collateral Agent, including, without limitation, any financial statements required pursuant to Section 5.3(f), all information, exhibits, financial statements, documents, books, records or reports furnished or to be furnished to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement are (other than projections, forward-looking information, general economic data or industry information and with respect to any information or documentation prepared by the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates for internal use or consideration, statements as to (or the failure to make a statement as to) the value of, collectability of, prospects of or potential risks or benefits associated with a Loan or Obligor) provided by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager is true and correct in all material respects after giving effect to any updates thereto (or, with respect to information relating to third parties, is true and correct in all material respects to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager) as of the date such information is provided.

- (o) <u>Location of Offices</u>. The Borrower's location (within the meaning of Article 9 of the UCC) is, and at all times since the A&R Effective Date has been, the State of Delaware. The Borrower's Federal Employee Identification Number is correctly set forth on the certificate required pursuant to <u>Section 3.1(1)</u>. The Borrower has not changed its name (whether by amendment of its certificate of formation, by reorganization or otherwise) or its jurisdiction of incorporation and has not changed its location within the four (4) months preceding the A&R Effective Date, except as permitted under and in satisfaction of <u>Section 5.1(o)(vii)</u>.
- (p) <u>Collection Accounts</u>. The Collection Accounts (including any sub accounts thereof) are the only accounts to which Collections are sent.
- (q) <u>Legal Name</u>. The Borrower's exact legal name is, and at all times since the A&R Effective Date has been the name as set forth on <u>Annex A</u> hereto, except as permitted under and in satisfaction of <u>Section 5.1(o)(vii)</u> or in the case of any New Borrower, as set forth in the applicable Borrower Joinder Agreement.

(r) [Reserved].

- (s) <u>Value Given</u>. The Borrower has given reasonably equivalent value to the applicable third party seller of Collateral in consideration for the transfer to the Borrower of the Collateral, and no such transfer shall have been made for or on account of an antecedent debt, and no such transfer is or may be voidable or subject to avoidance under any Section of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (t) Accounting. Other than for tax purposes, the Borrower accounts for the transfers to it of Collateral as purchases of such Collateral for legal and financial accounting purposes (including notations on its books, records and financial statements, in each case consistent with GAAP and with the requirements set forth herein).
 - (u) Special Purpose Entity. At all times prior to the Collection Date, the Borrower has not and shall not:
 - (i) except in connection with any payment made to any Secured Party hereunder, claim any credit on, make any deduction from, or dispute the enforceability of payment of the principal or Interest payable (or any other amount) in respect of the Advances Outstanding (other than amounts withheld in accordance with the Code or any Applicable Laws of any applicable jurisdiction) or assert any claim against any present or future Lender, by reason of the payment of any taxes levied or assessed upon any part of the Collateral:
 - (ii) (x) incur or assume or guarantee any indebtedness, other than those created under this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, or (y) (A) issue any additional class of securities, or (B) issue any additional shares;
 - (iii) dissolve or liquidate in whole or in part, or consolidate or merge with or into any other Person or transfer or convey substantially all of its assets to any Person, except as permitted hereunder or required by Applicable Law;
 - (iv) permit the formation of any Subsidiary (other than any entity in connection with a Permitted Securitization);
 - (v) conduct business under any name other than its own;

- (vi) have any employees (other than managers to the extent they are employees);
- (vii) sell, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of Collateral, or enter into an agreement or commitment to do so or enter into or engage in any business with respect to any part of the Collateral, except as expressly permitted by this Agreement;

(viii) [reserved];

- (ix) (i) register as or become subject to regulatory supervision or other legal requirements under the laws of any country or political subdivision thereof as a bank, insurance company or finance company or (ii) hold itself out to the public as a bank, insurance company or finance company or knowingly take any action that would reasonably be expected to cause it to be treated as a bank, insurance company or finance company for purposes of (A) any tax, securities law or other filing or submission made to any Governmental Authority, (B) any application made to a rating agency, or (C) qualification for any exemption from tax, securities law or any other legal requirements;
- (x) except as contemplated by the Transaction Documents, take any action, or conduct its affairs in a manner, that is likely to result in its separate existence being ignored or in its assets and liabilities being substantively consolidated with any other Person in a bankruptcy, reorganization or other Insolvency Proceeding. Without limiting the foregoing, (i) the Borrower shall not have any subsidiaries (other than any entity in connection with a Permitted Securitization), and (ii) the Borrower shall not (A) have any employees (other than their respective managers), (B) except as contemplated by the Borrower's Governing Documents, engage in any transaction with any shareholder that would constitute a conflict of interest, or (C) pay dividends other than in accordance with the Borrower's Governing Documents;
- (xi) (i) be a party to any agreement that does not include customary "non-petition" and "limited recourse" provisions or (ii) amend or eliminate such provisions in any agreement to which it is party, in each case, except for the Transaction Documents, documents executed in connection with the Permitted Merger, and any agreements related to the purchase, sale, maintenance or investment of any Collateral that contain customary terms or are in the form of customary loan trading documentation;

(xii) [reserved];

- (xiii) engage in any business or activity other than as contemplated by this Agreement, including (i) incurring obligations hereunder, (ii) acquiring, owning, holding, selling, lending, exchanging, redeeming, pledging, contracting for the management of and otherwise dealing with the Collateral and (iii) entering into the other Transaction Documents and any other agreements or documents specifically contemplated by this Agreement
- (xiv) fail at any time to have at least one (1) independent manager or director (the "Independent Manager") who has prior experience as an independent director, independent manager or independent member with at least three years of employment experience and who is provided by CT Corporation, Corporation Service Company, National Registered Agents, Inc., Wilmington Trust Company, Lord Securities Corporation, Citadel SPV, Puglisi & Associates or, if none of those companies is then providing professional Independent Managers, another nationally recognized company reasonably approved by the Administrative Agent, in each case that is not an Affiliate of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager and that provides professional

Independent Managers and other corporate services in the ordinary course of its business, and which individual is duly appointed as an Independent Manager and is not, and has not within the preceding 5 years been, and will not while serving as Independent Manager be, any of the following: (a) a member, partner, equityholder, manager, director, officer or employee of the Borrower, the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective Affiliates (other than as an Independent Manager of an Affiliate of the Borrower that is not in the direct chain of ownership of the Borrower and that is required by a creditor to be a single purpose bankruptcy-remote entity, provided that such Independent Manager is employed by a company that routinely provides professional independent managers or directors); (b) a creditor, supplier or service provider (including provider of professional services) to the Borrower, the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective Affiliates (other than a nationally recognized company that routinely provides professional independent managers and other corporate services to the Borrower, the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager or any of their respective Affiliates in the ordinary course of business); (c) a family member of any such member, partner, equityholder, manager, director, officer, employee, creditor, supplier or service provider; or (d) a Person that controls (whether directly, indirectly or otherwise) any of (a), (b) or (c) above. A natural person who otherwise satisfies the foregoing definition and satisfies subparagraph (a) by reason of being the Independent Manager of a "special purpose entity" affiliated with the Borrower shall be qualified to serve as an Independent Manager of the Borrower;

- (xv) fail to ensure that all limited liability company actions relating to the appointment, maintenance or replacement of the Independent Manager are complied with; or
- (xvi) fail to provide that the unanimous consent of all managers (including the consent of the Borrower's Independent Manager) is required for the Borrower to (a) institute proceedings to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, (b) institute or consent to the institution of bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against it, (c) file a petition seeking or consent to reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, (d) seek or consent to the appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator, custodian or any similar official for the Borrower, (e) make any assignment for the benefit of the Borrower's creditors, (f) admit in writing its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or (g) take any action in furtherance of any of the foregoing.
- (v) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Borrower is not an "investment company" within the meaning of, and is not subject to registration under, the 1940 Act.
 - (w) <u>ERISA</u>. The following representations shall be repeated on each day during the term of this Agreement:
 - (i) Neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has, during the past six years maintained, contributed to or had an obligation to contribute to any Employee Plan or Multiemployer Plan, and neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has any present intention to maintain, contribute to or have any obligation to contribute to any Employee Plan or Multiemployer Plan. Neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has any liability with respect to any such Employee Plan or Multiemployer Plan; and
 - (ii) The Borrower is not and is not acting on behalf of (i) an "employee benefit plan" within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Part 4 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA, (ii) a "plan" within the meaning of Section 4975(e)(1) of the Code, to which Section 4975 of the Code applies, (C) an entity whose underlying

assets include "plan assets" subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code by reason of Section 3(42) of ERISA, U.S. Department of Labor Regulation 29 CFR Section 2510.3-101 or otherwise, or (iii) a "governmental plan" (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA) or another type of plan (or an entity whose assets are considered to include the assets of any such governmental or other plan) that is subject to any law, rule or restriction that is similar to Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code ("Similar Law").

- (x) <u>Compliance with Law</u>. The Borrower has complied in all material respects with all Applicable Law to which it may be subject, and no item of Collateral contravenes any Applicable Law (including, without limitation, all applicable predatory and abusive lending laws, laws, rules and regulations relating to licensing, truth in lending, fair credit billing, fair credit reporting, equal credit opportunity, fair debt collection practices and privacy).
- No Material Adverse Effect. No event, change or condition has occurred that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect on the Borrower since the Original Closing Date.
- Collections. The Borrower acknowledges that all Collections received by it or its Affiliates with respect to the Collateral transferred hereunder are held and shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Secured Parties until deposited into the Collection Account within two Business Days after receipt as required herein.
- Full Payment. As of the initial Funding Date thereof, the Borrower had no knowledge of any fact which should lead it to expect that any Loan will not be repaid by the applicable Obligor in full.
- Accuracy of Representations and Warranties. Each representation or warranty by the Borrower contained herein or in any report, financial statement, exhibit, schedule, certificate or other document furnished by the Borrower pursuant hereto, in connection herewith is true and correct in all material respects.
- (ac) <u>Sanctions</u>. None of the Borrower, any Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Borrower nor any Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Borrower and, to the Borrower's knowledge, no Related Party of the foregoing (i) is a Sanctioned Person; (ii) is controlled by or is acting on behalf of a Sanctioned Person; (iii) is, to the Borrower's knowledge, under investigation for an alleged breach of Sanction(s) by a governmental authority that enforces Sanctions; or (iv) will fund any repayment of the Obligations with proceeds derived from any transaction that would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any Lender or any other party to this Agreement, or any Related Party, to be in breach of any Sanctions. To each such Person's knowledge, no investor in such Person is a Sanctioned Person. The Borrower will notify each Lender and Administrative Agent in writing not more than one (1) Business Day after becoming aware of any breach of this section.
 - Good Title. The Borrower has good and marketable title in the Collateral. (ad)
- Beneficial Ownership Certification. The information included in the Beneficial Ownership Certification provided to any (ae) Lender in connection with this Agreement is true and correct in all respects.

Section 1.2 Representations and Warranties of the Borrower Relating to this Agreement and the Collateral.

The Borrower hereby represents and warrants, as of the A&R Effective Date and as of each Funding Date:

- (a) <u>Valid Security Interest</u>. This Agreement constitutes a valid grant of a security interest in all of the Collateral to the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, which security interest will, upon filing of the UCCs described in <u>Section 3.1(k)</u>, constitute a valid and first priority perfected security interest in all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) in that portion of the Collateral in which a security interest may be created under Article 9 of the UCC as in effect from time to time in the State of New York.
- (b) <u>Eligibility of Collateral</u>. As of the A&R Effective Date and each Funding Date, (i) the information contained in each Funding Notice delivered pursuant to <u>Section 2.2</u>, is an accurate and complete listing of all Loans included in the Collateral as of the related Funding Date and the information contained therein with respect to the identity of such Loans and the amounts owing thereunder is true, correct and complete as of the related Funding Date and (ii) with respect to each Loan included in the Collateral, each Loan is an Eligible Loan at such time.
- (c) No Fraud. Each Loan originated by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or, to the best of the Borrower's knowledge, an unaffiliated third party, was originated without any fraud or material misrepresentation.

Section 1.3 Representations and Warranties of the Collateral Manager.

The Collateral Manager represents and warrants as follows as of the A&R Effective Date and each Measurement Date:

- (a) <u>Organization and Good Standing</u>. The Collateral Manager has been duly organized, and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing, under the laws of Maryland, with all requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations as Collateral Manager under this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Due Qualification</u>. The Collateral Manager is duly qualified to do business and is in good standing as a corporation, and has obtained all necessary qualifications, licenses and approvals, in all jurisdictions in which the ownership or lease of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualifications, licenses or approvals, except where the failure to be so qualified or obtain such qualifications, licenses or approvals would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Power and Authority; Due Authorization; Execution and Delivery</u>. The Collateral Manager (i) has all necessary corporate power, authority and legal right to (a) execute and deliver each Transaction Document to which it is a party, and (b) carry out the terms of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party, and (ii) has duly authorized by all necessary corporate action, the execution, delivery and performance of each Transaction Document to which it is a party. This Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party have been duly executed and delivered by the Collateral Manager.
- (d) <u>Binding Obligation</u>. Each Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Collateral Manager enforceable against the Collateral Manager in accordance with its respective terms, except as

such enforceability may be limited by Insolvency Laws and general principles of equity (whether considered in a suit at law or in equity).

- (e) <u>No Violation</u>. The consummation of the transactions contemplated by each Transaction Document to which it is a party and the fulfillment of the terms thereof will not (i) conflict with, result in any breach of any of the terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under, the Collateral Manager's articles of incorporation, bylaws or any Contractual Obligation of the Collateral Manager, (ii) result in the creation or imposition of any Lien upon any of the Collateral Manager's properties pursuant to the terms of any such Contractual Obligation, or (iii) violate any Applicable Law.
- (f) No Proceedings. There is no litigation, proceeding or investigation pending or, to the Collateral Manager's knowledge, threatened against the Collateral Manager, before any Governmental Authority (i) asserting the invalidity of any Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party, (ii) seeking to prevent the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by any Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party or (iii) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (g) <u>All Consents Required</u>. All approvals, authorizations, consents, orders, licenses, filings or other actions of any Person or of any Governmental Authority (if any) required for the due execution, delivery and performance by the Collateral Manager of each Transaction Document to which the Collateral Manager is a party have been obtained.
- (h) Reports Accurate. All information, financial statements of the Sub-Advisor, documents, books, records or reports furnished by the Collateral Manager to the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection with this Agreement are (other than projections, forward-looking information, general economic data or industry information and with respect to any information or documentation prepared by the Collateral Manager or one of its Affiliates for internal use or consideration, statements as to (or the failure to make a statement as to) the value of, collectability of, prospects of or potential risks or benefits associated with a Loan or Obligor) provided by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager is true and correct in all material respects after giving effect to any updates thereto (or, with respect to information relating to third parties, is true and correct in all material respects to the actual knowledge of the Collateral Manager) as of the date such information is provided.
 - (i) <u>Solvency</u>. The Collateral Manager is not the subject of any Insolvency Proceeding or Insolvency Event.
- (j) No Fraud. Each Loan originated by an unaffiliated third party was, to the best of the Collateral Manager's knowledge, originated without any fraud or material misrepresentation.
- (k) <u>Compliance with Law</u>. The Collateral Manager has complied in all material respects with all Applicable Law to which it may be subject.
- (l) <u>Sanctions</u>. None of the Collateral Manager, any Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Collateral Manager nor any Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Collateral Manager and, to the Collateral Manager's knowledge, no Related Party of the foregoing will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Advance hereunder, or lend, contribute, or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner, or other Person (i) to fund any activities or business of or with a Sanctioned Person, or (ii) in any manner that would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any Lender to be in breach of any Sanctions. Each Person shall comply with all applicable Sanctions in all material respects, and shall maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance

with Sanctions. The Collateral Manager will notify each Lender and the Administrative Agent in writing not more than one (1) Business Day after becoming aware of any breach of this section.

(m) No Material Adverse Effect. No event, change or condition has occurred that has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect on the Collateral Manager since the Original Closing Date.

Section 1.4 Representations and Warranties of the Collateral Agent.

The Collateral Agent in its individual capacity and as Collateral Agent represents and warrants as follows:

- (a) <u>Organization; Power and Authority</u>. It is a duly organized and validly existing national banking association in good standing under the laws of the United States. It has full corporate power, authority and legal right to execute, deliver and perform its obligations as Collateral Agent under this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Due Authorization</u>. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions provided for herein have been duly authorized by all necessary association action on its part, either in its individual capacity or as Collateral Agent, as the case may be.
- (c) <u>No Conflict</u>. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not conflict with, result in any breach of its articles of incorporation or bylaws or any of the material terms and provisions of, or constitute (with or without notice or lapse of time or both) a default under any Contractual Obligation to which the Collateral Agent is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.
- (d) <u>No Violation</u>. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of the Transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment of the terms hereof will not conflict with or violate, in any material respect, any Applicable Law as to the Collateral Agent.
- (e) <u>All Consents Required</u>. All approvals, authorizations, consents, orders or other actions of any Person or Governmental Authority applicable to the Collateral Agent, required in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance by the Collateral Agent of the transactions contemplated hereby and the fulfillment by the Collateral Agent of the terms hereof have been obtained.
- (f) <u>Validity, Etc.</u> This Agreement constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Collateral Agent, enforceable against the Collateral Agent in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable Insolvency Laws and general principles of equity (whether considered in a suit at law or in equity).
- (g) <u>Corporate Collateral Agent Required; Eligibility</u>. The Collateral Agent (including any successor Collateral Agent appointed pursuant to <u>Section 7.5</u>) hereunder (i) is a national banking association or banking corporation or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of any state or the United States, (ii) is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, (iii) has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$200,000,000, and (iv) is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority. If such banking association publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to Applicable Law or the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this <u>Section 4.4(g)</u> its combined capital and surplus shall be deemed to be as set forth in its most

recent report of condition so published. In case at any time the Collateral Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 4.4(g)</u>, the Collateral Agent shall give prompt notice to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and the Lenders that it has ceased to be eligible to be the Collateral Agent.

ARTICLE V

GENERAL COVENANTS

Section 1.1 <u>Affirmative Covenants of the Borrower.</u>

The Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

- (a) <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Borrower will comply in all respects with all Applicable Laws, including those with respect to the Collateral or any part thereof, except where the failure to do so would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Preservation of Company Existence. The Borrower will (i) preserve and maintain its existence, rights, franchises and privileges as a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a limited liability company in each jurisdiction where the failure to preserve and maintain such existence, rights, franchises, privileges and qualification has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect and (iii) maintain the Governing Documents of the Borrower in full force and effect and shall not amend the same without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent; provided that the Borrower shall be permitted to change its registered agent without the consent of (but with prior notice to) the Administrative Agent. The Borrower shall ensure that all organizational formalities regarding its separate existence (including holding regular board of directors' and shareholders', or other similar, meetings to the extent required) are followed.
- (c) <u>Performance and Compliance with Collateral</u>. The Borrower will, at the Borrower's expense, timely and fully perform and comply with all provisions, covenants and other promises required to be observed by it under the Collateral, the Transaction Documents and all other agreements related to such Collateral.
- (d) Keeping of Records and Books of Account. The Borrower will keep proper books of record and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP and all requirements of law are made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities. The Borrower will permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent to visit and inspect the financial records and the properties of such person at reasonable times and as often as reasonably requested, without unreasonably interfering with such party's business and affairs and to make extracts from and copies of such financial records, and permit any representatives designated by the Administrative Agent to discuss the affairs, finances and condition of such person with the Responsible Officers thereof and independent accountants therefor, in each case, other than (x) material and affairs protected by the attorney-client privilege and (y) materials which such party may not disclose without violation of confidentiality obligations binding upon it. Each Lender (or a representative designated by each Lender) shall have the right to accompany the Administrative Agent on each such visit and inspection. For the avoidance of doubt, the right of the Administrative Agent provided herein to visit and inspect the financial records and properties of the Borrower shall be limited to not more than two (2) such visits and inspections in any fiscal year; provided that the Borrower shall only be liable for the reasonable and documented costs incurred by the Administrative Agent; provided, further, that after the occurrence of an Event of Default and during its continuance,

there shall be no limit to the number of such visits and inspections, and after the resolution of such Event of Default, the number of visits occurring in the current fiscal year shall be deemed to be zero.

(e) Protection of Interest in Collateral. With respect to the Collateral acquired by the Borrower, the Borrower will (i) acquire such Collateral directly from an unaffiliated third party, (ii) at the Borrower's expense, take all action necessary to perfect, protect and more fully evidence the Borrower's ownership of such Collateral free and clear of any Lien other than the Lien created hereunder and Permitted Liens, including, without limitation, (a) with respect to the Loans and that portion of the Collateral in which a security interest may be perfected by filing and maintaining (at the Borrower's expense), effective financing statements against the Borrower in all necessary or appropriate filing offices, (including any amendments thereof) and filing continuation statements, amendments or assignments with respect thereto in such filing offices, (including any amendments thereof) and filing continuation statements, amendments or assignments with respect thereto in such filing offices, (including any amendments thereof) and filing continuation statements, amendments or assignments with respect thereto in such filing offices, (including any amendments thereof) and filing continuation statements, amendments or assignments with respect thereto in such filing offices, (including any amendments thereof) and filing continuation statements, amendments or assignments with respect thereof and (b) executing or causing to be executed such other instruments or notices as may be necessary or appropriate, (iii) permit the Administrative Agent or its respective agents or representatives to visit the offices of the Borrower during normal office hours and upon reasonable notice examine and make copies of all documents, books, records and other information concerning the Collateral and discuss matters related thereto with any of the Responsible Officers of the Borrower having knowledge of such matters, and (iv) take all additional action that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request to perfect, protect and more fully evid

(f) <u>Deposit of Collections</u>.

- (i) The Borrower shall promptly, or shall cause the Collateral Manager to, instruct each Obligor (or, as applicable, the paying agent) to deliver all Collections in respect of the Collateral to the Collection Account. Any Scheduled Payment in respect of which a dishonored check is received shall be deemed not to have been paid.
- (ii) The Borrower shall promptly, or shall cause the Collateral Manager to, identify Principal Collections and Interest Collections no later than the Measurement Date related to the Payment Date immediately following such Accrual Period, and direct the Collateral Agent and Securities Intermediary to transfer the same to the Principal Collection Account and the Interest Collection Account, respectively.
- (g) <u>Special Purpose Entity</u>. The Borrower shall be in compliance with the special purpose entity requirements set forth in <u>Section 4.1(u)</u>. Since its formation, the Existing Borrower has been operated in such a manner as to comply with the special purpose entity requirements set forth in <u>Section 4.1(u)</u> to the Existing Loan Agreement.
- (h) <u>Borrower's Notice</u>. On each Funding Date and on the date of each Reinvestment of Principal Collections pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(a)(i)</u> or acquisition by the Borrower of Loans in connection with a Substitution pursuant to <u>Section 2.14(b)</u>, the Borrower will provide the applicable Borrower's Notice and a Borrowing Base Certificate, each updated as of such date, to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent).
- (i) <u>Events of Default</u>. Promptly following the actual knowledge or receipt of notice by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower of the occurrence of any Event of Default or Default, the Borrower will provide the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent) with written notice of the occurrence of such Event of Default or Default of which the Borrower has actual knowledge or has received notice, which the Administrative Agent shall promptly provide to each Lender. In addition, such notice will include a written statement of a

Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth the details of such event (to the extent known by the Borrower) and the action, if any, that the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.

- (j) <u>Obligations</u>. The Borrower shall pay its Indebtedness and other obligations promptly and in accordance with their terms and pay and discharge promptly when due all lawful claims for labor, materials and supplies or otherwise that, if unpaid, might give rise to a Lien upon such properties or any part thereof and the Borrower shall enforce all indemnities and rights against Obligors in accordance with this Agreement.
- (k) <u>Taxes</u>. The Borrower (i) will be treated as either (x) a partnership each of whose partners (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) will be U.S. Persons or (y) a disregarded entity of a U.S. Person for U.S. federal income tax purposes and (ii) will timely file or cause to be filed all U.S. federal, state, and other material Tax returns and reports required to be filed by it and (x) will pay or cause to be paid all U.S. federal, state, and other material Taxes required to be paid by it, except Taxes that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which the Borrower sets aside on its books adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP and (y) if it is treated as a domestic partnership, it will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax liability (including any tax liability under Section 1446 of the Code).
- (l) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Advances only to acquire Eligible Loans, to make distributions to the Equity Investor in accordance with the terms hereof or to pay related expenses (including interest, fees and expenses payable hereunder) in accordance with <u>Sections 2.7</u> and <u>2.8</u>.
- (m) <u>Obligor Notification Forms</u>. The Administrative Agent in its discretion may, or at the written request of the Required Lenders shall, after the occurrence and during the continuation of a Collateral Manager Termination Event or an Event of Default, send notification forms giving the Obligors and/or applicable agents notice of the Collateral Agent's interest in the Collateral and the obligation to make payments as directed by the Collateral Agent.
- (n) Adverse Claims. The Borrower will not create, or participate in the creation of, or permit to exist, any Liens on any of the Accounts other than the Lien created by this Agreement.
- (o) <u>Notices</u>. The Borrower will (or will cause the Collateral Manager to) furnish to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager, with a copy to the Collateral Agent:
 - (i) <u>Income Tax Liability</u>. Within ten (10) Business Days after the receipt of revenue agent reports or other written proposals, determinations or assessments of the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority which propose, determine or otherwise set forth positive adjustments to the Tax liability of, or assess or propose the collection of Taxes required to have been withheld by, the Borrower or the Equity Investor in respect of the Borrower which equal or exceed \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, a notice in writing specifying the nature of the items giving rise to such adjustments and the amounts thereof;
 - (ii) <u>Sanctions</u>. The Borrower will notify the Lender and Administrative Agent in writing not more than one (1) business day after becoming aware of any breach of <u>Section 4.1(cc)</u>;
 - (iii) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Promptly after the actual knowledge or receipt of notice of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower of the same, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent if any representation or warranty set forth

in <u>Section 4.1</u> or <u>Section 4.2</u> was incorrect at the time it was given or deemed to have been given and at the same time deliver to the Administrative Agent a written notice setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of such facts and circumstances. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, the Borrower shall notify the Administrative Agent in the manner set forth in the preceding sentence before any Funding Date of any facts or circumstances within the knowledge of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower which would render any of the said representations and warranties untrue as of such Funding Date;

- (iv) <u>ERISA</u>. The Borrower shall provide written notice to the Administrative Agent if it is aware that it is or will be in breach of the representations and warranties contained in <u>Section 4.1(w)</u>;
- (v) <u>Proceedings</u>. As soon as possible and in any event within three (3) Business Days after a Responsible Officer of the Borrower receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, notice of any settlement of, material judgment (including a material judgment with respect to the liability phase of a bifurcated trial) in or commencement of any material labor controversy, material litigation, material action, material suit or material proceeding before any court or governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, affecting the Collateral, the Transaction Documents, the Collateral Agent's interest in the Collateral, or the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding the foregoing, any settlement, judgment, labor controversy, litigation, action, suit or proceeding affecting the Collateral, the Transaction Documents, the Collateral Agent's interest in the Collateral, the Borrower in excess of \$1,000,000 or more shall be deemed to be material for purposes of this <u>Section 5.1(o)(v)</u>;
- (vi) Notice of Certain Events. Promptly upon a Responsible Officer of the Borrower obtaining actual knowledge thereof (and, in any event, within five (5) Business Days of obtaining actual knowledge thereof), notice of (1) any Collateral Manager Termination Event, (2) any Assigned Value Adjustment Event, (3) any failure to comply with Section 5.1(s), (4) any other event or circumstance that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (5) any event or circumstance whereby any Loan which was included in the latest calculation of the Borrowing Base as an Eligible Loan shall fail to meet one or more of the criteria (other than criteria waived by the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the related Funding Date in respect of such Loan), or (6) unless notice of such default has been provided by the Collateral Manager under Section 5.3(j), the occurrence of any default by an Obligor on any Loan in the payment of principal or interest, a financial covenant default or that would result in an Assigned Value Adjustment Event;
- (vii) <u>Organizational Changes</u>. As soon as possible and in any event within fifteen (15) Business Days after the effective date thereof, notice of any change in the name, jurisdiction of formation, organizational structure or location of records of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower agrees not to effect or permit any change referred to in the preceding sentence unless all filings have been made under the UCC or otherwise that are required in order for the Collateral Agent to continue at all times following such change to have a valid, legal and perfected security interest in all the Collateral; and
- (viii) <u>Accounting Changes</u>. As soon as possible and in any event within three (3) Business Days after the effective date thereof, notice of any material change in the accounting policies of the Borrower.

- (ix) <u>Deemed Representations</u>. On any day, as soon as possible and in any event within one (1) Business Day after knowledge thereof, notice of any event or occurrence that would cause any representation made by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 3.2(c)(i)</u>, (ii) or (iv) to be misleading or untrue in any material respect if made on such day.
- (x) Notice of Liens. Promptly after receipt by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower of actual knowledge or notice thereof, the Borrower will promptly notify the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent of the existence of any Lien (including Liens for Taxes) other than Permitted Liens on any Collateral and the Borrower shall defend the right, title and interest of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties in, to and under the Collateral against all claims of third parties; provided that nothing in this Section 5.1(x) shall prevent or be deemed to prohibit the Borrower from suffering to exist Permitted Liens upon any of the Collateral.

(p) Reserved;

- (q) <u>Financial Statements</u>. The Borrower shall (or shall cause the Equity Investor to) submit to the Administrative Agent, each Lender and the Collateral Agent (i) within 10 Business Days after the issuance thereof by the Equity Investor (but in any event within 75 days) following the end of each of its fiscal quarters, commencing with the fiscal quarter ending March 2020, unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Equity Investor for the most recent fiscal quarter, and (ii) within 10 Business Days after the issuance thereof by the Equity Investor (but in any event within 120 days) following the end of its fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ended 2019, consolidated audited financial statements of the Equity Investor, audited by a firm of nationally recognized independent public accountants, as of the end of such fiscal year.
- (r) <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Borrower will execute any and all further documents, financing statements, agreements and instruments, and take all further action (including filing UCC and other financing statements, agreements or instruments) that may be required under applicable law, or that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, in order to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents and in order to grant, preserve, protect and perfect the validity and first priority (subject to Permitted Liens) of the security interests and Liens created or intended to be created hereby. Such security interests and Liens will be created hereunder and the Borrower shall deliver or cause to be delivered to the Administrative Agent all such instruments and documents (including legal opinions and lien searches) as it shall reasonably request to evidence compliance with this <u>Section 5.1(s)</u>. The Borrower agrees to provide such evidence as the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request as to the perfection and priority status of each such security interest and Lien.
- (s) Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws. The Borrower shall, each Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Borrower and each Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Borrower and, to the Borrower's knowledge, any Related Party of the foregoing shall: (i) comply with all applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws in all material respects, and shall maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws; (ii) conduct the requisite due diligence in connection with the transactions contemplated herein for purposes of complying with the Anti-Money Laundering Laws, including with respect to the legitimacy of any applicable investor and the origin of the assets used by such investor to purchase the property in question, and will maintain sufficient information to identify any applicable investor for purposes of the Anti-Money Laundering Laws; (iii) ensure it does not use any of the credit in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or

Anti-Money Laundering Laws; and (iv) ensure it does not fund any repayment of the Obligations in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering.

- (t) <u>Loan Acquisitions</u>. All Loans acquired by the Borrower shall be acquired from an unaffiliated third party.
- (u) <u>Lien Searches Against Obligors</u>. Up to four times in any twelve month period (or at any time after the occurrence of a Default or an Event of Default), the Administrative Agent may run a UCC lien search against any Obligor. Each such UCC lien search shall be at the sole expense of the Borrower.
- (v) <u>Beneficial Ownership Regulation</u>. Promptly following any written request therefor, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent information and documentation reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent or any Lender for purposes of compliance with the Beneficial Ownership Regulation.
- (w) Other. The Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent promptly, from time to time, such other information, documents, records or reports respecting the Collateral or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of the Collateral Agent or the other Secured Parties under or as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (x) <u>Public Delivery.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this <u>Section 5.1</u> to the contrary, the Borrower shall be deemed to have satisfied its requirements of this <u>Section 5.1</u> if its reports, documents and other information of the type otherwise so required are publicly available when required to be filed on EDGAR at the www.sec.gov website or any successor service provided by the SEC; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall give notice of any such filing (other than any report of the Borrower to the SEC on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, as applicable, for any period) to the Administrative Agent.

Section 1.2 Negative Covenants of the Borrower.

The Borrower covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

- (a) Other Business. The Borrower will not, without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders in their respective sole discretion, (i) engage in any business other than (A) entering into and performing its obligations under the Transaction Documents and other activities contemplated by the Transaction Documents, (B) the acquisition, ownership and management of the Collateral, (C) the sale of the Collateral as permitted hereunder, (D) consummating the Permitted Merger and (E) as otherwise permitted under this Agreement, (ii) incur any Indebtedness, obligation, liability or contingent obligation of any kind other than pursuant to the Transaction Documents and the Underlying Instruments, (iii) except as otherwise permitted under this Agreement or in connection with a Permitted Securitization, form any Subsidiary or make any Investment in any other Person or (iv) issue any additional shares.
- (b) <u>Collateral Not to be Evidenced by Instruments</u>. The Borrower will not take any action to cause any Loan that is not, as of the Original Closing Date or the related Funding Date, as the case may be, evidenced by an Instrument, to be so evidenced except in connection with the enforcement or collection of such Loan or unless such Instrument is promptly delivered to the Collateral Agent, together with an Indorsement in blank, as collateral security for such Loan.
- (c) <u>Security Interests</u>. Except as otherwise permitted herein and in respect of any Discretionary Sale, Substitution, Optional Sale, or other sale permitted hereunder, the

Borrower will not sell, pledge, assign or transfer to any other Person, or grant, create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any Collateral, whether now existing or hereafter transferred hereunder, or any interest therein.

- (d) <u>Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, etc.</u> The Borrower will not divide or be a party to any merger or consolidation, or purchase or otherwise acquire any of the assets or any stock of any class of, or any partnership or joint venture interest in, any other Person, or sell, transfer, convey or lease any of its assets, or sell or assign with or without recourse any Collateral or any interest therein, other than as permitted or required pursuant to this Agreement (including the Permitted Merger and as provided in <u>Section 4.1(u)(iii)</u>).
- (e) <u>Restricted Payments</u>. The Borrower shall not make any Restricted Payments other than (x) with respect to amounts the Borrower receives in accordance with <u>Section 2.7</u> or <u>Section 2.8</u> and any other provision of any Transaction Document which expressly requires or permits payments to be made to or amounts to be reimbursed to the Borrower or the Equity Investor, (y) Permitted RIC Distributions, so long as the conditions therefore set forth in the definition of "Permitted RIC Distribution" are satisfied, or (z) so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing (or would result therefrom), the proceeds of any Advance on the applicable Funding Date.
- (f) <u>Change of Location of Underlying Instruments</u>. The Borrower shall not, without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, consent to the Collateral Agent moving any Certificated Securities or Instruments from the offices of the Collateral Agent set forth in <u>Section 5.5(c)</u>, unless the Borrower has given at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Administrative Agent and has taken all actions required under the UCC of each relevant jurisdiction in order to ensure that the Collateral Agent's first priority perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) continues in effect.
- ERISA Matters. The Borrower will not (a) assuming that Lender is not using "plan assets" subject to Title I of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code by reason of Section 3(42) of ERISA, U.S. Department of Labor Regulation 29 CFR Section 2510.3-101 or otherwise to make the Loan (unless Lender is relying on an applicable prohibited transaction exemption, the conditions of which are satisfied), engage, and will exercise its reasonable best efforts to prevent, any ERISA Affiliate from engaging in any prohibited transaction for which an exemption is not available or has not previously been obtained from the United States Department of Labor, (b) permit any failure to meet the minimum funding standards under Section 302(a) of ERISA or Section 412(a) of the Code with respect to any Pension Plan other than a Multiemployer Plan, (c) fail to make, and will exercise its reasonable best efforts to prevent, any ERISA Affiliate from failing to make, any payments to a Multiemployer Plan that the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate may be required to make under the agreement relating to such Multiemployer Plan or any law pertaining thereto, (d) terminate any Pension Plan other than in a standard termination under Section 404(b) of ERISA, or (e) permit to exist any occurrence of any Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan.
- (h) <u>Governing Documents</u>. Other than pursuant to the Permitted Merger, the Borrower will not amend, modify, waive or terminate any provision of its Governing Documents without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent.
- (i) <u>Changes in Payment Instructions to Obligors.</u> The Borrower will not make any change, or permit the Collateral Manager to make any change, in its instructions to Obligors (or applicable agents) regarding payments to be made with respect to the Collateral to the Collection Account, unless the Administrative Agent has consented to such change.

- (j) <u>Preservation of Security Interest</u>. The Borrower (at its expense) hereby authorizes the Collateral Agent to file such financing and continuation statements and any other documents that may be required by any law or regulation of any Governmental Authority to preserve and protect fully the first priority perfected ownership and security interest of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in, to and under the Loans and proceeds thereof and that portion of the Collateral in which a security interest may be perfected by filing.
- (k) <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The Borrower shall procure that the Equity Investor does not change its fiscal year or method of accounting without providing the Administrative Agent with prior written notice (i) providing a detailed explanation of such changes and (ii) including a pro forma financial statement demonstrating the impact of such change.
- (l) <u>Change of Control</u>. The Borrower shall not enter into (or, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, recognize as a member of the Borrower any transferee in connection with) any transaction or agreement or any sale, assignment or transfer (whether direct or indirect) which results in a Change of Control with respect to the Borrower.
- (m) Ownership. The Borrower shall not (i) have any owner other than the Equity Investor and (ii) permit the Equity Investor to incur any Lien on the Capital Stock of the Borrower.
- (n) Compliance with Sanctions. None of the Borrower, any Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Borrower nor any Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Borrower and, to the Borrower's knowledge, no Related Party of the foregoing will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Advance hereunder, or lend, contribute, or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner, or other Person (i) to fund any activities or business of or with a Sanctioned Person, or (ii) in any manner that would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any Lender to be in breach of any Sanctions. Each Person shall comply with all applicable Sanctions in all material respects, and shall maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with Sanctions. The Borrower will notify each Lender and the Administrative Agent in writing not more than one (1) Business Day after becoming aware of any breach of this section.

Section 1.3 Affirmative Covenants of the Collateral Manager.

The Collateral Manager covenants and agrees with the Borrower and the Lenders that:

- (a) <u>Compliance with Law.</u> The Collateral Manager will comply in all material respects with all Applicable Law, including those with respect to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Preservation of Company Existence</u>. The Collateral Manager will (i) preserve and maintain its company existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its formation and (ii) qualify and remain qualified in good standing as a corporation in each jurisdiction where the failure to preserve and maintain such existence, rights, franchises, privileges and qualification has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Performance and Compliance with Collateral</u>. The Collateral Manager will exercise its rights hereunder in order to permit the Borrower to duly fulfill and comply with all obligations on the part of the Borrower to be fulfilled or complied with under or in connection with each item of Collateral and will take all necessary action to preserve the first priority security interest of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral.

(d) <u>Keeping of Records and Books of Account.</u>

- (i) The Collateral Manager will maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate records evidencing Collateral in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof), and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of all Collateral and the identification of the Collateral.
- (ii) The Collateral Manager shall permit the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or their respective designated representatives, in each case at the expense of the Borrower, to visit the offices of the Collateral Manager during normal office hours and upon reasonable notice and examine and make copies of all documents, books, records and other information concerning the Collateral and discuss matters related thereto with any of the officers or employees of the Collateral Manager having knowledge of such matters.
- (iii) The Collateral Manager will on or prior to the Original Closing Date or the A&R Effective Date, as applicable, mark its master data processing records and other books and records relating to the Collateral indicating that the Loans are owned by the Borrower subject to the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties hereunder.
- (iv) The Collateral Manager will cooperate with the Borrower and provide all information in its possession or reasonably available to it to the Borrower or any Person designated by the Borrower to receive such information so the Borrower may comply with and perform its obligations under the Transaction Documents.
- (e) Events of Default. Promptly following the Collateral Manager's knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Event of Default or Default, the Collateral Manager will provide the Borrower and the Administrative Agent with written notice of the occurrence of such Event of Default or Default of which the Collateral Manager has knowledge or has received notice. In addition, such notice will include a written statement of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager setting forth the details (to the extent known by the Collateral Manager) of such event and the action, if any, that the Collateral Manager proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (f) Other. The Collateral Manager will promptly furnish to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent such other information, documents, records or reports respecting the Collateral or the condition or operations, financial or otherwise, of the Collateral Manager or the Sub-Advisor as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request in order to protect the interests of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or the Secured Parties under or as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Proceedings</u>. The Collateral Manager will furnish to the Administrative Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Agent), as soon as possible and in any event within three (3) Business Days after the Collateral Manager receives notice or obtains actual knowledge thereof, notice of any settlement of, material judgment (including a material judgment with respect to the liability phase of a bifurcated trial) in or commencement of any material labor controversy, material litigation, material action, material suit or material proceeding before any court or governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, affecting the Collateral, the Transaction Documents, the Collateral Agent's interest in the Collateral or the Collateral Manager, in each case which could reasonably be expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect.

- (h) <u>Deposit of Collections</u>. The Collateral Manager shall (and shall cause each of its Affiliates to) promptly, but in any event within two (2) Business Days after its receipt thereof, deposit any Collections received by it into the Collection Account and provide the related Obligor with instructions to remit payments directly to the Collection Account as required herein.
- (i) Required Notices. The Collateral Manager will furnish to the Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent, promptly upon becoming aware thereof (and, in any event, within five (5) Business Days), notice of (1) any Collateral Manager Termination Event, (2) any Assigned Value Adjustment Event, (3) any Change of Control with respect to the Collateral Manager, (4) any other event or circumstance with respect to the Collateral Manager that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, (5) any event or circumstance whereby any Loan which was included in the latest calculation of the Borrowing Base as an Eligible Loan shall fail to meet one or more of the criteria (other than criteria waived by the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the related Funding Date in respect of such Loan) listed in the definition of "Eligible Loan", (6) the occurrence of any default by an Obligor on any Loan in the payment of principal or interest, a financial covenant default or that would result in an Assigned Value Adjustment Event or (7) the existence of any Lien (including Liens for Taxes) other than Permitted Liens on any Collateral.
- (j) <u>Loan Register</u>. The Collateral Manager will maintain, or cause to be maintained, with respect to each Noteless Loan a register (each, a "<u>Loan Register</u>") in which it will record, or cause to be recorded, (v) the principal amount of such Noteless Loan, (w) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Obligor thereunder, (x) the amount of any sum in respect of such Noteless Loan received from the related Obligor, (y) the date of origination of such Noteless Loan and (z) the maturity date of such Noteless Loan. At any time a Noteless Loan is included in the Collateral, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent a copy of the related Loan Register.
- (k) <u>Payment of Obligations</u>. The Collateral Manager will pay from its funds and assets all obligations and indebtedness incurred by it.
- (l) Compliance with Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Corruption Laws. The Collateral Manager, each Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Collateral Manager and each Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Collateral Manager and, to the Collateral Manager's knowledge, any Related Party of the foregoing shall: (i) comply with all applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws in all material respects, and shall maintain or be subject to policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws; (ii) conduct the requisite due diligence in connection with the transactions contemplated herein for purposes of complying with the Anti-Money Laundering Laws, including with respect to the legitimacy of any applicable investor and the origin of the assets used by such investor to purchase the property in question, and will maintain sufficient information to identify any applicable investor for purposes of the Anti-Money Laundering Laws; (iii) ensure it does not use any of the credit in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws; and (iv) ensure it does not fund any repayment of the Obligations in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws or Anti-Money Laundering Laws.
- (m) <u>Sanctions</u>. The Collateral Manager shall promptly, but no later than one (1) Business Day after becoming aware thereof, notify the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders in writing of any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant relating to Sanctions or Sanctioned Persons by itself or by the Borrower.

Section 1.4 Negative Covenants of the Collateral Manager.

The Collateral Manager covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

- (a) Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, etc. The Collateral Manager will not be a party to any merger or consolidation, or purchase or otherwise acquire any of the assets or any stock of any class of, or any partnership or joint venture interest in, any other Person, or sell, transfer, convey or lease any of its assets, or sell or assign with or without recourse any Collateral or any interest therein (other than as permitted pursuant to this Agreement), in each case where such action would have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) <u>Change of Location of Underlying Instruments</u>. The Collateral Manager shall not, without the prior consent of the Administrative Agent, consent to the Collateral Agent moving any Certificated Securities or Instruments from the offices of the Collateral Agent set forth in <u>Section 5.5(c)</u>, unless the Collateral Manager has given at least thirty (30) days' written notice to the Administrative Agent and has authorized the Administrative Agent to take all actions required under the UCC of each relevant jurisdiction in order to continue the first priority perfected security interest of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral.
- (c) <u>Change in Payment Instructions to Obligors</u>. The Collateral Manager will not make any change in its instructions to Obligors or applicable agents regarding payments to be made with respect to the Collateral to the Collection Account, unless the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower, have consented to such change.
- (d) Compliance with Sanctions. None of the Collateral Manager, any Person directly or indirectly Controlling the Collateral Manager nor any Person directly or indirectly Controlled by the Collateral Manager and, to the Collateral Manager's knowledge, no Related Party of the foregoing will, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Advance hereunder, or lend, contribute, or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner, or other Person (i) to fund any activities or business of or with a Sanctioned Person, or (ii) in any manner that would be prohibited by Sanctions or would otherwise cause any Lender to be in breach of any Sanctions. Each Person shall comply with all applicable Sanctions in all material respects, and shall maintain policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure compliance with Sanctions. Each Person will notify each Lender and the Administrative Agent in writing not more than one (1) Business Day after becoming aware of any breach of this section.

Section 1.5 <u>Affirmative Covenants of the Collateral Agent.</u>

The Collateral Agent covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

- (a) Compliance with Law. The Collateral Agent will comply in all material respects with all Applicable Law.
- (b) <u>Preservation of Existence</u>. The Collateral Agent will preserve and maintain its existence, rights, franchises and privileges in the jurisdiction of its formation and qualify and remain qualified in good standing in each jurisdiction where failure to preserve and maintain such existence, rights, franchises, privileges and qualification has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) <u>Location of Underlying Instruments</u>. Subject to <u>Section 14.4</u>, the Underlying Instruments shall remain at all times in the possession of the Custodian at the address set forth on Annex A hereto, unless notice of a different address is given in accordance with the

terms hereof or unless the Administrative Agent agrees to allow certain Underlying Instruments to be released to the Collateral Manager on a temporary basis in accordance with the terms hereof, except as such Underlying Instruments may be released pursuant to this Agreement.

(d) <u>Corporate Collateral Agent Required; Eligibility.</u> The Collateral Agent (including any successor Collateral Agent appointed pursuant to <u>Section 7.5</u>) hereunder shall at all times (i) be a national banking association or banking corporation or trust company organized and doing business under the laws of any state or the United States, (ii) be authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, (iii) have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$200,000,000, and (iv) be subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority. If such banking association publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to Applicable Law or the requirements of the aforesaid supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this <u>Section 5.5(d)</u> its combined capital and surplus shall be deemed to be as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. In case at any time the Collateral Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 5.5(d)</u>, the Collateral Agent shall give prompt notice to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and the Lenders that it has ceased to be eligible to be the Collateral Agent.

Section 1.6 Negative Covenants of the Collateral Agent.

The Collateral Agent covenants and agrees with the Lenders that:

- (a) <u>Underlying Instruments</u>. The Collateral Agent will not dispose of any documents constituting the Underlying Instruments in any manner that is inconsistent with the performance of its obligations as the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Agreement and will not dispose of any Collateral except as contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) <u>No Changes to Collateral Agent Fee</u>. The Collateral Agent will not make any changes to the Collateral Agent Fee set forth in the Collateral Agent and Custodian Fee Letter without the prior written approval of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower.

ARTICLE VI

COLLATERAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1.1 <u>Appointment of the Collateral Manager</u>.

The Collateral Manager is hereby appointed as collateral manager and servicing agent of the Borrower for the purpose of performing certain collateral management functions including, without limitation, directing and supervising the investment and reinvestment of the Loans and Permitted Investments, servicing the Collateral, enforcing the Borrower's rights and remedies in, to and under the Collateral and performing certain administrative functions on behalf of the Borrower delegated to it under this Agreement and in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, and the Collateral Manager hereby accepts such appointment. The Collateral Manager shall have the power to execute and deliver all necessary and appropriate documents and instruments on behalf of the Borrower in connection with performing its obligations set forth herein. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided in this Agreement, the Collateral Manager will perform its obligations hereunder in accordance with the Collateral Manager Standard. The Collateral Manager and the Borrower hereby acknowledge that the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent, the Equity Investor and the other Secured Parties are third party beneficiaries of the obligations undertaken by the Collateral Manager hereunder.

Section 1.2 <u>Duties of the Collateral Manager</u>.

<u>Duties</u>. Subject to the provisions concerning its general duties and obligations as set forth in <u>Section 6.1</u> and the terms of this Agreement, the Collateral Manager agrees to manage the investment and reinvestment of the Collateral and shall perform on behalf of the Borrower all duties and functions assigned to the Borrower in this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the duties that have been expressly delegated to the Collateral Manager in this Agreement; it being understood that the Collateral Manager shall have no obligation hereunder to perform any duties other than as specified herein and in the other Transaction Documents. The Borrower hereby irrevocably (except as provided below) appoints the Collateral Manager as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact (with full power of substitution) in its name, place and stead in connection with the performance of its duties provided for in this Agreement, including, without limitation, the following powers: (A) to give or cause to be given any necessary receipts or acquittance for amounts collected or received hereunder, (B) to make or cause to be made all necessary transfers of the Loans, Equity Securities and Permitted Investments in connection with any acquisition, sale or other disposition made pursuant hereto, (C) to execute (under hand, under seal or as a deed) and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower all necessary or appropriate bills of sale, assignments, agreements and other instruments in connection with any such acquisition, sale or other disposition and (D) to execute (under hand, under seal or as a deed) and deliver or cause to be executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower any consents, votes, proxies, waivers, notices, amendments, modifications, agreements, instruments, orders or other documents in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement and relating to any Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment. The Borrower hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorney-in-fact (or any substitute) shall lawfully do hereunder and pursuant hereto and authorizes such attorney-in-fact to exercise full discretion and act for the Borrower in the same manner and with the same force and effect as the managers or officers of the Borrower might or could do in respect of the performance of such services, as well as in respect of all other things the Collateral Manager deems necessary or incidental to the furtherance or conduct of the Collateral Manager's services under this Agreement, subject in each case to the applicable terms of this Agreement. The Borrower hereby authorizes such attorney-in-fact, in its sole discretion (but subject to applicable law and the provisions of this Agreement), to take all actions that it considers reasonably necessary and appropriate in respect of the Loans, the Equity Securities, the Permitted Investments and this Agreement. Nevertheless, if so requested by the Collateral Manager or a purchaser of any Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment, the Borrower shall ratify and confirm any such sale or other disposition by executing and delivering to the Collateral Manager or such purchaser all proper bills of sale, assignments, releases, powers of attorney, proxies, dividends, other orders and other instruments as may reasonably be designated in any such request. Except as otherwise set forth and provided for herein, this grant of power of attorney is coupled with an interest, and it shall survive and not be affected by the subsequent dissolution or bankruptcy of the Borrower. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the appointment herein of the Collateral Manager as the Borrower's agent and attorney-in-fact shall automatically cease and terminate upon the resignation of the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section 6.10 or any termination and removal of the Collateral Manager pursuant to Section 6.11. Each of the Collateral Manager and the Borrower shall take such other actions, and furnish such certificates, opinions and other documents, as may be reasonably requested by the other party hereto in order to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement and to facilitate compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the terms of this Agreement. The Collateral Manager shall provide, and is hereby authorized to provide, the following services to the Borrower:

(i) select the Loans and Permitted Investments to be acquired and select the Loans, Equity Securities and Permitted Investments to be sold or otherwise disposed of by the Borrower;

- (ii) invest and reinvest the Collateral;
- (iii) instruct the Collateral Agent with respect to any acquisition, disposition, or tender of, or Offer with respect to, a Loan, Equity Security, Permitted Investment or other assets received in respect thereof by the Borrower;
- (iv) perform the investment-related duties and functions (including, without limitation, the furnishing of Funding Notices, Repayment Notices, Reinvestment Notices, Borrowing Base Certificates, Collateral Management Reports and other notices and certificates that the Collateral Manager is required to deliver on behalf of the Borrower) as are expressly required to be performed by the Collateral Manager hereunder with regard to acquisitions, sales or other dispositions of Loans, Equity Securities, Permitted Investments and other assets permitted to be acquired or sold under, and subject to this Agreement (including any proceeds received by way of Offers, workouts and restructurings on Loan or other assets owned by the Borrower) and shall comply with any applicable requirements required to be performed by the Collateral Manager in this Agreement with respect thereto;
- (v) negotiate on behalf of the Borrower with prospective originators, sellers or purchasers of Loans as to the terms relating to the acquisition, sale or other dispositions thereof;
- (vi) subject to any applicable terms of this Agreement, monitor the Collateral on behalf of the Borrower on an ongoing basis and shall provide or cause to be provided to the Borrower copies of all reports, schedules and other data reasonably available to the Collateral Manager that the Borrower is required to prepare and deliver or cause to be prepared and delivered under this Agreement, in such forms and containing such information required thereby, in reasonably sufficient time for such required reports, schedules and data to be reviewed and delivered by or on behalf of the Borrower to the parties entitled thereto under this Agreement. The obligation of the Collateral Manager to furnish such information is subject to the Collateral Manager's timely receipt of necessary reports and the appropriate information from the Person responsible for the delivery of or preparation of such information or such reports (including without limitation, the Obligors of the Loans, the Borrower, the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or any Lender) and to any confidentiality restrictions with respect thereto. The Collateral Manager shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or sent by a Person that the Collateral Manager has no reason to believe is not duly authorized, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. The Collateral Manager is entitled to rely on any other information furnished to it by third parties that it reasonably believes in good faith to be genuine provided that no Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager has actual knowledge that such information is materially incorrect;
- (vii) subject to and in accordance with this Agreement, as agent of the Borrower and on behalf of the Borrower, direct the Collateral Agent to take, or take on behalf of the Borrower, as applicable, any of the following actions with respect to a Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment:
 - (1) purchase or otherwise acquire such Loan or Permitted Investment;

- (2) retain such Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment;
- (3) sell or otherwise dispose of such Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment (including any assets received by way of Offers, workouts and restructurings on assets owned by the Borrower) in the open market or otherwise;
 - (4) if applicable, tender such Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment;
- (5) if applicable, consent to or refuse to consent to any proposed amendment, modification, restructuring, exchange, waiver or Offer and give or refuse to give any notice or direction;
 - (6) retain or dispose of any securities or other property (if other than cash) received by the Borrower;
 - (7) call or waive any default with respect to any Loan;
- (8) vote on any matter for which the Borrower has the right to vote pursuant to the Underlying Instruments (including to accelerate the maturity of any Loan);
- (9) participate in a committee or group formed by creditors of an Obligor under a Loan or issuer or obligor of a Permitted Investment;
- (10) after the occurrence of the Collection Date, determine in consultation with the Borrower when, in the view of the Collateral Manager, it would be in the best interest of the Borrower to liquidate all or any portion of the Collateral (and, if applicable, after discharge of the Lien of the Collateral Agent in the Collateral under this Agreement) and, subject to the prior approval of the Borrower, execute on behalf of the Borrower any such liquidation or any actions necessary to effectuate any of the foregoing;
- (11) advise and assist the Borrower with respect to the valuation of the Loans, to the extent required or permitted by this Agreement, and advise and assist the Equity Investor with respect to the valuation of the Borrower; and
- (12) exercise any other rights or remedies with respect to such Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment as provided in the Underlying Instruments of the Obligor or issuer under such assets or the other documents governing the terms of such assets or take any other action consistent with the terms of this Agreement which the Collateral Manager reasonably determines to be in the best interests of the Borrower.
 - (viii) the Collateral Manager may, but shall not be obligated to:
- (1) retain accounting, tax, legal and other professional services on behalf of the Borrower as may be needed by the Borrower; and/or
- (2) consult on behalf of the Borrower with the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent and the Lenders at such times as may be reasonably requested thereby in accordance with this Agreement and provide any

such Person requesting the same with the information they are then entitled to have in accordance with this Agreement;

- (ix) in connection with the purchase of any Loan by the Borrower, prepare, on behalf of the Borrower, the information required to be delivered to the Collateral Agent with respect to such Loan, the Administrative Agent or any Lender pursuant to this Agreement.
- (x) prepare and submit claims to, and act as post-billing liaison with, Obligors on each Loan (for which no administrative or similar agent exists);
- (xi) maintain all necessary records and reports with respect to the Collateral and provide such reports to the Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Administrative Agent in respect of the management and administration of the Collateral (including information relating to its performance under this Agreement) as may be required hereunder or as the Borrower, the Collateral Agent or the Administrative Agent may reasonably request;
- (xii) maintain and implement administrative and operating procedures (including, without limitation, an ability to recreate management and administration records evidencing the Collateral in the event of the destruction of the originals thereof) and keep and maintain all documents, books, records and other information reasonably necessary or advisable for the collection of the Collateral;
- (xiii) promptly deliver to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or the Collateral Agent, from time to time, such information and management and administration records (including information relating to its performance under this Agreement) as such Person may from time to time reasonably request;
- (xiv) identify each Loan clearly and unambiguously in its records to reflect that such Loan is owned by the Borrower and that the Borrower has granted a security interest therein to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to this Agreement;
- (xv) notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly upon obtaining actual knowledge of any material action, suit, proceeding, dispute, offset, deduction, defense or counterclaim (1) that is or is threatened to be asserted by an Obligor with respect to any Loan (or portion thereof) of which it has knowledge or has received notice; or (2) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
- (xvi) assist the Borrower in maintaining the first priority, perfected security interest (subject to Permitted Liens) of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, in the Collateral;
- (xvii) maintain the loan record(s) with respect to Loans included as part of the Collateral (except for any loan records that have been provided to and remain in the possession of the Collateral Agent); provided that upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an Event of Default or a Collateral Manager Termination Event, the Administrative Agent may request the Loan File(s) to be sent to the Collateral Agent or its designee;
- (xviii) with respect to each Loan included as part of the Collateral, make the applicable Loan File available for inspection by the Borrower or the

Administrative Agent, upon reasonable advance notice, at the offices of the Collateral Manager during normal business hours; and

(xix) direct the Collateral Agent to make payments pursuant to the instructions set forth in the latest Collateral Management Report in accordance with <u>Section 2.7</u> and <u>Section 2.8</u> and prepare such other reports pursuant to <u>Section 6.8</u> as (A) required to be prepared by the Collateral Manager and (B) to the extent not otherwise expressly a duty of the Collateral Agent, with the consent of the Collateral Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

It is acknowledged and agreed that the Borrower possesses only such rights with respect to the enforcement of rights and remedies with respect to the Loans and the Underlying Assets and under the Underlying Instruments as have been transferred to the Borrower with respect to the related Loan, and therefore, for all purposes under this Agreement, the Collateral Manager shall perform its administrative and management duties hereunder only to the extent that, as a lender under the related loan syndication Underlying Instruments, it has the right to do so.

- (b) In performing its duties hereunder and when exercising its discretion and judgment in connection with any transactions involving the Loans, Equity Securities or Permitted Investments, the Collateral Manager shall carry out any reasonable written directions of the Borrower for the purpose of preventing a breach of this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; <u>provided</u> that such directions are not inconsistent with any provision of this Agreement by which the Collateral Manager is bound or Applicable Law.
- (c) In providing services hereunder, the Collateral Manager may, without the consent of any party but with prior written notice to each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, employ third parties, including, without limitation, its Affiliates, to render advice (including investment advice), to provide services to arrange for trade execution and otherwise provide assistance to the Borrower and to perform any of its duties hereunder; provided that no such written notice shall be required for a delegation of any duties of the Collateral Manager to BDC Advisor, the Sub-Advisor or their respective employees or to the Collateral Agent in respect of collateral administration duties performed by the Collateral Agent hereunder; provided further, that such delegation of any of its duties hereunder or performance of services by any other Person shall not relieve the Collateral Manager of any of its duties or liabilities hereunder. BDC Advisor has engaged Churchill Asset Management, LLC as a sub-advisor (the "Sub-Advisor"), and each of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent hereby acknowledges such engagement.
- (d) The Collateral Manager assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to perform the Collateral Manager's duties called for hereunder and under the terms of this Agreement applicable to the Collateral Manager, in good faith and, subject to the Collateral Manager Standard, shall not be responsible for any action of the Borrower or the Collateral Agent in following or declining to follow any advice, recommendation or direction of the Collateral Manager.
- (e) In performing its duties, the Collateral Manager shall perform its obligations with reasonable care (i) using no less degree of care, skill and attention as it employs with respect to similar collateral that it manages for itself and its Affiliates having similar investment objectives and restrictions and (ii) without limiting the clause (i), in a manner it reasonably believes consistent with customary standards, policies and procedures followed by institutional managers of national standing relating to assets of the nature and character of the Loans (the "Collateral Manager Standard").

- (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the exercise by the Collateral Agent, the Administrative Agent or the Secured Parties of their rights hereunder (including, but not limited to, the delivery of a Collateral Manager Termination Notice), shall not release the Collateral Manager or the Borrower from any of their duties or responsibilities with respect to the Collateral, except that the Collateral Manager's obligations hereunder shall terminate upon its removal under this Agreement. The Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not have any obligation or liability with respect to any Collateral, other than as provided for herein or in any other Transaction Document, nor shall any of them be obligated to perform any of the obligations of the Collateral Manager hereunder.
- (g) Nothing in this <u>Section 6.2</u> or any other obligations of the Collateral Manager under this Agreement shall release, modify, amend or otherwise affect any of the obligations of the Borrower or any other party hereunder.
- (h) Any payment by an Obligor in respect of any Indebtedness owed by it to the Borrower shall, except as otherwise specified by such Obligor or otherwise required by contract or law, be applied as a collection of a payment by such Obligor (starting with the oldest such outstanding payment due) to the extent of any amounts then due and payable thereunder before being applied to any other receivable or other obligation of such Obligor.
- (i) It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that, in addition to acting in its capacity as Collateral Manager pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Nuveen Churchill Direct Lending Corp. (and its Affiliates) will engage in other business and render other services outside the scope of its capacity as Collateral Manager (including acting as administrative agent or as a lender with respect to Underlying Instruments or as collateral manager or investment advisor to other funds and investment vehicles). It is hereby further acknowledged and agreed that such other activities shall in no way whatsoever alter, amend or modify any of the Collateral Manager's rights, duties or obligations under the Transaction Documents.
- (j) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement and Applicable Law, the Collateral Manager is hereby authorized to effect client cross-transactions in which the Collateral Manager causes the purchase or sale of a Loan to be effected between the Borrower and another account advised by the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates. In addition, the Collateral Manager is authorized to enter into agency cross-transactions in which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates act as broker for the Borrower and for the other party to the transaction, to the extent permitted under Applicable Law, in which case any such Affiliate will have a potentially conflicting division of loyalties and responsibilities regarding, both parties to the transaction. The Borrower hereby authorizes and consents to such broker engaging in such transactions and acting in such capacities.
- (k) The Collateral Manager, subject to and in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement, hereby agrees that it shall cause any transaction relating to the Loans, the Equity Securities and the Permitted Investments to be conducted on terms and conditions negotiated on an arm's-length basis and in accordance with Applicable Law.
- (l) In circumstances where the consent of a Person acting on behalf of the Borrower and independent of the Collateral Manager to the acquisition or sale of a Loan, an Equity Security or a Permitted Investment is not obtained, the Collateral Manager will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the best execution (but shall have no obligation to obtain the best prices available) for all orders placed with respect to any purchase or sale of any Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment, in a manner permitted by law and in a manner it believes to be in the best interests of the Borrower, considering all circumstances. Subject to the preceding sentence, the Collateral Manager may, in the allocation of business, select brokers and/or dealers with whom to effect trades on behalf of the Borrower and may open cash trading

accounts with such brokers and dealers (provided that none of the assets of the Borrower may be credited to, held in or subject to the lien of the broker or dealer with respect to any such account). In addition, subject to the first sentence of this paragraph, the Collateral Manager may, in the allocation of business, take into consideration research and other brokerage services furnished to the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates by brokers and dealers which are not Affiliates of the Collateral Manager; provided that the Collateral Manager in good faith believes that the compensation for such services rendered by such brokers and dealers complies with the requirements of Section 28(e) of the Exchange Act ("Section 28(e)"), or in the case of principal or fixed income transactions for which the "safe harbor" of Section 28(e) is not available, the amount of the spread charged is reasonable in relation to the value of the research and other brokerage services provided. Such services may be used by the Collateral Manager in connection with its other advisory activities or investment operations. The Collateral Manager may aggregate sales and purchase orders placed with respect to the Loans with similar orders being made simultaneously for other clients of the Collateral Manager or of Affiliates of the Collateral Manager, if in the Collateral Manager's reasonable judgment such aggregation shall not result in an overall economic loss to the Borrower, taking into consideration the availability of purchasers or sellers, the selling or purchase price, brokerage commission or other expenses, as well as the availability of such Loans on any other basis. In accounting for such aggregated order price, commissions and other expenses may be apportioned on a weighted average basis. When any purchase or sale of a Loan, Equity Security or Permitted Investment occurs as part of any aggregate sales or purchase orders, the objective of the Collateral Manager will be to allocate the executions among the clients in an equitable manner and in accordance with the internal policies and procedures of the Collateral Manager and, to the extent relevant, Applicable Law.

- (m) The Collateral Manager shall not have authority to cause the Borrower to purchase or sell any Collateral from or to the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates as principal, or from or to any other account, portfolio or person for which the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates serves as investment advisor, unless (i) the terms and conditions thereof are no less favorable to the Borrower as the terms it would obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with a non-Affiliate and (ii) the transactions are effected in accordance with all Applicable Laws (including, without limitation, the Advisers Act). To the extent that Applicable Law requires disclosure to and the consent of the Borrower to any purchase or sale transaction on a principal basis with the Collateral Manager or any of its Affiliates, such requirement may be satisfied with respect to the Borrower pursuant to any manner that is permitted pursuant to then Applicable Law.
- (n) In the event that, in light of market conditions and investment objectives, the Collateral Manager determines that it would be advisable to (i) facilitate the sale of the same asset both for the Borrower and for either the proprietary account of the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof or (ii) facilitate the acquisition of the same asset both for the Borrower and for either the proprietary account of the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate of the Collateral Manager or for another client of the Collateral Manager or any Affiliate thereof, then, in each such case, such purchases or sales will be allocated in a manner that is consistent with the Collateral Manager's obligations hereunder, the Collateral Manager Standard and Applicable Law.
- (o) The Borrower and the Lenders acknowledge that in certain circumstances, the interests of the Borrower and/or the Lenders with respect to matters as to which the Collateral Manager is advising the Borrower may conflict with the interests of the Collateral Manager and the Affiliates of the Collateral Manager. The Collateral Manager is responsible for the investment decisions made on behalf of other advisory clients, including certain discretionary accounts. The Collateral Manager may determine that the Borrower and the Collateral Manager, one of its Affiliates or some other client should purchase or sell the same securities or loans at

the same time. In that regard, the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates may, with respect to the Borrower, compete for securities and loans that are suitable for the Borrower and other clients managed by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates. As a result, it is possible that such clients, rather than the Borrower, will be successful in acquiring such loans and securities. During the Reinvestment Period, the Borrower will be offered such proportion of investment opportunities available to the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates which is consistent with the investment objectives, policies and restrictions of the Borrower and otherwise suitable for inclusion in the portfolio of the Borrower as the Collateral Manager may determine. It is expected that such allocation between or among the Borrower and any other clients managed by the Collateral Manager and/or its Affiliates for which such investment is suitable will be allocated in accordance with the allocation procedures of BDC Advisor. Generally, these procedures are expected to result in allocations being made pro rata in respect of the annual capacity of the Borrower and such other clients, provided that where such pro rata allocation is not contemplated due to relevant investment objectives or other considerations, including, without limitation, the nature and time horizon of the investment, suitability and portfolio positions of each of the Borrower and such other clients, including concentration, diversification, liquidity, investment restrictions or other limitations, applicable tax and regulatory considerations, or would otherwise result in a potential violation of applicable law or contractual considerations, the Collateral Manager will seek to allocate such opportunities in a fair and equitable manner among the Borrower and such other clients. Each of the Collateral Manager and its Affiliates will allocate investment opportunities across its own clients in accordance with its own allocation policies and procedures and without regard to the allocation being made by other Affiliates, including the Collateral Manager. Conflicts (and potential conflicts) may arise when the Borrower is competing with other clients for investment opportunities and exits. Where pro rata allocation is not appropriate or would otherwise result in a potential violation of applicable law or contractual considerations, the Collateral Manager will determine in its sole and absolute discretion the allocation of the Borrower's assets on whatever basis they consider to be reasonable and consistent with the Borrower's investment guidelines and their obligations to the Borrower. In certain instances, it is possible that other clients managed by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates, or for a proprietary account of an Affiliate, may be in the same or similar loans or securities as held by the Borrower, and which may be acquired at different times at lower or higher prices. Those investments may also be in securities or other instruments in different parts of the company's capital structure that differ significantly from the investments held by the Borrower, including with respect to material terms and conditions, including without limitation seniority, interest rates, dividends, voting rights and participation in liquidation proceeds. Consequently, in certain instances these investments may be in positions or interests which are potentially adverse to those taken or held by the Borrower. In such circumstances, measures will be taken to address such actual or potential conflicts, which may include, as appropriate, establishing an information barrier between or among the applicable personnel of the Collateral Manager and the relevant Affiliates, requiring recusal of certain personnel from participating in decisions that give rise to such conflicts, or other protective measures as shall be established from time to time to address such conflicts.

Section 1.3 <u>Authorization of the Collateral Manager</u>.

(a) The Borrower hereby authorizes the Collateral Manager to take any and all steps in its name and on its behalf necessary or desirable in the determination of the Collateral Manager and not inconsistent with the grant by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, of a security interest in the Collateral that at all times ranks senior to any other creditor of the Borrower, to collect all amounts due under any and all Collateral, including, without limitation, endorsing any of their names on checks and other instruments representing Collections, executing and delivering any and all instruments of satisfaction or cancellation, or of partial or full release or discharge, and all other comparable instruments, with respect to the Collateral and, after the delinquency of any Collateral and to the extent permitted

under and in compliance with Applicable Law, to commence proceedings with respect to enforcing payment thereof. Each of the Borrower and the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties shall furnish the Collateral Manager with any powers of attorney and other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the Collateral Manager to carry out its management and administrative duties hereunder, and shall cooperate with the Collateral Manager to the fullest extent in order to permit the collectability of the Collateral. In no event shall the Collateral Manager be entitled to make any Secured Party or the Collateral Agent a party to any litigation without such party's express prior written consent, or to make the Borrower a party to any litigation (other than any foreclosure or similar collection procedure) without the prior written consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

- (b) After the declaration of the Termination Date, at the direction of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager shall take such action as the Administrative Agent may deem necessary or advisable to enforce collection of the Collateral and directs the Collateral Manager; provided that the Administrative Agent may, in accordance with Section 5.1(m), notify any Obligor with respect to any Collateral of the assignment of such Collateral to the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, and direct that payments of all amounts due or to become due be made directly to the Collateral Agent or any collection agent, sub-agent or account designated by the Collateral Agent and, upon such notification and at the expense of the Borrower, the Collateral Agent may enforce collection of any such Collateral, and adjust, settle or compromise the amount or payment thereof.
- (c) In dealing with the Collateral Manager and its duly appointed agents, none of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent nor any Lender shall be required to inquire as to the authority of the Collateral Manager or any such agent to bind the Borrower.

Section 1.4 Collection of Payments; Accounts.

- (a) <u>Collection Efforts</u>. The Collateral Manager will use commercially reasonable efforts consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard to collect or cause to be collected all payments called for under the terms and provisions of the Loans included in the Collateral as and when the same become due.
- (b) <u>Taxes and other Amounts</u>. To the extent the Borrower is required under the Underlying Instruments to perform such duties, the Collateral Manager will collect all payments with respect to amounts due for Taxes, assessments and insurance premiums relating to each Loan to the extent required to be paid to the Borrower for such application under the Underlying Instrument, directing all such payments to be paid to the Collection Account, and direct the Collateral Agent to remit such amounts to the appropriate Governmental Authority or insurer as required by the Underlying Instruments.
- (c) <u>Payments to Collection Account</u>. On or before the applicable Funding Date, the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, shall have instructed all Obligors and paying agents to make all payments owing to the Borrower in respect of the Collateral directly to the Collection Account in accordance with <u>Section 2.9</u>.
- (d) Accounts. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that each Account shall be deemed to be a Securities Account. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees to cause the Collateral Agent or any other Securities Intermediary that holds any Cash or other Financial Asset for the Borrower in an Account to agree with the parties hereto that (A) the cash and other property (subject to Section 6.4(e) below with respect to any property other than investment property, as defined in Section 9-102(a)(49) of the UCC) is to be treated as a Financial Asset and (B) the jurisdiction governing the Account, all Cash and other Financial Assets credited to the Account and the "securities intermediary's jurisdiction" (within the meaning of Section 8-110(e)

of the UCC) shall, in each case, be the State of New York. In no event may any Financial Asset held in any Account be registered in the name of, payable to the order of, or specially Indorsed to, the Borrower, unless such Financial Asset has also been Indorsed in blank or to the Collateral Agent or other Securities Intermediary that holds such Financial Asset in such Account.

(e) <u>Underlying Instruments</u>. Notwithstanding any term hereof (or any term of the UCC that might otherwise be construed to be applicable to a "securities intermediary" as defined in the UCC) to the contrary, none of the Collateral Agent, Custodian nor any Securities Intermediary shall be under any duty or obligation in connection with the acquisition by the Borrower, or the grant by the Borrower of a security interest to the Collateral Agent, of any Loan to examine or evaluate the sufficiency of the documents or instruments delivered to it by or on behalf of the Borrower under the related Underlying Instruments, or otherwise to examine the Underlying Instruments, in order to determine or compel compliance with any applicable requirements of or restrictions on transfer (including without limitation any necessary consents). The Collateral Agent and the Custodian shall hold any Instrument delivered to it evidencing any Loan transferred to the Collateral Agent hereunder each as custodial agent for the Secured Parties in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 1.5 Realization Upon Loans.

The Collateral Manager may, in its discretion and consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard and the Underlying Instruments, foreclose upon or repossess, as applicable, or otherwise comparably convert the ownership of any Underlying Assets relating to a Loan that has become subject to any default and as to which no satisfactory arrangements can be made for collection of delinquent payments. The Collateral Manager will comply with the Collateral Manager Standard and Applicable Law in realizing upon such Underlying Assets, and employ practices and procedures including reasonable efforts consistent with the Collateral Manager Standard to enforce all obligations of Obligors by foreclosing upon, repossessing and causing the sale of such Underlying Assets at public or private sale in circumstances other than those described in the preceding sentence. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless the Administrative Agent has specifically given instruction to the contrary, the Collateral Manager may cause the sale of any such Underlying Assets to the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates for a purchase price equal to the then fair market value thereof, any such sale to be evidenced by a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager delivered to the Administrative Agent setting forth the Loan, the Underlying Assets, the sale price of the Underlying Assets and certifying that such sale price is the fair market value of such Underlying Assets. In any case in which any such Underlying Asset has suffered damage, the Collateral Manager will not expend funds in connection with any repair or toward the foreclosure or repossession of such Underlying Asset unless the Collateral Manager reasonably determines that such repair and/or foreclosure or repossession will increase recoveries by an amount greater than the amount of such expenses. The Collateral Manager will remit to the Collection Account all recoveries received by the Collateral Manager in connection with the sale or disposition of Underlying Assets relating to any Loan hereunder.

Section 1.6 <u>Collateral Manager Compensation</u>.

As compensation for its administrative and management activities hereunder, the Collateral Manager or its designee shall be entitled to receive the Collateral Management Fee pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2.7 and Section 2.8, as applicable; provided, that the Collateral Manager shall be permitted to irrevocably waive all or any portion of the Collateral Management Fee payable to the Collateral Manager on a Payment Date by providing written notice thereof to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent at least one (1) Business Day prior to the applicable Payment Date.

Section 1.7 Expense Reimbursement.

Subject to Sections 2.7, 2.8(a), and 2.9(f), as applicable, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse the Collateral Manager for its payment of any and all reasonable costs and expenses incurred on behalf of the Borrower in connection with its management, administration and collection activities with respect to the Collateral and compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including, without limitation: (i) any transfer fees necessary to register any Loan; (ii) any fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition, management, amendment, enforcement, pricing, valuation, restructuring or disposition of Collateral or otherwise in connection with the Advances or the Borrower (including (a) investment related travel, communications and related expenses, (b) reasonable legal fees and expenses, (c) in connection with the termination, cancellation or abandonment of a potential acquisition or disposition of any Collateral that is not consummated, (d) amounts required to be paid or reimbursed to any agent under any Underlying Instrument and (e) costs associated with visits and inspections pursuant to Section 5.1(d)); (iii) any and all taxes and governmental charges that may be incurred or payable by the Borrower; (iv) any and all costs and expenses for services to the Borrower and the Collateral in respect of assignment processing fees; (v) in the event the Borrower is included in the consolidated financial statements of the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates, costs and expenses associated with the preparation of such financial statements and other information by the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates to the extent related to the inclusion of the Borrower in such financial statements, and (vi) any and all expenses incurred to comply with any law or regulation related to the activities of the Borrower and, to the extent relating specifically to the Borrower (or its activities) and the Collateral, the Collateral Manager; provided that, the Collateral Manager shall bear as non-reimbursable costs, all of the Collateral Manager's own internal and incidental costs and expenses, including the salaries, wages (other than with respect to clause (v) of this Section 6.7) and payroll Taxes of its officers and employees, the cost of insurance coverage for its officers and employees (but not including directors and officers coverage attributable to the performance of duties pursuant to any Transaction Document) and the other similar general overhead costs and expenses of the Collateral Manager incurred by or on behalf of the Collateral Manager in rendering the services of the Collateral Manager hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents; provided, further, that (i) to the extent the Borrower is entitled to be reimbursed for any such costs and expenses by any Obligor and is, in fact, paid or reimbursed thereby, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse the Collateral Manager in accordance with this Section 6.7 (net of any amounts, if any, received by the Collateral Manager directly) and (ii) in the event the Collateral Manager has fees or expenses (including internal costs of the Collateral Manager or that are allocated to the Collateral Manager) that are allocable to one or more entities in addition to the Borrower to which the Collateral Manager provides management or advisory services, the Borrower shall be responsible for only a pro rata portion (based on aggregate principal or committed amounts) of such fees and expenses, based on the aggregate assets under management of all entities to which such costs or expenses are allocable, all such reimbursable costs and expenses being the "Collateral Manager Reimbursable Expenses".

Section 1.8 Reports; Information.

(a) Obligor Financial Statements; Other Reports. The Collateral Manager will deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, to the extent received by the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) pursuant to the Underlying Instruments, the complete financial reporting package with respect to each Obligor and with respect to each Loan for such Obligor (including any financial statements, management discussion and analysis, executed covenant compliance certificates and related covenant calculations with respect to such Obligor and with respect to each Loan for such Obligor) provided to the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) for the periods required by the Underlying Instruments, which delivery shall be made within ten (10) Business Days after receipt of such financial reporting package by the

Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) as specified in the Underlying Instruments. The Collateral Manager will provide, promptly upon request from the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, such other information received by it from any Obligor as may reasonably be requested with respect to such Obligor.

- (b) Amendments to Loans. The Collateral Manager will post on a password protected website maintained by the Collateral Manager to which the Borrower and the Administrative Agent will have access (or otherwise deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, including, without limitation, by electronic mail) a copy of any material amendment, restatement, supplement, waiver or other modification to the Underlying Instruments of any Loan (along with any internal documents prepared by the Collateral Manager and provided to its investment committee in connection with such amendment, restatement, supplement, waiver or other modification) within ten (10) Business Days of the effectiveness of such amendment, restatement, supplement, waiver or other modification.
- (c) <u>Collateral Management Report</u>. The Collateral Manager shall deliver a Collateral Management Report and a Borrowing Base Certificate on each Reporting Date and each Funding Date to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, each Lender and the Borrower.
- (d) Collateral Manager Information. The Collateral Manager shall furnish to the Administrative Agent for distribution to each Lender within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower and the Equity Investor, commencing with the 2015 fiscal year, a report covering such fiscal year of a firm of independent certified public accountants of nationally recognized standing to the effect that such accountants have applied certain agreed-upon procedures (a copy of which procedures are attached hereto as Schedule III, it being understood that the Collateral Manager and the Administrative Agent will provide an updated Schedule III reflecting any further amendments to such Schedule III prior to the issuance of the first such agreed-upon procedures report, a copy of which shall replace the then existing Schedule III) to certain documents and records relating to the Collateral, the Borrower, the Equity Investor and the Collateral Manager, compared the information contained in the Collateral Management Reports delivered during the period covered by such report with such documents and records and that no matters came to the attention of such accountants that caused them to believe that the information and the calculations included in such Collateral Management Reports were not determined or performed in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, except for such exceptions as such accountants shall believe to be immaterial and such other exceptions as shall be set forth in such statement.
- (e) <u>Liquidity Reports</u>. Upon the reasonable written request of the Administrative Agent, the Equity Investor shall promptly provide a report to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders setting forth the liquidity position of the Equity Investor, in form and substance mutually agreed to by the Administrative Agent and the Equity Investor.

Section 1.9 Annual Statement as to Compliance.

The Collateral Manager will provide to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, within one hundred and twenty (120) days following the end of each fiscal year of the Collateral Manager, commencing with the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2015, a report signed by a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Manager certifying that (a) a review of the activities of the Collateral Manager, and the Collateral Manager's performance pursuant to this Agreement, for the fiscal period ending on the last day of such fiscal year has been made under such Person's supervision and (b) the Collateral Manager has performed or has caused to be performed in all material respects all of its obligations under this Agreement throughout such year and no Collateral Manager Termination Event has occurred or, if any such Collateral

Manager Termination Event has occurred, a statement describing the nature thereof and the steps being taken to remedy such Collateral Manager Termination Event.

Section 1.10 The Collateral Manager Not to Resign.

The Collateral Manager shall not resign from the obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon the Collateral Manager's good faith determination in consultation with legal counsel that (i) the performance of its duties hereunder is or becomes impermissible under Applicable Law and (ii) there is no reasonable action that the Collateral Manager could take to make the performance of its duties hereunder permissible under Applicable Law. In connection with any such determination permitting the resignation of the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower a description of the circumstances giving rise to such determination.

Section 1.11 Collateral Manager Termination Events.

Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of a Collateral Manager Termination Event, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Administrative Agent, by written notice to the Collateral Manager with a copy to the Borrower, the Equity Investor, the Collateral Agent and each other Lender (such notice, a "Collateral Manager Termination Notice"), may, in its sole discretion, or shall, at the request of the Required Lenders, terminate all of the rights and obligations of the Collateral Manager as "Collateral Manager" under this Agreement. Each Collateral Manager Termination Notice shall designate the replacement Collateral Manager, who shall be selected by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion. Until a Collateral Manager Termination Notice is delivered as set forth above, the Collateral Manager shall (i) unless otherwise notified by the Administrative Agent, continue to act in such capacity pursuant to Section 6.1, subject to Section 6.10 and (ii) as requested by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion (A) terminate some or all of its activities as Collateral Manager hereunder by the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion as necessary or desirable, (B) provide such information as may be requested by the Administrative Agent to facilitate the transition of the performance of such activities to the Administrative Agent or any agent thereof and (C) take all other actions requested by the Administrative Agent, in each case to facilitate the transition of the performance of such activities to the Administrative Agent or any agent thereof.

ARTICLE VII

THE COLLATERAL AGENT

Section 1.1 <u>Designation of Collateral Agent.</u>

- (a) <u>Initial Collateral Agent</u>. The role of Collateral Agent hereunder and under the other Transaction Documents to which the Collateral Agent is a party shall be conducted by the Person designated as Collateral Agent hereunder from time to time in accordance with this <u>Section 7.1</u>. Until the Administrative Agent shall give to U.S. Bank a Collateral Agent Termination Notice, U.S. Bank is hereby appointed as, and hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the duties and obligations of, Collateral Agent pursuant to the terms hereof.
- (b) <u>Successor Collateral Agent</u>. Upon the Collateral Agent's receipt of a Collateral Agent Termination Notice from the Administrative Agent of the designation of a successor Collateral Agent pursuant to the provisions of <u>Section 7.5</u> and <u>7.7</u>, the Collateral Agent agrees that it will terminate its activities as Collateral Agent hereunder.

Section 1.2 <u>Duties of Collateral Agent.</u>

- (a) Appointment. Each of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent hereby designate and appoint the Collateral Agent to act as its agent and hereby authorizes the Collateral Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly granted to the Collateral Agent by this Agreement. The Collateral Agent hereby accepts such agency appointment to act as Collateral Agent pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) <u>Duties</u>. Until its removal pursuant to <u>Section 7.5</u>, the Collateral Agent shall perform, on behalf of the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties, the following duties and obligations:
 - (i) [Reserved].
 - (ii) [Reserved].
 - (iii) [Reserved].
 - (iv) [Reserved].
 - (v) The Collateral Agent agrees, subject to <u>Section 7.2(b)(viii)</u>, to cooperate with the Administrative Agent and take any reasonable action requested by the Administrative Agent that the Administrative Agent deems necessary or desirable in order to exercise or enforce any of the rights of a Secured Party hereunder. In the event the Collateral Agent receives instructions from the Collateral Manager or the Borrower which conflict with any instructions received by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent shall rely on and follow the instructions given by the Administrative Agent, and shall not be liable for its reliance upon and compliance with such instructions.
 - (vi) The Collateral Agent shall, promptly upon its actual receipt of a Collateral Management Report from the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower, verify the Outstanding Balance of each Loan and the balance of each Account used in the calculation of the Borrowing Base and, if the Collateral Agent's calculation does not correspond with the calculation provided by the Collateral Manager on such Collateral Management Report, deliver such calculation to each of the Administrative Agent, Borrower and Collateral Manager within one (1) Business Day of receipt by the Collateral Agent of such Collateral Management Report and the parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to reconcile such discrepancy.
 - (vii) The Collateral Agent shall make payments in accordance with <u>Section 2.7</u> and <u>Section 2.8</u> and as otherwise expressly provided under this Agreement (the "<u>Payment Duties</u>").
 - (viii) The Administrative Agent and each other Secured Party further authorizes the Collateral Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents as are expressly delegated to the Collateral Agent by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. In furtherance, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each Secured Party hereby appoints the Collateral Agent (acting at the direction of the Administrative Agent) as its agent to execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take all further action that the Administrative Agent deems necessary or desirable in order to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interests granted by the Borrower hereunder, or to enable any of them to exercise

or enforce any of their respective rights hereunder, including, without limitation, the execution by the Collateral Agent as secured party/assignee of such financing or continuation statements, or amendments thereto or assignments thereof, relative to all or any of the Loans now existing or hereafter arising, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or appropriate for the purposes stated hereinabove. Nothing in this clause shall be deemed to relieve the Borrower or the Collateral Manager of their respective obligations to protect the interest of the Collateral Agent (for the benefit of the Secured Parties) in the Collateral, including to file financing and continuation statements in respect of the Collateral.

- (ix) If, in performing its duties under this Agreement, the Collateral Agent is required to decide between alternative courses of action, the Collateral Agent may request written instructions from the Administrative Agent as to the course of action desired by the Administrative Agent. If the Collateral Agent does not receive such instructions within two (2) Business Days after its request therefor, the Collateral Agent may, but shall be under no duty to, take or refrain from taking any such courses of action. The Collateral Agent shall act in accordance with instructions received after such two (2) Business Day period except to the extent it has already taken, or committed itself to take, action inconsistent with such instructions. The Collateral Agent shall be entitled to rely on the advice of legal counsel and independent accountants obtained in good faith in performing its duties hereunder and shall be deemed to have acted in good faith if it acts in accordance with such advice.
- (x) The Collateral Agent shall create a collateral database with respect to the Collateral based on information received from the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and other third party sources (the "Collateral Database"), and update the Collateral Database daily for changes, including to reflect the sale or other disposition of the Collateral, based upon, and to the extent of, information furnished to the Collateral Agent by the Borrower as may be reasonably required by the Collateral Agent.
- (xi) The Collateral Agent shall track the receipt and daily allocation to the Accounts of Collections, the outstanding balances therein, and any withdrawals therefrom and, on each Business Day, provide to the Collateral Manager daily reports reflecting such actions as of the close of business on the preceding Business Day.
- (xii) The Collateral Agent shall provide such other information with respect to the Collateral contained within the Collateral Database or as may be required by this Agreement, in each case as the Borrower, Collateral Manager or the Administrative Agent may reasonably request from time to time.
- (xiii) The Collateral Agent shall notify the Borrower, the Collateral Manager and the Administrative Agent upon a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Agent receiving notices, reports or proxies or any other requests relating to corporate actions affecting the Collateral.
- (xiv) In performing its duties, (A) the Collateral Agent shall comply with the standard of care set forth in Section 7.6(c) and the express terms of the Transaction Documents with respect to the Collateral and (B) all calculations made by the Collateral Agent pursuant to this Section 7.2(b) using information that is not routinely maintained by the Collateral Agent, including EBITDA, Assigned Value and Unrestricted Cash of any Obligor shall be made using such amounts as provided by the Administrative Agent, the Borrower or the Collateral Manager to the Collateral Agent.

(xv) The Administrative Agent may direct the Collateral Agent to take actions which are incidental so the actions specifically delegated to the Collateral Agent hereunder; <u>provided</u> that the Collateral Agent shall not be required to take such incidental action hereunder, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting) upon the direction of the Administrative Agent; <u>provided further</u> that the Collateral Agent shall not be required to take any action hereunder if the taking of such action, in the reasonable determination of the Collateral Agent, (x) shall be in violation of any Applicable Law or contrary to any provisions of this Agreement or (y) shall expose the Collateral Agent to liability hereunder or otherwise (unless it has received an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it with respect thereto).

- (xvi) Nothing herein shall prevent the Collateral Agent or any of its Affiliates from engaging in other businesses or from rendering services of any kind to any Person.
- (xvii) Concurrently herewith, the Administrative Agent directs the Collateral Agent and the Collateral Agent is authorized to enter into each Securities Account Control Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, all the Collateral Agent's rights, protections and immunities provided herein shall apply to the Collateral Agent for any actions taken or omitted to be taken under each Securities Account Control Agreement in such capacity.

Section 1.3 <u>Merger or Consolidation</u>.

Any Person into which the Collateral Agent may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Collateral Agent shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Collateral Agent, shall be the successor to the Collateral Agent under the Transaction Documents (and shall be deemed to have expressly assumed all obligations of the Collateral Agent under the Transaction Documents) without further act of any of the parties to this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that such Person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible to act in such capacity under the Transaction Documents.

Section 1.4 <u>Collateral Agent Compensation</u>.

As compensation for its Collateral Agent activities hereunder, the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to a Collateral Agent Fee pursuant to the provision of Section 2.7(a)(1), Section 2.7(b)(1) or Section 2.8(1), as applicable. The Collateral Agent's entitlement to receive the Collateral Agent Fee shall cease on the earlier to occur of: (i) its removal as Collateral Agent and appointment of a successor Collateral Agent pursuant to Section 7.5 or (ii) the termination of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Collateral Agent shall be entitled to receive any accrued and unpaid Collateral Agent Fees due and owing to it at the time of such removal or termination.

Section 1.5 Collateral Agent Removal.

The Collateral Agent may be removed, with or without cause, by the Administrative Agent upon at least sixty (60) days' notice given in writing to the Collateral Agent and the Lenders (the "Collateral Agent Termination Notice"); provided that notwithstanding its receipt of a Collateral Agent Termination Notice, the Collateral Agent shall continue to act in such capacity until a successor Collateral Agent has been appointed in accordance with the requirements of Sections 5.5(d) and 7.7.

Section 1.6 <u>Limitation on Liability</u>.

- (a) The Collateral Agent may conclusively rely on and shall be fully protected in acting upon any certificate (including an Officer's Certificate of the Collateral Manager or the Borrower), instrument, opinion, notice, letter, facsimile or other document delivered to it and that in good faith it reasonably believes to be genuine and that has been signed by the proper party or parties. The Collateral Agent may rely conclusively on and shall be fully protected in acting upon (a) the written instructions of any designated officer of the Administrative Agent or (to the extent applicable) the Collateral Manager or (b) the verbal instructions of the Administrative Agent or (to the extent applicable) the Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any action taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be within the discretion or powers conferred upon it, or taken by it pursuant to any direction or instruction by which it is governed hereunder, or omitted to be taken by it by reason of the lack of direction or instruction required hereby for such action.
- (b) The Collateral Agent may consult counsel satisfactory to it and the advice or opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel.
- (c) The Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any error of judgment, or for any act done or step taken or omitted by it, in good faith, or for any mistakes of fact or law, or for anything that it may do or refrain from doing in connection herewith except in the case of its willful misconduct, bad faith or grossly negligent performance or omission of its duties and in the case of its grossly negligent performance of its Payment Duties.
- (d) The Collateral Agent makes no warranty or representation and shall have no responsibility (except as expressly set forth in this Agreement) as to the content, enforceability, completeness, validity, sufficiency, value, genuineness, ownership or transferability of the Collateral, and will not be required to and will not make any representations as to the validity or value (except as expressly set forth in this Agreement) of any of the Collateral. The Collateral Agent shall not be obligated to take any legal action hereunder that might in its judgment involve any expense or liability unless it has been furnished with an indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it.
- (e) The Collateral Agent shall have no duties or responsibilities except such duties and responsibilities as are specifically set forth in this Agreement and no covenants or obligations shall be implied in this Agreement against the Collateral Agent. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Collateral Agent, except as expressly set forth herein, shall have no obligation to supervise, verify, monitor or administer the performance of the Collateral Manager or the Borrower, shall not be responsible for any action or omission of the Administrative Agent, the Lenders, the Collateral Manager, the Borrower or any Lender and, absent written notice to a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Agent, shall be entitled to assume that such person is in compliance with its obligations under this Agreement or any other document related to this transaction.
 - (f) The Collateral Agent shall not be required to expend or risk its own funds in the performance of its duties hereunder.
- (g) It is expressly agreed and acknowledged that the Collateral Agent is not guaranteeing performance of or assuming any liability for the obligations of the other parties hereto or any parties to the Collateral.

- (h) The Collateral Agent may execute any of the trusts or powers hereunder or perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys; <u>provided</u>, that the Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for any actions or omissions on the part of any non-Affiliated agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (i) The Collateral Agent shall not be responsible for delays or failures in performance resulting from circumstances beyond its control (such circumstances include but are not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, loss or malfunctions of utilities, computer (hardware or software) or communications services); errors by the Collateral Manager or any other Secured Party in its instructions to the Collateral Agent; or changes in applicable law, regulation or orders.
- (j) The Collateral Agent shall have no responsibility and shall have no liability for (i) preparing, recording, filing, rerecording or re-filing any financing statement, continuation statement, document, instrument or other notice in any public office at any time or times, (ii) the correctness of any such financing statement, continuation statement, document or instrument or other such notice, (iii) taking any action to perfect or maintain the perfection of any security interest granted to it hereunder or otherwise or (iv) the validity or perfection of any such lien or security interest.
- (k) In order to comply with the laws, rules, regulations and executive orders in effect from time to time applicable to banking institutions, including those relating to the funding of terrorist activities and money laundering (collectively, "Applicable Banking Laws"), the Collateral Agent may be required to obtain, verify and record certain information relating to individuals and entities which maintain a business relationship with the Collateral Agent. Accordingly, each of the parties agrees to provide to the Collateral Agent upon its request from time to time such identifying information and documentation as may be available for such party in order to enable the Collateral Agent to comply with Applicable Banking Laws.
- (l) In no event shall the Collateral Agent be liable for special, punitive, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits or diminution in value) even if the Collateral Agent has been advised of the likelihood of such damages and regardless of the form of such action.
- (m) The Collateral Agent shall be under no obligation to exercise or to honor any of the discretionary rights or powers vested in it by this Agreement at the request or direction of the Administrative Agent or any Lender, unless the Administrative Agent or such Lender shall have provided to the Collateral Agent security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) and liabilities which might reasonably be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (n) The Collateral Agent shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, note or other paper or document, but the Collateral Agent, in its discretion, may, and upon the written direction of the Administrative Agent shall, make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it shall be directed, and the Collateral Agent shall be entitled, on not less than five (5) Business Days' prior notice to the Borrower and the Collateral Manager, to examine the books and records relating to the Advances and the Loans, personally or by agent or attorney, at a mutually agreed time during the Borrower's or the Collateral Manager's normal business hours; provided that prior to the occurrence of an Event of Default that has not been cured, waived or rescinded, such examination shall not occur more than twice in any twelve month period.

- (o) The Collateral Agent shall (i) not have any obligation to determine if a Loan meets the criteria specified in the definition of Eligible Loan, (ii) have no discretion to select or make investments but shall be entitled to solely rely upon the investment directions of the Borrower (or the Collateral Manager on behalf of the Borrower) and (iii) have no duty or liability to independently confirm or determine whether any investment made hereunder qualifies as a Permitted Investment.
- (p) The Collateral Agent shall not be liable for the actions or omissions of the Collateral Manager, the Borrower or the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent shall not be under any obligation to monitor, evaluate or verify compliance by the Collateral Manager with the terms hereof, or, other than as expressly set forth herein, to verify or independently determine the accuracy of information received by it from the Collateral Manager (or from any selling institution, agent bank, trustee or similar source) with respect to the Collateral.
- (q) The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent hereunder are solely to protect its interest (on behalf of the Secured Parties) in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty on it to exercise any such powers. Except for (x) as expressly set forth herein and (y) the reasonable care 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 or responsibility for (i) ascertaining or taking action with respect to calls, maturities, tenders or other matters relative to any Collateral, whether or not the Collateral Agent has or is deemed to have knowledge of such matters, or (ii) taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against prior parties or any other rights pertaining to any Collateral.
- (r) The Collateral Agent shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any matter unless a Responsible Officer of the Collateral Agent has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice thereof is received by the Collateral Agent at the Corporate Trust Office and such notice references the Borrower or this Agreement or otherwise identifies the Transaction Documents.
- (s) The Collateral Agent and its respective affiliates, directors, officers, agents or employees shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain, inquire into or verify (i) any statement, warranty or representation of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Equity Investor, the Administrative Agent or any Lender made in connection with this Agreement; (ii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants or agreements of the Borrower, Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of any of the Borrower, Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor; (iii) the satisfaction of any condition specified in Article III; or (iv) the validity, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, the other Transaction Documents or any other instrument or writing furnished by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Equity Investor, the Administrative Agent or any Lender in connection herewith. Other than as expressly set forth in a Transaction Document as an obligation of the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Agent shall be under no obligation to take any action to collect from any Obligor any amount payable by such Obligor on any related Loan or any other Collateral under any circumstances, including if payment is refused after due demand upon such Obligor.
- (t) The parties acknowledge that in accordance with the Customer Identification Program (CIP) requirements under the USA Patriot Act and its implementing regulations, the Collateral Agent in order to help fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering, is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account with the Collateral Agent. The Borrower hereby agrees that it shall provide the Collateral Agent with such information as it may reasonably request including, but not limited to, the Borrower's name, physical address, tax identification number (or, that of the Equity Investor, if applicable) and other information that

will help the Collateral Agent to identify and verify the Borrower's identity (and in certain circumstances, the beneficial owners thereof) such as organizational documents, certificate of good standing, license to do business, or other pertinent identifying information.

- The Collateral Agent shall not have any responsibility for preparing, filing or recording any financing or continuation statement in any public office at any time or to otherwise perfect or maintain the perfection of any security interest or lien granted to it hereunder.
- The Collateral Agent shall not be liable for any obligation of the Collateral Manager or any Loan Party contained in this Agreement or for any errors of the Collateral Manager or any Loan Party contained in any computer tape, certificate or other data or document delivered to the Collateral Agent hereunder or on which the Collateral Agent must rely in order to perform its obligations hereunder, and the Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent each agree to look only to the Collateral Manager to perform such obligations. The Collateral Agent shall have no responsibility and shall not be in default hereunder or incur any liability for any failure, error, malfunction or any delay in carrying out any of its duties under this Agreement if such failure or delay results from the Collateral Agent acting in accordance with information prepared or provided by a Person other than the Collateral Agent or the failure of any such other Person to prepare or provide such information. The Collateral Agent shall have no responsibility, shall not be in default and shall incur no liability for (i) any act, delay or failure to act of any third party, including the Collateral Manager, (ii) any inaccuracy or omission in a notice or communication received by the Collateral Agent from any third party, including the Collateral Manager, (iii) the invalidity or unenforceability of any Collateral under Applicable Law, (iv) the breach or inaccuracy of any representation or warranty made with respect to any Collateral, or (v) the acts or omissions of any successor Collateral Agent.

Section 1.7 Resignation of the Collateral Agent.

The Collateral Agent shall not resign from the obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon (a) sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Borrower, Collateral Manager, Administrative Agent and each Lender, or (b) the Collateral Agent's determination that (i) the performance of its duties hereunder is or becomes impermissible under Applicable Law and (ii) there is no reasonable action that the Collateral Agent could take to make the performance of its duties hereunder permissible under Applicable Law. Any such determination permitting the resignation of the Collateral Agent shall be evidenced as to clause (i) above by an Opinion of Counsel to such effect delivered to the Administrative Agent. No such resignation shall become effective until a successor Collateral Agent shall have assumed the responsibilities and obligations of the Collateral Agent hereunder provided that, any successor Collateral Agent shall (y) satisfy all requirements of Section 5.5(d) and (z) be acceptable to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager (if no Collateral Manager Termination Event has occurred) and the Borrower (if no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) in their respective sole discretion. If no such successor is appointed within 90 days after the delivery of written notice, the Collateral Agent may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Collateral Agent.

Section 1.8 [Reserved].

Section 1.9 [Reserved].

Section 1.10 Access to Certain Documentation and Information Regarding the Collateral; Audits.

- (a) The Collateral Manager, the Borrower and the Collateral Agent shall provide to the Administrative Agent access to documentation in the possession of such Persons regarding the Collateral including in such cases where the Administrative Agent may direct the Collateral Agent in connection with the enforcement of the rights or interests of the Collateral Agent hereunder, or by applicable statutes or regulations, to review such documentation, such access being afforded without charge but only (i) upon two (2) Business Days' prior written request, (ii) during normal business hours and (iii) subject to the Collateral Manager's, the Borrower's and Collateral Agent's normal security and confidentiality procedures. Periodically, at the discretion of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may review the Collateral Manager's collection and administration of the Collateral in order to assess compliance by the Collateral Manager with Article VI and may conduct an audit of the Collateral in conjunction with such a review. Such review shall be reasonable in scope and shall be completed in a reasonable period of time.
- (b) Without limiting the foregoing provisions of Section 7.10(a), from time to time on request of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent shall permit certified public accountants or other independent auditors acceptable to the Administrative Agent to conduct a review of the documentation regarding the Collateral. Up to two (2) such reviews per fiscal year at a cost of \$100,000 per fiscal year shall be at the expense of the Borrower and additional reviews in a fiscal year shall be at the expense of the requesting Lender(s); provided that, after the occurrence of an Event of Default, any such reviews, regardless of frequency or expense, shall be at the expense of the Borrower.

ARTICLE VIII

SECURITY INTEREST

Section 1.1 Grant of Security Interest.

(a) This Agreement constitutes a security agreement and the Advances effected hereby constitute secured loans by the applicable Lenders to the Borrower under Applicable Law. For such purpose, the Borrower hereby transfers, conveys, assigns and grants as of the Original Closing Date, the Successor Borrower hereby transfers, conveys, assigns and grants as of the A&R Effective Date and each New Borrower hereby transfers, conveys, assigns and grants as of the Abrover delivers a Borrower Joinder Agreement, to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a lien and continuing security interest in all of such Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under (but none of the obligations under) all Collateral (other than any Collateral which constitutes Margin Stock), whether now existing or hereafter arising or acquired by such Borrower, and wherever the same may be located, to secure the prompt, complete and indefeasible payment and performance in full when due, whether by lapse of time, acceleration or otherwise, of the Obligations of such Borrower arising in connection with this Agreement and each other Transaction Document (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations for which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted), whether now or hereafter existing, due or to become due, direct or indirect, or absolute or contingent, including, without limitation, all Obligations. Notwithstanding any of the other provisions set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement shall not

constitute a grant of a security interest in any property to the extent that (i) such grant of a security interest is prohibited by any Applicable Law in effect as of the date set forth in the immediately preceding sentence or requires a consent not obtained of any Governmental Authority pursuant to such Applicable Law or (ii) such grant of a security interest would render the Borrower's rights or interests in such property void, revoked or terminated or would result in a breach, violation or default by the Borrower with respect thereto. The powers conferred on the Collateral Agent hereunder are solely to protect the Collateral Agent's interests in the Collateral and shall not impose any duty upon the Collateral Agent to exercise any such powers. The Collateral Agent shall be accountable only for amounts that it actually receives as a result of the exercise of such powers, and neither the Collateral Agent nor any of its officers, directors, employees or agents shall be responsible to the Borrower for any act or failure to act hereunder, except for its own fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct. If such Borrower fails to perform or comply with any of its agreements contained herein with respect to the Collateral, the Collateral Agent, at its option and at the direction of the Administrative Agent, but without any obligation to do so, may itself perform or comply, or otherwise cause performance or compliance, with such agreement. The expenses of the Collateral Agent incurred in connection with such performance or compliance, together with interest thereon at the rate *per annum* applicable to Advances, shall be payable by the Borrower to the Collateral Agent in accordance with Sections 2.7 and 2.8 and shall constitute Obligations secured hereby.

- (b) The grant of a security interest under this <u>Section 8.1</u> does not constitute and is not intended to result in a creation or an assumption by the Collateral Agent of any obligation of the Borrower or any other Person in connection with any or all of the Collateral or under any agreement or instrument relating thereto. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, (a) the Borrower shall remain liable under the Collateral to the extent set forth therein to perform all of its duties and obligations thereunder to the same extent as if this Agreement had not been executed, (b) the exercise by the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties, of any of its rights in the Collateral shall not release the Borrower from any of its duties or obligations under the Collateral, and (c) the Collateral Agent shall not have any obligations or liability under the Collateral by reason of this Agreement, nor shall the Collateral Agent be obligated to perform any of the obligations or duties of the Borrower thereunder or to take any action to collect or enforce any claim for payment assigned hereunder.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and each Lender hereby agree to treat, and to cause each of their respective Affiliates to treat, each Variable Funding Note as indebtedness for purposes of United States federal and state income tax or state franchise tax to the extent permitted by Applicable Law and shall file its tax returns or reports, or cause its Affiliates to file such tax returns or reports, in a manner consistent with such treatment.

Section 1.2 Release of Lien on Collateral.

(a) At the same time as (i) any Loan expires by its terms or is prepaid in full and all amounts in respect thereof have been paid in full by the related Obligor and deposited in the Collection Account or (ii) any Loan has been the subject of a Discretionary Sale, Substitution or Optional Sale pursuant to Section 2.14 or has been sold pursuant to Section 9.2, the Collateral Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties will, to the extent requested by the Collateral Manager or the Borrower, release its interest in such Collateral. In connection with any release of such Collateral, the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, will upon receipt into the Collection Account of the Proceeds of any such sale, payment in full or prepayment in full of a Loan, at the sole expense of the Borrower, (i) execute and deliver to the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (or its designee) requesting the same, any assignments, bills of sale, termination statements and any other releases and instruments as such Person may reasonably request in order to effect the release and transfer of such Collateral, (ii) deliver any portion of the

Collateral to be released from the Lien granted under this Agreement in its possession to or at the direction of the Borrower and (iii) otherwise take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to release the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties on the applicable portion of the Collateral to be released and delivered to or at the direction of the Borrower such portion of the Collateral to be so released; provided that, the Collateral Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, will make no representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to any such Collateral in connection with such release, sale, transfer and/or assignment. Nothing in this Section 8.2 shall diminish the Collateral Manager's obligations pursuant to Section 6.5 with respect to the Proceeds of any such sale.

(b) On the Collection Date, the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, will release the security interest in the Collateral created hereby, which release shall occur simultaneously with receipt in the Collection Account of the payoff amount specified in a payoff letter signed by the Administrative Agent. Upon request of the Borrower to the Collateral Agent and to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent shall promptly provide to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a computation of all amounts owing to the Collateral Agent, a computation of all amounts owing to the Administrative Agent and the Lenders as of the anticipated Collection Date. In connection with such release of the Collateral Agent, on behalf of the Secured Parties, will, at the sole expense of the Borrower, (i) execute and deliver to the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (or its designee) requesting the same, any assignments, bills of sale, termination statements and any other releases and instruments as the Borrower may reasonably request in order to effect the release of the Collateral, (ii) deliver any portion of the Collateral to be released from the Lien granted under this Agreement in its possession to or at the direction of the Borrower or the Collateral Agent for the Borrower) and (iii) otherwise take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to release the Lien of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties on the Collateral (including, without limitation, delivering a Termination Notice (as defined in each Securities Account Control Agreement); provided that, the Collateral Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, will make no representation or warranty, express or implied, with respect to any such Collateral in connection with such release.

ARTICLE IX

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Section 1.1 Events of Default.

The following events shall be Events of Default ("Events of Default") hereunder:

(a) (i) other than as set forth in the following clause (ii), the Borrower fails to make any payment when due under any Transaction Document and (other than with respect to any mandatory repayment of Advances Outstanding) such failure continues unremedied for more than three (3) Business Days, or (ii) the Borrower fails to repay the outstanding Obligations in full on the Termination Date; <u>provided</u> that in the case of a default in payment resulting solely from an administrative error or omission by the Collateral Agent, such default continues for a period of five or more Business Days after the Collateral Agent receives written notice or has actual knowledge of such administrative error or omission (irrespective of whether the cause of such administrative error or omission has been determined); or

- (b) the Borrower shall assign or attempt to assign any of its rights, obligations or duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders in their respective sole discretion; or
 - (c) the occurrence of an Insolvency Event relating to the Borrower or the Equity Investor; or
- (d) any representation, warranty or certification made or deemed made by the Borrower in any Transaction Document or in any certificate delivered pursuant to any Transaction Document shall prove to have been incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made and the same continues to be unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days (if such failure can be remedied) after the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which written notice of such failure requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the Borrower and (ii) the date on which a Responsible Officer of the Borrower acquires actual knowledge thereof; or
- (e) any failure on the part of the Borrower to duly observe or perform any other covenants or agreements of the Borrower (other than those specifically addressed by a separate Event of Default), as applicable, set forth in this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents to which the Borrower is a party and the same continues unremedied for a period of thirty (30) days (if such failure can be remedied) after the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which written notice of such failure requiring the same to be remedied shall have been given to the Borrower and (ii) the date on which a Responsible Officer of the Borrower acquires actual knowledge thereof; or
- (f) the Borrower fails to observe or perform any agreement or obligation with respect to the management and distribution of funds received with respect to the Collateral, and such failure is not cured within two (2) Business Days; or
- (g) the Borrower ceases to have a valid ownership interest in all of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) or the Collateral Agent shall fail to have a first priority perfected security interest in any part of the Collateral (subject to Permitted Liens) except as otherwise expressly permitted to be released in accordance with the applicable Transaction Document; or
- (h) the rendering of one or more final non-appealable judgments, decrees or orders by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction for the payment of money in excess individually or in the aggregate of \$750,000 (or \$25,000,000 with respect to the Equity Investor) against the Borrower or the Equity Investor, as applicable, and solely with respect to the Equity Investor, the Equity Investor shall not have, within forty-five (45) days of the rendering thereof, either (i) had any such judgment, decree or order dismissed, (ii) perfected a timely appeal of such judgment, decree or order and caused the execution of such judgment, decree or order to be stayed during the pendency of the appeal or (iii) satisfied or provided for the satisfaction of any such judgment, decree or order in accordance with its terms; or
- (i) (i) any Transaction Document (or any material provision thereof), or any Lien granted thereunder, shall (except in accordance with its terms), in whole or in part, terminate, cease to be effective or cease to be the legally valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, or (ii) the Borrower, the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager or any other party shall, directly or indirectly, contest in any manner the effectiveness, validity, binding nature or enforceability of any Transaction Document or any lien or security interest thereunder; or,
- (j) the Borrower or the pool of Collateral shall become required to register as an "investment company" within the meaning of the 1940 Act; or

- (k) the existence of a Borrowing Base Deficiency on any date of determination, which continues unremedied for at least five (5) Business Days; provided that if the Borrower shall provide the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days of the occurrence of such Borrowing Base Deficiency a plan, acceptable to the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion, enabling such Borrowing Base Deficiency to be eliminated in its entirety within twenty (20) Business Days of the occurrence of such Borrowing Base Deficiency, such Borrowing Base Deficiency shall not constitute an Event of Default until the end of such twenty Business Day period if at such time such Borrowing Base Deficiency remains outstanding; or
 - (1) a Change of Control of the Borrower occurs without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent; or
 - (m) the occurrence of a Collateral Manager Termination Event; or
- (n) the Borrower or the Equity Investor defaults in making any payment required to be made under an agreement for borrowed money owing by it (other than, in the case of the Borrower, this Agreement) to which it is a party individually or in an aggregate principal amount in excess of (i) with respect to the Borrower, \$500,000, and (ii) with respect to the Equity Investor, \$25,000,000 in excess of any amounts disputed in good faith by such Person and, in each case, such default is not cured within the applicable cure period, if any, provided for under such agreement; or
- (o) the Borrower shall have made payments (other than payments made on behalf of such Person from insurance proceeds of the Borrower) individually or in the aggregate in excess of \$750,000 in settlement of any litigation claim or dispute; or
- (p) the Internal Revenue Service or any other Governmental Authority shall file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 6323 of the Code with regard to any assets of the Borrower, or the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation shall file notice of a lien pursuant to Section 4068 of ERISA with regard to any assets of the Borrower and such lien shall not have been released within five (5) Business Days; or
- (q) both (i) the failure of any trade designated pursuant to <u>Section 2.6(iv)</u> to settle in full in Cash on or prior to the date that is twenty (20) Business Days after the occurrence of the Default such trade was designated to cure and (ii) the applicable Default under <u>Section 9.1(k)</u> is continuing.

Section 1.2 Remedies.

- (a) Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Collateral Agent shall, at the written request of the Required Lenders and by written notice to the Borrower and the Collateral Manager, declare (i) the Termination Date to have occurred and all outstanding Obligations to be immediately due and payable in full (without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower) or (ii) the Reinvestment Period End Date to have occurred; provided that, in the case of any event involving the Borrower described in Section 9.1(c), all of the Obligations shall be immediately due and payable in full (without presentment, demand, notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly, waived by the Borrower) and the Termination Date shall be deemed to have occurred automatically upon the occurrence of any such event.
- (b) On and after the declaration or occurrence of the Termination Date, the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, shall have, subject to the following clause (c), with respect to the Collateral granted pursuant to <u>Section 8.1</u>, and in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the Collateral Agent and the Secured Parties under this

Agreement or other Applicable Law, all rights and remedies of a secured party upon default provided under the UCC of each applicable jurisdiction and other Applicable Laws, which rights shall be cumulative. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, but subject to Section 9.2(c), the Collateral Agent, without demand of performance or other demand, presentment, protest, advertisement or notice of any kind (except any notice required by law referred to below) to or upon the Borrower or any other Person (all and each of which demands, defenses, advertisements and notices are hereby waived), may in such circumstances transfer all or any part of the Collateral into the Collateral Agent's name or the name of any Secured Party or its nominee or nominees, and/or forthwith collect, receive, appropriate and realize upon the Collateral, or any part thereof, and/or may forthwith sell, lease, assign, give option or options to purchase, or otherwise dispose of and deliver the Collateral or any part thereof (or contract to do any of the foregoing), 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 upon such terms and conditions (including by lease or by deferred payment arrangement) as it may deem advisable and at such prices as it may deem best, for cash or on credit or for future delivery without assumption of any credit risk and/or may take such other actions as may be available under applicable law. The Collateral Agent or any Secured Party shall have the right upon any such public sale or sales, and, to the extent permitted by law, upon any such private sale or sales, auction or closed tender, to purchase the whole or any part of the Collateral so sold, free of any right or equity of redemption in the Borrower, which right or equity is hereby waived or released. In addition, the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby agree that they will, at the Borrower's expense and at the direction of the Collateral Agent, forthwith, (i) assemble all or any part of the Collateral as directed by the Collateral Agent and make the same available to the Collateral Agent at a place to be designated by the Collateral Agent, whether at the Borrower's premises or elsewhere, and (ii) without notice except as specified below, sell the Collateral or any part thereof upon such terms, in such lots, to such buyers, and according to such other instructions as the Collateral Agent at the direction of the Administrative Agent may deem commercially reasonable. The Borrower agrees that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by law, ten (10) days' notice to the Borrower of any sale hereunder shall constitute reasonable and proper notification. All cash Proceeds received by the Collateral Agent on behalf of the Secured Parties in respect of any sale of, collection from, or other realization upon, all or any part of the Loans (after payment of any amounts incurred in connection with such sale) shall be deposited into the Collection Account and applied pursuant to Section 2.8. To the extent permitted by Applicable Law, the Borrower waives all claims, damages and demands it may acquire against the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party arising out of the exercise by the Collateral Agent or any other Secured Party of any of its rights hereunder. The Borrower shall remain liable for any deficiency if the proceeds of any sale or other disposition of the Collateral are insufficient to pay the Obligations and the fees and disbursements of any attorneys employed by the Collateral Agent or any Secured Party to collect such deficiency, except as provided in Section 9.6(b).

(c) In connection with the sale of the Collateral following the acceleration of the Obligations by the Required Lenders pursuant to Section 9.2(a), the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager and their respective Affiliates thereof shall have the right to purchase any or all of the Loans in the Collateral, in each case by paying to the Collateral Agent in immediately available funds, an amount equal to all outstanding Obligations. If the Equity Investor, the Collateral Manager or any of their Affiliates thereof fail to exercise this purchase right within ten (10) Business Days following such acceleration of the Obligations pursuant to Section 9.2(a), then such contractual rights shall be irrevocably forfeited by the Equity Investor and Affiliates thereof, but nothing herein shall prevent the Equity Investor or its Affiliates from bidding at any sale of such Collateral.

Section 1.3 Collateral Agent May Enforce Claims Without Possession of VFNs.

All rights of action and claims under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document may be prosecuted and enforced by the Collateral Agent without the possession of any of the VFNs or the production thereof in any legal or equitable proceeding, judicial or otherwise, relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Collateral Agent shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall be applied as set forth in <u>Section 2.8</u>.

Section 1.4 Application of Cash Collected.

Any Cash collected by the Collateral Agent with respect to the VFNs pursuant to this Article IX and any Cash that may then be held or thereafter received by the Collateral Agent with respect to the Obligations hereunder shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.8, at the date or dates fixed by the Collateral Agent; provided, that (a) subject to clause (b), no such date may be fixed by the Collateral Agent unless the Collateral Agent has given the Borrower no fewer than two (2) Business Days' prior written notice of such date, which notice shall set forth in reasonable detail the expected applications of Cash on such date and (b) no failure by the Collateral Agent to deliver the notice required pursuant to the foregoing clause (a) will affect the application of funds in the Collection Accounts pursuant to Section 2.8 on the next succeeding Payment Date.

Section 1.5 Rights of Action.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement (other than Section 12.10) or in any other Transaction Document, but subject to the rights of the Equity Investor and the Collateral Manager under Section 9.2(c) the Required Lenders shall have the right to direct the Collateral Agent to institute any proceedings, judicial or otherwise, with respect to any Transaction Document, or for the appointment of a separate receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder. The Collateral Agent shall only institute proceedings and exercise remedies hereunder at the direction of the Required Lenders (which the Collateral Agent shall implement without delay) and, in taking any action as so directed, shall have the right to indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred in compliance with such request.

Section 1.6 <u>Unconditional Rights of Lenders to Receive Principal and Interest</u>

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, each Lender shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the Obligations as such amounts become due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof and, subject to the provisions of Section 9.5, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, to institute proceedings for the enforcement of any such payment, and such right shall not be impaired without the consent of such Lender.
- (b) If collections in respect of the Collateral are insufficient to make payments due in respect of the VFNs, no other assets will be available for payment of the deficiency following realization of the Collateral and application of the proceeds thereof in accordance with Sections 2.7 and 2.8, and the obligations of the Borrower to pay any deficiency shall thereupon be extinguished and shall not thereafter revive.

Section 1.7 <u>Restoration of Rights and Remedies.</u>

If the Collateral Agent or any Lender has instituted any judicial proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Agreement and such proceeding has been discontinued or

abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Collateral Agent or to such Lender, then and in every such case the Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders shall, subject to any determination in such proceeding, be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder, and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Secured Parties shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 1.8 Rights and Remedies Cumulative.

No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Collateral Agent or to the Lenders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing by law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 1.9 <u>Delay or Omission Not Waiver</u>

No delay or omission of the Collateral Agent or of any Lender to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon the occurrence and during the continuance of any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Section 9.9 or by law to the Collateral Agent or to the Lenders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Collateral Agent or by the Lenders, as the case may be.

Section 1.10 Waiver of Stay or Extension Laws.

The Borrower covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force (including filing a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and by the voluntary commencement of a proceeding or the filing of a petition seeking winding up, liquidation, reorganization or other relief under any bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect), which may affect the covenants, the performance of or any remedies under this Agreement; and the Borrower (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenant that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Collateral Agent, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

Section 1.11 Power of Attorney. The Borrower hereby irrevocably appoints the Collateral Agent its true and lawful attorney (with full power of substitution) in its name, place and stead and at its expense, in connection with the enforcement of the rights and remedies provided for (and subject to the terms and conditions set forth) in this Agreement after the occurrence and during the continuance of a Default or an Event of Default, including without limitation the following powers: (a) to give any necessary receipts or acquittance for amounts collected or received hereunder, (b) to make all necessary transfers of the Collateral in connection with any such sale or other disposition made pursuant hereto, (c) to execute and deliver for value all necessary or appropriate bills of sale, assignments and other instruments in connection with any such sale or other disposition, the Borrower hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney (or any substitute) shall lawfully do hereunder and pursuant hereto, and (d) to sign any agreements, orders or other documents in connection with or pursuant to any Transaction Document. Nevertheless, if so requested by the Collateral Agent upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Borrower shall ratify and confirm any such sale or other disposition by executing and delivering to the Collateral Agent or

such purchaser all proper bills of sale, assignments, releases and other instruments as may be designated in any such request. For the avoidance of doubt, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the power of attorney granted by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 9.11 supersedes any other power of attorney or similar rights granted by the Borrower to any other party (including, without limitation, the Collateral Manager) under this Agreement, any other Transaction Document or any other agreement; provided that, the Collateral Manager may continue to exercise its rights under this Agreement until the Collateral Manager has received notice of the Collateral Agent's exercise of its power of attorney hereunder.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1.1 <u>Indemnities by the Borrower</u>.

- (a) Without limiting any other rights that any such Person may have hereunder or under Applicable Law, the Borrower hereby agrees to indemnify the Secured Parties and each of their respective assigns and officers, directors, employees and agents thereof (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties"), forthwith on demand, from and against any and all damages, losses, claims (whether brought by or involving the Borrower or any third party), liabilities and related costs and expenses, including reasonable fees and disbursements of attorneys and experts (all of the foregoing being collectively referred to as the "Indemnified Amounts") awarded against, incurred by or asserted against such Indemnified Party or any of them arising out of or as a result of this Agreement (including the enforcement of any provision hereof) or having an interest in the Collateral or in respect of any Loan included in the Collateral, excluding, however, any Indemnified Amounts to the extent resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of any Indemnified Party. If the Borrower has made any indemnity payments from others (including insurance companies) in respect of such Indemnified Amounts then, the recipient thereafter collects any payments from others (including insurance companies) in respect of such Indemnified Amounts then, the recipient shall repay to the Borrower an amount equal to the amount it has collected from others in respect of such Indemnified Amounts. Without limiting the foregoing, the Borrower shall indemnify each Indemnified Party for Indemnified Amounts (except to the extent resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of any Indemnified Party) relating to or resulting from:
 - (i) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) or any of their respective officers under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Transaction Document, which shall have been false or incorrect in any material respect when made or deemed made or delivered;
 - (ii) the failure of any Loan acquired on the Original Closing Date to be an Eligible Loan as of the Original Closing Date and the failure of any Loan acquired after the Original Closing Date to be an Eligible Loan on the related Funding Date;
 - (iii) the failure by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) to comply with any term, provision or covenant contained in this Agreement or any agreement executed in connection with this Agreement, or with any Applicable Law, with respect to any Collateral or the nonconformity of any Collateral with any such Applicable Law;

- (iv) the failure to vest and maintain vested in the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, a first priority, perfected security interest in the Collateral, together with all Collections, free and clear of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) whether existing at the time of any Advance or at any time thereafter;
- (v) the failure to maintain, as of the close of business on each Business Day prior to the Termination Date, an amount of Advances Outstanding that is less than or equal to the Borrowing Base on such Business Day;
- (vi) the failure to file, or any delay in filing, financing statements, continuation statements or other similar instruments or documents under the UCC of any applicable jurisdiction or other Applicable Law with respect to any Collateral, whether at the time of any Advance or at any subsequent time;
- (vii) any dispute, claim, offset or defense (other than the discharge in bankruptcy of the Obligor) of the Obligor to the payment with respect to any Collateral (including, without limitation, a defense based on the Collateral not being a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Obligor enforceable against it in accordance with its terms);
- (viii) any failure of the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) to perform its duties or obligations in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party or any failure by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) to perform its respective duties under any Collateral;
- (ix) any inability to obtain any judgment in, or utilize the court or other adjudication system of, any state in which an Obligor may be located as a result of the failure of the Borrower to qualify to do business or file any notice or business activity report or any similar report;
- (x) any action taken by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) in the enforcement or collection of any Collateral;
- (xi) any products liability claim or personal injury or property damage suit or other similar or related claim or action of whatever sort arising out of or in connection with the Underlying Assets or services that are the subject of any Collateral;

(xii) reserved:

- (xiii) any repayment by the Administrative Agent or another Secured Party of any amount previously distributed in reduction of Advances Outstanding or payment of Interest or any other amount due hereunder which amount the Administrative Agent or another Secured Party believes in good faith is required to be repaid;
- (xiv) except with respect to funds held in the Collection Account, the commingling of Collections on the Collateral at any time with other funds;
- (xv) any investigation, litigation or proceeding related to this Agreement or the use of proceeds of Advances or the security interest in the Collateral;
- (xvi) any failure by the Borrower to give reasonably equivalent value to the applicable third party transferor, in consideration for the transfer by such

third party to the Borrower of any item of Collateral or any attempt by any Person to void or otherwise avoid any such transfer under any statutory provision or common law or equitable action, including, without limitation, any provision of the Bankruptcy Code;

- (xvii) the use of the proceeds of any Advance in a manner other than as provided in this Agreement; or
- (xviii) the failure of the Borrower or any of its agents or representatives to remit to the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) or the Collateral Agent, Collections on the Collateral remitted to the Borrower, the Collateral Manager (on behalf of the Borrower) or any such agent or representative as provided in this Agreement.
- (b) Any amounts subject to the indemnification provisions of this <u>Section 10.1</u> shall be paid by the Borrower to the Indemnified Party pursuant to <u>Section 2.7</u> or <u>2.8</u>, as applicable, on the Payment Date following such Person's demand therefor (if given at least five (5) Business Days prior to such Payment Date, and, if not, on the next subsequent Payment Date), accompanied by a reasonably detailed description in writing of the related damage, loss, claim, liability and related costs and expenses.
- (c) If for any reason the indemnification provided above in this <u>Section 10.1</u> (subject to the limitations set forth herein) is unavailable to the Indemnified Party or is insufficient to hold an Indemnified Party harmless, then the Borrower shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such Indemnified Party as a result of such loss, claim, damage or liability in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits received by such Indemnified Party on the one hand and the Borrower on the other hand but also the relative fault of such Indemnified Party as well as any other relevant equitable considerations; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to contribute in respect of any Indemnified Amounts excluded in <u>Section 10.1(a)</u>.
- (d) The obligations of the Borrower under this <u>Section 10.1</u> shall survive the resignation or removal of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager, the Custodian or the Collateral Agent and the termination of this Agreement.
- (e) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower upon obtaining actual knowledge of any facts or circumstances upon which an Indemnified Party may base a claim for any Indemnified Amounts.
- (f) This <u>Section 10.1</u> shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes representing damages, losses, claims, liabilities and related costs and expenses arising from any non-Tax claim.

Section 1.2 <u>Indemnities by the Collateral Manager</u>.

(a) Without limiting any other rights that any such Person may have hereunder or under Applicable Law, the Collateral Manager hereby agrees to indemnify each Indemnified Party, the Borrower, the Equity Investor, and their respective managers, officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively, the "Collateral Manager Indemnified Parties") forthwith on demand, from and against any and all Indemnified Amounts awarded against or incurred by any such Collateral Manager Indemnified Party by reason of any acts or omissions of the Collateral Manager arising out of a breach of its obligations and duties under this Agreement and each other Transaction Document to which it is a party, including, but not limited to (i) any representation or warranty made by the Collateral Manager under or in connection with any Transaction Document or any other information or report delivered by or on behalf of the

Collateral Manager pursuant hereto, which shall have been false, incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made or deemed made, (ii) the failure by the Collateral Manager to comply with any Applicable Law, (iii) the failure of the Collateral Manager to comply with its duties or obligations in accordance with this Agreement or (iv) any gross negligence, willful misconduct, bad faith or fraud on the part of the Collateral Manager excluding, however, any Indemnified Amounts to the extent resulting from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of any Collateral Manager Indemnified Party. The provisions of this indemnity shall run directly to and be enforceable by a Collateral Manager Indemnified Party subject to the limitations hereof; provided that the indemnification of the Borrower, the Equity Investor and their respective managers, officers, directors, employees and agents shall be in all respects junior and subordinate to the indemnification of the Indemnified Parties and their respective managers, officers, directors, employees and agents.

- (b) Any amounts subject to the indemnification provisions of this <u>Section 10.2</u> shall be paid by the Collateral Manager to the applicable Collateral Manager Indemnified Party within five (5) Business Days following such Person's demand therefor.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, the Collateral Manager shall have no liability for making indemnification hereunder to the extent any such indemnification constitutes recourse for uncollectible or uncollected Loans. Furthermore, in no event shall the Collateral Manager be liable for special, indirect or consequential losses or damages of any kind whatsoever (including but not limited to lost profits) even if the Collateral Manager has been advised of the likelihood of such damages and regardless of the form of such action.
- (d) The obligations of the Collateral Manager under this <u>Section 10.2</u> shall survive the resignation or removal of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the Custodian and the termination of this Agreement.
- (e) Any indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 10.2</u> shall not be payable from the Collateral. This <u>Section 10.2</u> shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes representing damages, losses, claims, liabilities and related costs and expenses arising from any non-Tax claim.

ARTICLE XI

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

Section 1.1 Appointment.

Each Lender hereby appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent as its agent and hereby further authorizes the Administrative Agent to appoint additional agents and bailees (including, without limitation, the Collateral Agent) to act on its behalf and for the benefit of each of the Secured Parties. Each Lender further authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such action as agent on its behalf and to exercise such powers under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof and thereof, together with such powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. In furtherance, and without limiting the generality, of the foregoing, each Lender hereby appoints the Administrative Agent as its agent to execute and deliver all further instruments and documents, and take all further action that the Administrative Agent may deem necessary or appropriate or that a Lender may reasonably request in order to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interests granted by the Borrower hereunder, or to enable any of them to exercise or enforce any of their respective rights hereunder, including, without limitation, the execution by the Administrative Agent as secured party/assignee of such financing or continuation statements, or amendments

thereto or assignments thereof, relative to all or any of the Collateral now existing or hereafter arising, and such other instruments or notices, as may be necessary or appropriate for the purposes stated hereinabove. The Lenders may direct the Administrative Agent to take any such incidental action hereunder. With respect to other actions which are incidental to the actions specifically delegated to the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any such incidental action hereunder, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting) upon the direction of the Lenders; provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action hereunder if the taking of such action, in the reasonable determination of the Administrative Agent, shall be in violation of any Applicable Law or contrary to any provision of this Agreement or shall expose the Administrative Agent to liability hereunder or otherwise. In the event the Administrative Agent requests the consent of a Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions and the Administrative Agent does not receive a consent (either positive or negative) from such Person within ten (10) Business Days of such Person's receipt of such request, then such Lender shall be deemed to have declined to consent to the relevant action. To the extent not delivered or required to be delivered to the Lenders by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager hereunder or the other Transaction Documents, the Administrative Agent shall furnish to the Lenders, promptly upon the Administrative Agent's receipt of the same, copies of all notices, certificates and other information delivered to the Administrative Agent under the Transaction Documents.

Section 1.2 Standard of Care.

The Administrative Agent shall exercise such rights and powers vested in it by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

Section 1.3 <u>Administrative Agent's Reliance, etc.</u>

Neither the Administrative Agent nor any of its directors, officers, agents or employees shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them as Administrative Agent under or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents, except for its or their own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the foregoing, the Administrative Agent: (i) may consult with legal counsel (including counsel for the Borrower), independent public accountants and other experts selected by it and shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken in good faith by it in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or experts; (ii) makes no warranty or representation and shall not be responsible for any statements, warranties or representations made by any other Person in or in connection with this Agreement; (iii) shall not have any duty to ascertain or to inquire as to the performance or observance of any of the terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents on the part of any of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor or to inspect the property (including the books and records) of any of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor; (iv) shall not be responsible for the due execution, legality, validity, enforceability, genuineness, sufficiency or value of this Agreement, any of the other Transaction Documents or any other instrument or document furnished pursuant hereto or thereto; and (v) shall incur no liability under or in respect of this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents by acting upon any notice (including notice by telephone), consent, certificate or other instrument or writing (which may be by facsimile) believed by it to be genuine and signed or sent by the proper party or parties.

The Administrative Agent does not warrant or accept any responsibility for, and shall not have any liability with respect to, the administration, submission or any other matter related to Daily Simple SOFR or other rates in the definition thereof or with respect to any

alternative or successor rate thereto, or replacement rate thereof, including without limitation, whether the composition or characteristics of any such alternative, successor or replacement reference rate, as it may or may not be adjusted pursuant to <u>Section 12.1</u>, will be similar to, or produce the same value or economic equivalence of Daily Simple SOFR, or have the same volume or liquidity as Daily Simple SOFR or any other Benchmark prior to its discontinuance or unavailability.

Section 1.4 <u>Credit Decision with Respect to the Administrative Agent.</u>

Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, or any of the Administrative Agent's Affiliates, and based upon such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own evaluation and decision to enter into this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent, or any of the Administrative Agent's Affiliates, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

Section 1.5 <u>Indemnification of the Administrative Agent.</u>

Each Lender agrees to indemnify the Administrative Agent (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager), ratably in accordance with its Pro Rata Share from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by, or asserted against the Administrative Agent in any way relating to or arising out of this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents, or any action taken or omitted by the Administrative Agent hereunder or thereunder; <u>provided</u> that, the Lenders shall not be liable for any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements resulting from the Administrative Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The payment of amounts under this <u>Section 11.5</u> shall be on an after-Tax basis. Without limitation of the foregoing, each Lender agrees to reimburse the Administrative Agent, ratably in accordance with its Pro Rata Share promptly upon demand for any out-of-pocket expenses (including counsel fees) incurred by the Administrative Agent in connection with the administration, modification, amendment or enforcement (whether through negotiations, legal proceedings or otherwise) of, or legal advice in respect of rights or responsibilities under, this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, to the extent that such expenses are incurred in the interests of or otherwise in respect of the Lenders hereunder and/or thereunder and to the extent that the Administrative Agent is not reimbursed for such expenses by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager.

Section 1.6 <u>Successor Administrative Agent.</u>

The Administrative Agent may resign at any time, effective upon the appointment and acceptance of a successor Administrative Agent as provided below, by giving at least five (5) days' written notice thereof to each Lender and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Lenders acting jointly shall appoint a successor Administrative Agent with the consent of the Borrower, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Each of the Borrower and each Lender agree that it shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its approval of the appointment of a successor Administrative Agent. If no such successor Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed, and shall have accepted such appointment, within thirty (30) days after the retiring Administrative Agent's giving of notice of resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Secured Parties, appoint a successor Administrative Agent which successor Administrative Agent shall be either (i) a commercial bank organized under the laws of the

United States or of any state thereof and have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000, (ii) a Lender or (iii) an Affiliate of such a bank or a Lender. Upon the acceptance of any appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder by a successor Administrative Agent, such successor Administrative Agent shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations under this Agreement. After any retiring Administrative Agent's resignation as Administrative Agent, the provisions of this Article XI shall continue to inure to its benefit as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was Administrative Agent under this Agreement.

Section 1.7 <u>Payments by the Administrative Agent.</u>

Unless specifically allocated to a specific Lender pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, all amounts received by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Lenders shall be paid by the Administrative Agent to the Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares in the applicable Advances Outstanding, or if there are no Advances Outstanding in accordance with their most recent Commitments, on the Business Day received by the Administrative Agent, unless such amounts are received after 3:30 p.m. on such Business Day, in which case the Administrative Agent shall use its reasonable efforts to pay such amounts to each Lender on such Business Day, but, in any event, shall pay such amounts to such Lender not later than the following Business Day.

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1.1 Amendments and Waivers.

Except as provided in this <u>Section 12.1</u>, no amendment, waiver or other modification of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective without the written agreement of the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Required Lenders and the written consent of the Equity Investor (with written notice to the Collateral Agent and the Custodian); <u>provided</u> that no amendment, waiver or consent shall:

- (a) increase the Commitment of any Lender without the written consent of such Lender;
- (b) waive, extend or postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Transaction Document for any payment or mandatory prepayment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Lenders (or any of them) or any scheduled or mandatory reduction of the Commitment hereunder or under any other Transaction Document without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;
- (c) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Advance or Obligation, or any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Transaction Document without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;
- (d) change Section 2.7, 2.8 or any related definitions or provisions in a manner that would alter the order of application of proceeds or would alter the *pro rata* sharing of payments required thereby, in each case, without the written consent of each Lender directly and adversely affected thereby;

- (e) change any provision of this <u>Section 12.1</u> or reduce the percentages specified in the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, without the written consent of each Lender directly affected thereby;
- (f) consent to the assignment or transfer by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager of such Person's rights and obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is a party (except as expressly permitted hereunder), in each case, without the written consent of each Lender;
- (g) make any modification to the definition of "Borrowing Base" or "Adjusted Borrowing Value", in each case, which would have a material adverse effect on the calculation of the Borrowing Base, without the written consent of each Lender; or
- (h) release all or substantially all of the Collateral or release any Transaction Document (other than as specifically permitted or contemplated in this Agreement or the applicable Transaction Document) without the written consent of each Lender;

provided, further, that, (i) any amendment of this Agreement that is solely for the purpose of adding a Lender may, subject to Section 12.16, be effected without the written consent of the Borrower or any Lender, (ii) no such amendment, waiver or modification materially adversely affecting the rights or obligations of the Collateral Agent or the Custodian shall be effective without the written agreement of such Person, (iii) any amendment of this Agreement that a Lender is advised by its legal or financial advisors to be necessary or desirable in order to avoid the consolidation of the Borrower with such Lender for accounting purposes may be effected without the written consent of any other Lender, (iv) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Collateral Agent, affect the rights or duties of the Collateral Agent under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document (including with respect to, but not limited to, a Benchmark Replacement or any other alternative or replacement reference rate); (v) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Custodian, affect the rights or duties of the Custodian under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document and (vi) the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower shall be permitted to amend any provision of the Transaction Documents (and such amendment shall become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to any Transaction Document) if the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager and the Borrower shall have jointly identified an obvious error or any error or omission of a technical or immaterial nature in any such provision. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder, except that the Commitment of such Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Lender.

Each waiver, amendment and consent made pursuant to this <u>Section 12.1</u> shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Transaction Document, upon the occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower may amend this Agreement to replace the then-current Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement. Any such amendment with respect to a Benchmark Transition Event will become effective at 5:00 p.m. on the fifth (5th) Business Day after the Administrative Agent has delivered such amendment to all Lenders, the Collateral Agent, the Custodian and the Borrower so long as the Administrative Agent has not received, by such time, written notice of objection to such amendment from Lenders comprising the Required Lenders. No replacement of

the Benchmark with a Benchmark Replacement pursuant to this <u>Section 12.1</u> will occur prior to the applicable Benchmark Transition Start Date.

In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Administrative Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in any other Transaction Document, any amendments implementing such Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes will become effective without any further action or consent of any other party to this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent provides prompt written notice of such amendment to the other parties hereto.

The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Borrower, the Collateral Agent and the Lenders of (i) any occurrence of a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date and Benchmark Transition Start Date, (ii) the implementation of any Benchmark Replacement, (iii) the effectiveness of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes and (iv) the commencement or conclusion of any Benchmark Unavailability Period.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Administrative Agent or Lenders pursuant to this <u>Section 12.1</u> including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error and may be made in its or their sole discretion and without consent from any other party hereto, except, in each case, as expressly required pursuant to this <u>Section 12.1</u>.

The Collateral Agent shall have no (i) responsibility or liability for (A) the determination, designation or selection of (or any failure by the Administrative Agent to determine, designate or select) a replacement reference rate (including any Benchmark Replacement Adjustment or other modifier thereto) as a successor or replacement benchmark to the Benchmark, including any Benchmark Replacement or determining whether any such rate is a Benchmark Replacement or whether the conditions to the adoption of such rate or any amendment to this Agreement pursuant to this Section 12.1 (including any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes) have been satisfied, and shall be entitled to rely upon any such determination or designation of such rate (and any modifier) by the Administrative Agent or (B) determining whether a Benchmark Transition Event or Eurodollar Disruption Event has occurred or (ii) liability for any failure or delay in performing its duties hereunder solely as a result of the unavailability of the Benchmark or other reference rate as described herein or the failure of a replacement rate to be adopted.

During any Benchmark Unavailability Period, the Base Rate will be used instead of the then-current Benchmark for all outstanding Advances.

Section 1.2 Notices, etc.

All notices, reports and other communications provided for hereunder shall, unless otherwise stated herein, be in writing (including communication by facsimile copy) and mailed, e-mailed, faxed, transmitted or delivered, as to each party hereto, at its address set forth on Annex A to this Agreement or at such other address as shall be designated by such party in a written notice to the other parties hereto. All such notices and communications shall be effective (a) upon receipt when sent through the U.S. mails, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, with such receipt to be effective the date of delivery indicated on the return receipt, (b) one Business Day after delivery to an overnight courier, (c) on the date personally delivered to a Responsible Officer of the party to which sent, or (d) on the date transmitted by legible facsimile transmission or electronic mail transmission with a confirmation of receipt (which may be given by oral confirmation of receipt).

Section 1.3 Ratable Payments.

If any Secured Party, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it with respect to any portion of the Obligations owing to such Secured Party (other than payments received pursuant to Section 10.1) in a greater proportion than that received by any other Secured Party, such Secured Party agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase for cash without recourse or warranty a portion of the Obligations held by the other Secured Parties so that after such purchase each Secured Party will hold its ratable proportion of the Obligations; provided that if all or any portion of such excess amount is thereafter recovered from such Secured Party, such purchase shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, but without interest.

Section 1.4 No Waiver; Remedies.

No failure on the part of the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent or other Secured Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The rights and remedies herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights and remedies provided by law.

Section 1.5 <u>Binding Effect; Benefit of Agreement.</u>

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the other Secured Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Each Indemnified Party shall be an express third-party beneficiary of this Agreement to the extent set forth herein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Collateral Manager may not assign any of its rights or obligations hereunder by virtue of any change of control considered an "assignment" within the meaning of Section 202(a)(1) of the Advisers Act without the prior written consent of the Borrower and the Equity Investor.

Section 1.6 <u>Term of this Agreement.</u>

This Agreement, including, without limitation, the Borrower's representations and covenants set forth in <u>Articles IV</u> and <u>V</u>, and the Collateral Manager's representations, covenants and duties set forth in <u>Articles IV</u> and <u>V</u>, creates and constitutes the continuing obligation of the parties hereto in accordance with its terms, and shall remain in full force and effect until all Commitments have been terminated and the Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations for which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted); <u>provided</u> that the rights and remedies with respect to any breach of any representation and warranty made or deemed made by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager pursuant to <u>Articles IV</u> and <u>V</u>, the provisions, including, without limitation the indemnification and payment provisions, of <u>Article X</u>, <u>Section 2.13</u>, <u>Section 12.9</u>, <u>Section 12.10</u> and <u>Section 12.11</u>, shall be continuing and shall survive (i) any termination of this Agreement and the occurrence of the Collection Date and (ii) with respect to the rights and remedies of the Lenders under <u>Article X</u>, any sale by the Lenders of the Obligations hereunder.

Section 1.7 Governing Law; Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Objection to Venue.

THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED

AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 1.8 Waivers.

Each of the Collateral Manager, the Borrower, the Lenders, the Administrative Agent, the Custodian and the Collateral Agent hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:

- (a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof, to the non-exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, the courts of the United States of America for the Southern District of New York, and appellate courts from any thereof;
- (b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same;
- (c) in the case of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager, 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 the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable;
- (d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or shall limit the right to sue in any other jurisdiction;
- (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 12.8 any special, indirect, exemplary, punitive or consequential (including loss of profit) damages; and
- (f) EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 1.9 Costs and Expenses.

(a) In addition to (and without duplication of) the rights of indemnification granted to the Indemnified Parties under Article X hereof and amounts payable pursuant to Section 2.11, the Borrower agrees to pay all reasonable invoiced out-of-pocket costs and expenses of the Secured Parties incurred in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration (including periodic auditing, to the extent required to be paid by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement), renewal, amendment or modification of, or any waiver or consent issued in connection with, this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, including, without limitation, the reasonable invoiced fees and out-of-pocket expenses of counsel for the Secured Parties with respect thereto and with respect to advising the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties as to their respective rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other documents to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith, and all reasonable invoiced out-of-pocket costs and expenses, if any (including reasonable outside counsel fees and expenses), incurred by the Secured Parties in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement by such Person and the other documents to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith.

- (b) The Borrower shall pay on the Payment Date following receipt of a request therefor, all other costs and expenses that have been invoiced at least two (2) Business Days prior to such Payment Date and incurred by the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties, in each case in connection with periodic audits of the Borrower's books and records.
- Section 1.10 No Proceedings. Each of the parties hereto hereby agrees that it will not institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Borrower any Insolvency Proceeding so long as there shall not have elapsed one year and one day (or such longer preference period as shall then be in effect) since the date on which all Commitments were terminated and the Obligations were paid in full (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations for which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted). The provisions of this Section 12.10 are a material inducement for the Secured Parties to enter into this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby and are an essential term hereof. The parties hereby agree that monetary damages are not adequate for a breach of the provisions of this Section 12.10 and the Administrative Agent may seek and obtain specific performance of such provisions (including injunctive relief), including, without limitation, in any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, winding up, insolvency, moratorium, winding up or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under U.S. federal or state bankruptcy or similar laws of any jurisdiction. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 1.11 Recourse Against Certain Parties.

No recourse under or with respect to any obligation, covenant or agreement (including, without limitation, the payment of any fees or any other obligations) of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor as contained in this Agreement or any other agreement, instrument or document entered into by it pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall be had against any incorporator, affiliate, stockholder, officer, partner, member, manager, employee or director of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that the agreements of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor contained in this Agreement and all of the other agreements, instruments and documents entered into by it pursuant hereto or in connection herewith are, in each case, solely the corporate or limited liability company obligations of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor, and that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to or be incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor or any incorporator, stockholder, affiliate, officer, partner, member, manager, employee or director of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor contained in this Agreement or in any other such instruments, documents or agreements, or that are implied therefrom, and that any and all personal liability of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor and each incorporator, stockholder, affiliate, officer, partner, member, manager, employee or director of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor, or any of them, for breaches by the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party, the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor of any such obligations, covenants or agreements, which liability may arise either at common law or at equity, by statute or constitution, or otherwise, is hereby expressly waived as a condition of and in consideration for the execution of this Agreement; provided that the foregoing non-recourse provisions shall in no way affect any rights the Secured Parties might have against any incorporator, affiliate, stockholder, officer, employee, partner, member, manager or director of the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or the Equity Investor to

the extent of any fraud, misappropriation, embezzlement or any other financial crime constituting a felony by such Person.

- (b) Notwithstanding any contrary provision set forth herein, no claim may be made by the Borrower, the Collateral Manager or any other Person against the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties or their respective Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (including lost profits) in respect to any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected.
- (c) Notwithstanding any contrary provision set forth herein, no claim may be made by the Borrower against the Collateral Manager or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect to any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and the Borrower hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected.
- (d) Notwithstanding any contrary provision set forth herein, no claim may be made by the Collateral Manager against the Borrower or its Affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys or agents for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages in respect to any claim for breach of contract or any other theory of liability arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith; and the Collateral Manager hereby waives, releases, and agrees not to sue upon any claim for any such damages, whether or not accrued and whether or not known or suspected.
- (e) No obligation or liability to any Obligor under any of the Loans is intended to be assumed by the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties under or as a result of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, none of the parties to this Agreement, may, prior to the date which is one year (or if longer the applicable preference period then in effect) plus one day after the later to occur of (A) if the Permitted Securitization does not proceed with respect to a particular Borrower, the Termination Date or (B) if the Permitted Securitization does proceed, the payment in full of all notes issued by the Borrower thereunder, institute against, or join any other Person in instituting against, the Borrower, any bankruptcy, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium or liquidation proceedings, or other proceedings under U.S. federal or state bankruptcy or similar laws of any jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section 12.11(f) shall preclude, or be deemed to estop, the Collateral Agent, the Custodian or any of the other party to this Agreement (i) from taking any action prior to the expiration of the aforementioned period in (y) any case or proceeding voluntarily filed or commenced by the Borrower or (z) any involuntary insolvency proceeding filed or commenced by a Person other than one of the parties to this Agreement, or (ii) from commencing against the Borrower or any of its property any legal action that is not a bankruptcy, winding up, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency, moratorium, liquidation or similar proceeding. It is understood that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f) shall not (i) prevent recourse to the Collateral in the manner provided herein for the sums due or to become due under any obligation, instrument or agreement that is part of the Collateral or (ii) constitute a waiver, release or discharge of any indebtedness or obligation evidenced by the Loans or the VFN (to the extent that they evidence debt) or secured by this Agreement until such Collateral

has been realized and proceeds distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.7 and Section 2.8, whereupon any outstanding indebtedness or obligation of the Borrower shall be extinguished. It is further understood that the foregoing provisions of this paragraph (f) shall not limit the right of any Person to name the Borrower as a party defendant in any proceeding or in the exercise of any other remedy under this Agreement, so long as no judgment in the nature of a deficiency judgment or seeking personal liability shall be asked for or (if obtained) enforced against the Borrower.

- U.S. Bank (in each of its capacities, and along with its Affiliates) agrees to accept and act upon instructions or directions pursuant to this Agreement or any document executed in connection herewith sent by unsecured email, facsimile transmission or other similar unsecured electronic methods, provided, however, that any person providing such instructions or directions shall provide to U.S. Bank an incumbency certificate listing persons designated to provide such instructions or directions, which incumbency certificate shall be amended whenever a person is added or deleted from the listing. If such person elects to give U.S. Bank email or facsimile instructions (or instructions by a similar electronic method) and U.S. Bank in its discretion elects to act upon such instructions, U.S. Bank's reasonable understanding of such instructions shall be deemed controlling. U.S. Bank shall not be liable for any losses, costs or expenses arising directly or indirectly from U.S. Bank's reliance upon and compliance with such instructions notwithstanding such instructions conflicting with or being inconsistent with a subsequent written instruction. Any person providing such instructions or directions agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of such electronic methods to submit instructions and directions to U.S. Bank, including without limitation the risk of U.S. Bank acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties and acknowledges and agrees that there may be more secure methods of transmitting such instructions provide to it a commercially reasonable degree of protection in light of its particular needs and circumstances.
 - (h) The provisions of this <u>Section 12.11</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 1.12 Protection of Right, Title and Interest in the Collateral; Further Action Evidencing Advances.

- (a) The Borrower shall cause this Agreement, all amendments hereto and/or all financing statements and continuation statements and any other necessary documents covering the right, title and interest of the Administrative Agent, as agent for the Secured Parties, and of the Secured Parties to the Collateral to be promptly recorded, registered and filed, and at all times to be kept recorded, registered and filed, all in such manner and in such places as may be required by law fully to preserve and protect the right, title and interest of the Collateral Agent, as agent of the Secured Parties, hereunder to all property comprising the Collateral. The Collateral Manager shall deliver to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Agent file-stamped copies of, or filing receipts for, any document recorded, registered or filed as provided above, as soon as available following such recoding, registration or filing. The Borrower shall cooperate fully with the Collateral Manager in connection with the obligations set forth above and will execute any and all documents reasonably required to fulfill the intent of this Section 12.12(a).
- (b) The Borrower agrees that from time to time, at its expense, it will promptly authorize, execute and deliver all instruments and documents, and take all actions, that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request in order to perfect, protect or more fully evidence the security interest granted in the Collateral, or to enable the Administrative Agent or

the Secured Parties to exercise and enforce their rights and remedies hereunder or with respect to the Collateral.

- (c) If the Borrower or the Collateral Manager fails to perform any of its obligations hereunder, the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party may (but shall not be required to) perform, or cause performance of, such obligation; and the Administrative Agent's or such Secured Party's costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith shall be payable by the Borrower as provided in Article X. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent and appoints the Administrative Agent as its attorney-in-fact to act on behalf of the Borrower (i) to execute on behalf of the Borrower as debtor and to file financing statements necessary or desirable in the Administrative Agent's sole discretion to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interest of the Secured Parties in the Collateral, including those that describe the Collateral as "all assets," or words of similar effect, and (ii) to file a carbon, photographic or other reproduction of this Agreement or any financing statement with respect to the Collateral as a financing statement in such offices as the Administrative Agent in its sole discretion deems necessary or desirable to perfect and to maintain the perfection and priority of the interests of the Secured Parties in the Collateral. This appointment is coupled with an interest and is irrevocable.
- (d) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Borrower will, not earlier than six (6) months and not later than three (3) months prior to the fifth (5^{th}) anniversary of the date of filing of each financing statement filed in respect of the Collateral referred to in Section 3.1(k) and Section 2.19(g) or any other financing statement filed pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with any Advance hereunder, unless all Commitments have been terminated and the Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification and reimbursement obligations for which no claim giving rise thereto has been asserted), (i) authorize, execute and deliver and file or cause to be filed an appropriate continuation statement with respect to each such financing statement and (ii) furnish to the Collateral Agent (with a copy to the Collateral Manager), an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, as of the date of such opinion, this Agreement creates in favor of the Collateral Agent a security interest in the Collateral and that such security interest is perfected and no further action (other than as specified in such opinion) needs to be taken to ensure the continued effectiveness of such lien over the next year. Such Opinion of Counsel may be subject to customary assumptions, limitations, qualifications and exceptions.

Section 1.13 Confidentiality.

(a) Each of the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties, the Collateral Agent, the Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall maintain and shall cause each of its employees and officers to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement and all information with respect to the other parties, including all information regarding the business and beneficial ownership of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereto and their respective businesses obtained by it or them in connection with the structuring, negotiating and execution of the transactions contemplated herein, except that each such party and its officers and employees may (i) disclose such information to its external accountants, investigators, auditors, attorneys, investors, rating agencies, potential investors or other agents engaged by such party in connection with any due diligence or comparable activities with respect to the transactions and Loans contemplated herein and the agents of such Persons ("Excepted Persons"); provided that each Excepted Person (other than external accountants, auditors, attorneys and other Excepted Persons governed by ethical obligations and requirements) shall, as a condition to any such disclosure, agree that such information shall be used solely in connection with such Excepted Person's evaluation of, or relationship with, the Borrower or be bound by contractual, fiduciary, professional or other similar duties of confidentiality to the Borrower or with respect to such information, (ii) disclose the existence of this Agreement, but not the financial terms thereof,

- (iii) file a copy of this Agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with filings required by the Securities Exchange Act and make such other disclosures as are required by Applicable Law, and (iv) disclose this Agreement and such information in any suit, action, proceeding or investigation (whether in law or in equity or pursuant to arbitration) involving any of the Transaction Documents for the purpose of defending itself, reducing its liability, or protecting or exercising any of its claims, rights, remedies, or interests under or in connection with any of the Transaction Documents. It is understood that the financial terms that may not be disclosed except in compliance with this Section 12.13(a) include, without limitation, all fees and other pricing terms, and all Events of Default, Collateral Manager Termination Events, and priority of payment provisions.
- (b) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby consents to the disclosure of any nonpublic information with respect to it (i) to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Agent or the other Secured Parties by each other, (ii) by the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent and the other Secured Parties to any prospective or actual assignee or participant of any of them provided such Person agrees to hold such information confidential in accordance with the terms hereof and to use such information solely for the purposes of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or (iii) by the Administrative Agent, and the Secured Parties to S&P or Moody's, any commercial paper dealer or provider of a surety, guaranty or credit or liquidity enhancement to any Lender, and to any officers, directors, employees, outside accountants and attorneys of any of the foregoing, provided each such Person is informed of the confidential nature of such information and agrees, or is otherwise under a contractual, fiduciary, professional or other similar duties of confidentiality, to treat such information as confidential. In addition, the Secured Parties, the Administrative Agent, and the Collateral Manager may disclose any such nonpublic information as required pursuant to any law, rule, regulation, direction, request or order of any judicial, administrative or regulatory authority or proceedings (whether or not having the force or effect of law).
- Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the foregoing shall not be construed to prohibit (i) disclosure of any and all information that is or becomes publicly known other than through a breach of these confidentiality provisions; (ii) disclosure of any and all information (A) if required to do so by any applicable statute, law, rule or regulation, (B) to any government agency or regulatory body having or claiming authority to regulate or oversee any aspects of the Administrative Agent's, the Secured Parties', the Collateral Agent's, the Collateral Manager's, the Equity Investor's or the Borrower's business or that of their affiliates, (C) pursuant to any subpoena, civil investigative demand or similar demand or request of any court, regulatory authority, arbitrator or arbitration to which the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties, the Collateral Agent, the Collateral Manager or the Borrower or an officer, director, employee, shareholder or affiliate of any of the foregoing is a party, (D) in any preliminary or final offering circular, registration statement or contract or other document approved in advance by the Borrower or, to the extent information with respect to the Collateral Manager is included therein, the Collateral Manager, (E) to any affiliate, independent or internal auditor, agent (including any potential sub-or-successor servicer), employee or attorney of the Collateral Agent, the Custodian or the Collateral Manager having a need to know the same, (F) to any Person whose consent is required or to whom notice is required to be given in connection with the Borrower's acquisition or disposition of any Loan or any assignment thereof, or (G) to any Person when required for USA Patriot Act or other "know your customer" purposes, provided that the Collateral Agent, the Custodian or the Collateral Manager, as applicable, advises such recipient of the confidential nature of the information being disclosed; or (iii) any other disclosure authorized by the Borrower or the Collateral Manager, as applicable. If the Administrative Agent, any Secured Party or the Collateral Agent proposes to disclose information pursuant to any of clause (c)(ii)(B) (other than with regard to routine regulatory filings), (c)(ii)(C) or (c)(ii)(D) of this Section 12.13(c), such Person, to the extent legally

permitted to, shall provide the Borrower and the Collateral Manager with prompt written notice of such proposed disclosure and shall reasonably cooperate with the Borrower or the Collateral Manager so that such Person may obtain a protective order or other appropriate remedy with respect to the information to be disclosed or otherwise obtain satisfactory assurances that such information will be treated as confidential and proprietary and shall disclose only that information that is, in the opinion of counsel to such Person, legally required to be disclosed.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager shall each have the right to keep confidential from the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Agent, the Custodian and/or the other Secured Parties, for such period of time as such Person determines is reasonable (i) any information that such Person reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets and (ii) any other information that such Person or any of their Affiliates, or the officers, employees or directors of any of the foregoing, is required by law as evidenced by an Opinion of Counsel.
- (e) Each of the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties and the Collateral Agent will keep the information of the Obligors confidential in the manner required by the applicable Underlying Instruments.
- (f) Each of the Administrative Agent, the Secured Parties and the Collateral Agent acknowledge that from time to time they may receive material non-public information from the Borrower or the Collateral Manager and agree to keep such material non-public information in confidence in accordance with internal procedures established by such party and its Affiliates to comply with all Applicable Laws, including, without limitation, any securities laws regarding material non-public information.

Section 1.14 <u>Execution in Counterparts; Severability; Integration.</u>

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts (including by e-mail or other electronic transmission), each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which when taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. In case any provision in or obligation under this Agreement shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions or obligations, or of such provision or obligation in any other jurisdiction, shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement, the other Transaction Documents and any agreements or letters (including fee letters) executed in connection herewith contain the final and complete integration of all prior expressions by the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall constitute the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, superseding all prior oral or written understandings.

Section 1.15 Waiver of Setoff.

Each of the parties hereto hereby waives any right of setoff it may have or to which it may be entitled under this Agreement from time to time against any Lender or its assets.

Section 1.16 Assignments by the Lenders.

(a) Subject to Section 12.16(f), each Lender may, with the prior written consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), at any time assign an interest in, or sell a participation interest in any Advance (or portion thereof) or its Commitment hereunder or any VFN (or any portion thereof) to any Person; provided that, (i) unless a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, no transfer of any Advance (or any portion thereof) or of any VFN (or any portion thereof) shall be

made unless the transferee has either a long-term unsecured debt rating of "Baa2" or above from Moody's or "BBB" or above from S&P, (ii) the consent of the Borrower is not required for any assignment (x) to any Affiliate of a Lender, (y) required by any change in Applicable Law or (z) if a Default or an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (iii) in the case of an assignment of any Commitment (or any portion thereof), any Advance (or any portion thereof) or of any VFN (or of any portion thereof) the assignee executes and delivers to the Collateral Manager, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the Custodian and the Collateral Agent a fully executed Joinder Supplement substantially in the form of Exhibit H hereto and a transferee letter substantially in the form of Exhibit G hereto (a "Transferee Letter"). Each Lender hereby represents and warrants that is a "Qualified Purchaser" within the meaning of Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act. The parties to any such assignment or sale of a participation interest shall execute and deliver to such Lender for its acceptance and recording in its books and records, such agreement or document as may be satisfactory to such parties. The Borrower shall not assign or delegate, or grant any interest in, or permit any Lien (except Permitted Liens) to exist upon, any of the Borrower's rights, obligations or duties under the Transaction Documents without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, Wells Fargo shall not need prior consent of the Borrower to consolidate with or merge into any other Person or convey or transfer substantially all of its properties and assets, including without limitation any Advance (or portion thereof) or any VFN (or any portion thereof), to any Person.

- (b) The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of Borrower, shall maintain a copy of each Joinder Supplement and Transferee Letter delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Obligations 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 Collateral Manager the Administrative Agent and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement. The Register shall be available for inspection by Borrower, the Collateral Manager, the Collateral Agent and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- (c) The Borrower agrees that each participant pursuant to <u>Section 12.16(a)</u> shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 2.12</u> and <u>Section 2.13</u> (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under <u>Section 2.13(f)</u> (it being understood that the documentation required under <u>Section 2.13(f)</u> shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment; <u>provided</u> that such participant (A) agrees to be subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.18</u> as if it were an assignee hereunder; and (B) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 2.12</u> or <u>Section 2.13</u>, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from (i) the introduction of or any change (including, without limitation, any change by way of imposition or increase of reserve requirements) in or in the interpretation of any Applicable Law or (ii) the compliance by the participating Lender or such participant with any guideline or request from any central bank or other Governmental Authority (whether or not having the force of law), in each case that occurs after the participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Borrower to effectuate the provisions of <u>Section 2.18</u> with respect to the applicable participant.
- (d) Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of the applicable participants and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each such participant's

interest in the Obligations (the "Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any participant or any information relating to a participant's interest in any Obligations) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such Obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 12.16</u> or any other provision of this Agreement, any Lender may at any time assign all or any portion of its Advances and its VFN as collateral security to the Federal Reserve Bank or, as applicable, to such Lender's trustee for the benefit of its investors (but no such assignment shall release any Lender from any of its obligations hereunder).
- (f) Wells Fargo, as a Lender, hereby agrees to retain at least 51% of the Commitments unless (a) an Event of Default occurs or (b) it is required to sell any or all of its Commitments by Applicable Law or any regulatory authority.

Section 1.17 Heading and Exhibits.

The headings herein are for purposes of reference only and shall not otherwise affect the meaning or interpretation of any provision hereof. The schedules and exhibits attached hereto and referred to herein shall constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated into this Agreement for all purposes.

Section 1.18 <u>Intent of the Parties</u>.

It is the intent and understanding of each party hereto that the Advances are loans from the Lenders to the Borrower and do not constitute a "security" within the meaning of Section 8-102(15) of the UCC.

Section 1.19 Cooperation with Collateral Agent and Collateral Manager.

The Administrative Agent and each of the Lenders agree to provide to the Collateral Agent or to the Collateral Manager, as applicable, such information that the Collateral Agent or the Collateral Manager may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the preparation and delivery of any reports required pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with the performance of their other duties under this Agreement or any other Transaction Document; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent and each Lender shall not be required to assume any undue burden or incur any undue expense in connection with this <u>Section 12.19</u>.

Section 1.20 Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

To the extent that this Agreement and/or any other Transaction Document constitutes a QFC, the Borrower agrees with each Secured Party as of the First Amendment Closing Date as follows.

(a) In the event a Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer of this Agreement and/or any other Transaction Document, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement and/or any other Transaction Document from such Covered Party will be effective to the same extent as the

transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement and/or any other the Transaction Document, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

(b) In the event that a Covered Party or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Covered Party becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement and/or any other Transaction Document that may be exercised against such Covered Party are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement and/or any other Transaction Document were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

ARTICLE XIII

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RESTATEMENT

Section 1.1 Restatement. The Borrower hereby acknowledges, confirms and agrees that it is indebted to the original Lenders for "Obligations" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement) under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement, as of the close of business on December 30, 2019, in the aggregate principal amount of \$118,435,000 in respect of the "Advances" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement), together with all interest accrued and accruing thereon (to the extent applicable), and all fees, costs, expenses and other charges relating thereto, all of which are unconditionally owing by the Borrower to the "Lenders" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement), without offset, defense or counterclaim of any kind, nature or description whatsoever.

Section 1.2 <u>Acknowledgement of Security Interests.</u>

- (a) The Borrower hereby acknowledges, confirms and agrees that the Administrative Agent has had and shall on and after the date hereof continue to have, for itself and the ratable benefit of the Secured Parties, a security interest in and lien upon the Collateral heretofore granted to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties pursuant to the Transaction Documents to secure the Obligations.
- (a) The Liens and security interests of the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties in the Collateral shall be deemed to be continuously granted and perfected from the earliest date of the granting and perfection of such Liens and security interests to the Collateral Agent, whether under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement, this Agreement or any of the other Transaction Documents.
- Section 1.3 Transaction Documents. Each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager hereby acknowledges, confirms and agrees that as of the date hereof: (a) the Existing Loan and Security Agreement and each of the other "Transaction Documents" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement) were duly executed and delivered by each of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager and are in full force and effect, (b) the agreements and obligations of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager contained in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement and the other "Transaction Documents" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement) constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower and the Collateral Manager enforceable against them in accordance with their respective terms, subject to the effects, if any, of bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar Laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing and (c) the Lenders, the Administrative Agent and the Collateral

Agent are entitled to all of the rights and remedies provided for in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement and the "Transaction Documents" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement).

Section 1.4 Restatement.

- (a) Except as otherwise stated in Section 13.2 and this Section 13.4, as of the date hereof, the terms, conditions, agreements, covenants, representations and warranties set forth in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement are hereby amended and restated in their entirety, and as so amended and restated, replaced and superseded, by the terms, conditions, agreements, covenants, representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, except that nothing herein or in the other Transaction Documents shall impair or adversely affect the continuation of the liability of the Borrower for the Obligations or any Lien heretofore granted, pledged and/or assigned to the Collateral Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties. The amendment and restatement contained herein shall not, in any manner, be construed to constitute payment of, or impair, limit, cancel or extinguish, or constitute a novation in respect of, the Indebtedness and other obligations and liabilities of the Borrower evidenced by or arising under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement, and the Liens and security interests securing such Indebtedness and other obligations and liabilities, shall not in any manner be impaired, limited, terminated, waived or released.
- (b) The principal amount of the "Advances" (as defined in the Existing Loan and Security Agreement) outstanding as of the A&R Effective Date under the Existing Loan and Security Agreement shall constitute Advances hereunder. On the A&R Effective Date, the Lenders shall make such purchases and sales of interests in the Advances outstanding as of such date so that each Lender is then holding its Pro Rata Share of outstanding Advances based on their Commitments after giving effect to this Agreement.
- (c) All references to the "Loan and Security Agreement" in the Transaction Documents shall from and after the A&R Effective Date be references to this Agreement, as the same may be amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

ARTICLE XIV

THE DOCUMENT CUSTODIAN

Section 1.1 <u>Designation of Custodian.</u>

The role of Custodian with respect to the Required Loan Documents shall be conducted by the Person designated as Custodian hereunder from time to time in accordance with this <u>Section 14.1</u>. U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed as, and hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to perform the duties and obligations of, Custodian pursuant to the terms hereof.

Section 1.2 <u>Duties of the Custodian</u>

- (a) <u>Duties</u>. The Custodian shall perform, on behalf of the Secured Parties, the following duties and obligations:
- (i) The Custodian shall take and retain custody of the Required Loan Documents delivered by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, all for the benefit of the Secured Parties. With respect to each delivery of Required Loan Documents, the Borrower shall provide or cause to be

provided a related Loan Checklist to the Custodian with respect to such Required Loan Documents that are being delivered.

(ii) Within five (5) Business Days of its receipt of any Required Loan Documents and the related Loan Checklist, the Custodian shall review the Required Loan Documents delivered to it (as identified on the related Loan Checklist) to confirm that (A) the Obligor name matches the Loan Checklist, (B) such Required Loan Documents have been executed by each party thereto and appear to have no missing or mutilated pages, (C) each item listed in the Loan Checklist has been provided to the Custodian and (D) the related original balance at the time of assignment or acquisition (based on a comparison to the note or assignment agreement, as applicable) matches the loan balance listed on the related Loan Tape (such items (A) through (D) collectively, the "Review Criteria"). In order to facilitate the foregoing review by the Custodian, in connection with each delivery of Required Loan Documents hereunder to the Custodian, the Collateral Manager shall provide to the Custodian an electronic copy (in EXCEL or a comparable format acceptable to the Custodian, as applicable) of the related Loan Checklist that contains a list of all related Required Loan Documents and whether they require original signatures, the Loan identification number, the original principal balance of such Loan and the name of the Obligor with respect to each related Loan. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Custodian's obligation to review the Required Loan Documents shall be limited to reviewing such Required Loan Documents based on the information provided on the Loan Checklist. At the conclusion of such review, the Custodian shall provide the Collateral Manager, the Administrative Agent and the Borrower (with a copy to the Collateral Agent) a report in the form attached hereto as Exhibit M identifying each Loan for which it holds Required Loan Documents and the variances to the Review Criteria (the "Custodian Report"), which shall include (i) any discrepancies related to the initial Loan balances of the Loans with respect to which it has received Required Loan Documents and the loan balances provided in the electronic file, and (2) any Review Criteria that is not satisfied. The Collateral Manager shall have twenty (20) Business Days after delivery of a Custodian Report to correct any non compliance with any Review Criteria. If after the conclusion of such time period the Collateral Manager has still not cured any non compliance by a Loan with any Review Criteria, the Custodian shall promptly notify the Collateral Manager, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent of such continued non-compliance and such Loan shall cease to be an Eligible Loan until such non-compliance is cured. The Custodian shall have no duty to monitor the Collateral Manager's compliance except to provide an updated Custodian Report upon the Administrative Agent's written request. In addition, if requested in writing in the form of Exhibit E by the Collateral Manager and approved by the Administrative Agent within ten (10) Business Days of the Custodian's delivery of such report, the Custodian shall return the Required Loan Documents for any Loan which fails to satisfy any Review Criteria to the Borrower. Other than the foregoing, the Custodian shall not have any responsibility for reviewing any Underlying Instruments or Required Loan Documents.

(iii) In taking and retaining custody of the Required Loan Documents, the Custodian shall be deemed to be acting as the agent of the Secured Parties; <u>provided</u> that the Custodian makes no representations as to the existence, perfection or priority of any Lien on the Required Loan Documents or the instruments therein; and <u>provided further</u> that the Custodian's duties as agent shall be limited to those expressly contemplated herein.

(iv) All Required Loan Documents shall be kept in fire resistant vaults, rooms or cabinets at the offices of the Custodian set forth in Section 5.5(c), or at such other office as shall be specified to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager

by the Custodian in a written notice delivered at least 30 days prior to such change. All Required Loan Documents shall be placed together with an appropriate identifying label and maintained in such a manner so as to permit retrieval and access. The Custodian shall segregate the Required Loan Documents on its inventory system and will not commingle the physical Required Loan Documents with any other files of the Custodian.

- (v) On each Reporting Date, the Custodian shall provide a written report to the Administrative Agent and the Collateral Manager (in a form mutually agreeable to the Administrative Agent and the Custodian) identifying each Loan for which it holds Required Loan Documents and any Review Criteria that each such Loan fails to satisfy. The Collateral Manager shall have twenty (20) Business Days after receiving written notice thereof to correct any non-compliance with any Review Criteria. To the extent such non-compliance has not been cured within such time period, such Loan shall cease to be an Eligible Loan until such non-compliance is cured.
- (vi) The Custodian agrees, subject to Section 14.2(a)(vii), to cooperate with the Administrative Agent and deliver any Required Loan Documents to the Administrative Agent as requested in order to take any action that the Administrative Agent deems necessary or desirable in order to exercise or enforce any of the rights of a Secured Party hereunder. In the event the Custodian receives instructions from the Collateral Manager or the Borrower which conflict with any instructions received by the Administrative Agent, the Custodian shall rely on and follow the instructions given by the Administrative Agent.
- (vii) The Administrative Agent may direct the Custodian to take any such incidental action hereunder. With respect to other actions which are incidental to the actions specifically delegated to the Custodian hereunder, the Custodian shall not be required to take any such incidental action hereunder, but shall be required to act or to refrain from acting (and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting) upon the direction of the Administrative Agent; provided that the Custodian shall not be required to take any action hereunder at the request of the Administrative Agent, any Secured Parties or otherwise if the taking of such action, in the reasonable determination of the Custodian, (x) shall be in violation of any Applicable Law or contrary to any provisions of this Agreement or (y) shall expose the Custodian to liability hereunder or otherwise (unless it has received indemnity which it reasonably deems to be satisfactory with respect thereto).
- (viii) The Custodian shall be entitled to reasonably assume the genuineness of each such document and the genuineness and due authority of any signatures appearing thereon, shall be entitled to assume that each such document is what it purports to be.
- (ix) The Custodian shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it in accordance with the request or direction of any Secured Party, to the extent that this Agreement provides such Secured Party the right to so direct the Custodian, or the Administrative Agent. The Custodian shall not be deemed to have notice or knowledge of any matter hereunder, including an Event of Default, unless a Responsible Officer of the Custodian has knowledge of such matter or written notice thereof is received by the Custodian.
- (x) In performing its duties, the Custodian shall use the same degree of care and attention as it employs with respect to similar collateral that it holds as the Custodian for others.

Section 1.3 Concerning the Custodian.

- (a) The acceptance by the Custodian of its appointment hereunder is expressly subject to the following terms, which shall govern and apply to each of the terms and provisions of this <u>Section 14</u> (whether or not so stated therein or herein):
 - (i) The Custodian shall have no duties, obligations or responsibilities under this Section 14 or with respect to the Required Loan Documents except for such duties, obligations or responsibilities as are expressly and specifically set forth in this Section 14 as duties obligations or responsibilities on its part to be performed, and the duties obligations and responsibilities of the Custodian shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Section 14. No implied duties, obligations or responsibilities shall be read into this Agreement against, or on the part of, the Custodian. Any permissive right of the Custodian to take any action hereunder shall not be construed as a duty.
 - (ii) The Custodian makes no representations as to and shall not be responsible for or required to verify (x) the validity, legality, enforceability, due authorization, effectiveness, recordability, insurability, sufficiency, value, form, substance, or genuineness of any of the documents contained in any Required Loan Document or (y) the collectability, validity, transferability, insurability, value, effectiveness, perfection, priority or suitability of any Required Loan Document or any document contained therein.
 - (iii) The Custodian shall have no responsibilities or duties with respect to any Required Loan Document while such Required Loan Document is not in its possession.
 - (iv) The Custodian may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any written notice, instruction, statement, certificate, request, waiver, consent, opinion, report, receipt or other paper or document furnished to it in accordance with this Section 14, not only as to its due execution and validity, but also as to the truth and accuracy of any information therein contained, which it in good faith believes to be genuine and signed or presented by the proper person (which in the case of any instruction from or on behalf of the Borrower shall be an Authorized Person). The Custodian shall be entitled to reasonably presume the genuineness and due authority of any signature appearing thereon. The Custodian shall not be bound to make any independent investigation into the facts or matters stated in any such notice, instruction, statement, certificate, request, waiver, consent, opinion, report, receipt or other paper or document, provided, however, that if the form thereof is specifically prescribed by the terms of this Section 14, the Custodian shall examine the same to determine whether it substantially conforms on its face to the requirements set forth herein.
 - (v) Neither the Custodian nor any of its directors, officers or employees shall be liable to anyone for any error of judgment, or for any act done or step taken or omitted to be taken by it (or any of its directors, officers of employees), or for any mistake of fact or law, or for anything which it may do or refrain from doing in connection herewith, unless such action constitutes gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Custodian.
 - (vi) The Custodian shall not be liable for any action taken by it in good faith and reasonably believed by it to be within powers conferred upon it, or taken by it pursuant to any direction or instruction received by it in accordance with this <u>Section 14</u>,

or omitted to be taken by it by reason of the lack of direction or instruction required hereby for such action.

- (vii) The Custodian may consult with, and obtain advice from, legal counsel selected in good faith, with respect to any question as to any of the provisions hereof or its duties hereunder, or any matter relating hereto, and the opinion or advice of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered, or omitted by the Custodian in good faith in accordance with the advice or opinion of such counsel. The reasonable costs and expenses of such advice or opinion shall be reimbursed by the Borrower pursuant to Section 12 hereof.
- (viii) No provision of this Agreement shall require the Custodian to expend or risk its own funds, take any action hereunder (or omit to take any action) or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties under this <u>Section 14</u> if it shall have grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or indemnity satisfactory is not assured to it.
- (ix) The Custodian may act or exercise its duties or powers hereunder through agents or attorneys, and the Custodian shall not be liable or responsible for the actions or omissions of any such agent or attorney appointed and maintained with due care.
- (x) If the Custodian shall request instructions from the Borrower with respect to any act, action or failure to act in connection with this Agreement, the Custodian shall be entitled to refrain from taking such action and continue to refrain from acting unless and until the Custodian shall have received written instructions from the Borrower without incurring any liability therefor to the Borrower, or any other Person.
- (xi) In no event shall the Custodian or its directors, affiliates, officers, agents and employees be held liable for any lost profits or exemplary, punitive, special, indirect or consequential damages of any kind resulting from any action taken or omitted to be taken by it or them hereunder or in connection herewith even if advised of the possibility of such damages.
- (xii) The Custodian shall not be deemed to have notice of any fact, claim or demand with respect hereto unless a Responsible Officer of the Custodian has actual knowledge thereof or written notice thereof. Any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Custodian shall have no notice of and shall not be bound by any of the terms and conditions of any other document or agreement unless the Custodian is a signatory party to that document or agreement.
- (xiii) Nothing in this <u>Section 14</u> shall be deemed to impose on the Custodian any duty to qualify to do business in any jurisdiction, other than (x) any jurisdiction where any Required Loan Document is or may be held by the Custodian from time to time hereunder, and (y) any jurisdiction where its ownership of property or conduct of business requires such qualification and where failure to qualify could have a material adverse effect on the Custodian or its property or business or on the ability of the Custodian to perform its duties hereunder.
- (xiv) The Custodian shall have only the duties and responsibilities with respect to the matters set forth herein as is expressly set forth in writing herein and shall not be deemed to be an agent, bailee or fiduciary for any party hereto. The Custodian shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting in good faith without investigation on any notice, instruction or request purportedly furnished to it

by the Borrower in accordance with the terms hereof, in which case the parties hereto agree that the Custodian has no duty to make any further inquiry whatsoever. It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that the Custodian has no knowledge of (and is not required to know) the terms and provisions of any loan agreements or any other related documentation to which the Lender may be a party or whether any actions by the, the Borrower or any other person or entity are permitted or a breach thereunder or consistent or inconsistent therewith.

- (xv) The provisions of this <u>Section 14.3</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the resignation or removal of the Custodian.
- (xvi) The Custodian hereby represents and warrants to the Borrower that it is qualified to act as a custodian pursuant to Sections 17(f) and 26(a)(1) of the 1940 Act.

Section 1.4 Release of Documents.

- (a) Release for Servicing. From time to time and as appropriate for the enforcement or servicing of any of the Collateral, the Custodian is hereby authorized (unless and until such authorization is revoked by the Administrative Agent), upon written receipt from the Collateral Manager of a request for release of documents and receipt in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit E, to release to the Collateral Manager the related Required Loan Documents or the documents set forth in such request and receipt to the Collateral Manager. All documents so released to the Collateral Manager shall be held by the Collateral Manager in trust for the Custodian for the benefit of the Secured Parties in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Collateral Manager shall return to the Custodian the Required Loan Documents or other such documents (i) immediately upon the request of the Administrative Agent, or (ii) when the Collateral Manager's need therefor in connection with such foreclosure or servicing no longer exists, unless the Loan shall be liquidated, in which case, upon receipt of an additional request for release of documents and receipt certifying such liquidation from the Collateral Manager to the Custodian in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit E, the Collateral Manager's request and receipt submitted pursuant to the first sentence of this subsection shall be released by the Custodian to the Collateral Manager.
- (b) <u>Limitation on Release</u>. The foregoing provision respecting release to the Collateral Manager of the Required Loan Documents and documents by the Custodian upon request by the Collateral Manager shall be operative only to the extent that at any time the Custodian shall not have released to the Collateral Manager active Required Loan Documents (including those requested) pertaining to more than 15 Loans at the time being serviced by the Collateral Manager under this Agreement. Any additional Required Loan Documents or documents requested to be released by the Collateral Manager may be released only upon written authorization of the Administrative Agent. The limitations of this paragraph shall not apply to the release of Required Loan Documents to the Collateral Manager pursuant to the immediately succeeding subsection.
- (c) <u>Release for Payment</u>. Upon receipt by the Custodian of the Collateral Manager's request for release of documents and receipt in the form annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u> (which certification shall include a statement to the effect that all amounts received in connection with such payment or purchase have been credited to the Collection Account as provided in this Agreement), the Custodian shall promptly release the related Required Loan Documents to the Collateral Manager.

Section 1.5 Return of Required Loan Documents.

The Borrower may, with the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), require that the Custodian return each Required Loan Document (as applicable), respectively (a) delivered to the Custodian in error, (b) as to which the lien on the Underlying Asset has been so released pursuant to Section 8.2, (c) that has been the subject of a Discretionary Sale, Substitution or Optional Sale pursuant to Section 2.14 or (d) that is required to be redelivered to the Borrower in connection with the termination of this Agreement, in each case by submitting to the Custodian and the Administrative Agent a written request in the form of Exhibit E hereto (signed by both the Borrower and the Administrative Agent) specifying the Collateral to be so returned and reciting that the conditions to such release have been met (and specifying the Section or Sections of this Agreement being relied upon for such release). The Custodian shall upon its receipt of each such request for return executed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (when required to be signed by the Administrative Agent) promptly, but in any event within five Business Days, return the Required Loan Documents so requested to the Borrower.

Section 1.6 Access to Certain Documentation and Information Regarding the Collateral; Audits.

The Custodian shall provide to the Administrative Agent access to the Required Loan Documents and all other documentation in the possession of such Persons regarding the Collateral including in such cases where the Administrative Agent may direct the Custodian in connection with the enforcement of the rights or interests of the Custodian hereunder, or by applicable statutes or regulations, to review such documentation, such access being afforded without charge but only (i) upon two (2) Business Days' prior written request, (ii) during normal business hours and (iii) subject to the Custodian's normal security and confidentiality procedures. Periodically, at the discretion of the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may review the Collateral Manager's collection and administration of the Collateral in order to assess compliance by the Collateral Manager with Article VI and may conduct an audit of the Collateral, and Required Loan Documents in conjunction with such a review. Such review shall be reasonable in scope and shall be completed in a reasonable period of time.

Section 1.7 <u>Merger or Consolidation.</u>

Any Person (i) into which the Custodian may be merged or consolidated, (ii) that may result from any merger or consolidation to which the Custodian shall be a party, or (iii) that may succeed to the properties and assets of the Custodian substantially as a whole, which Person in any of the foregoing cases executes an agreement of assumption to perform every obligation of the Custodian hereunder, shall be the successor to the Custodian under this Agreement without further act of any of the parties to this Agreement.

Section 1.8 <u>Custodian Compensation.</u>

As compensation for its Custodian activities hereunder, the Custodian shall be entitled to a Custodian Fee pursuant to the provision of Section 2.7(a)(1), Section 2.7(b)(1) or Section 2.8(1), as applicable. The Custodian's entitlement to receive the Custodian Fee shall cease on the earlier to occur of: (i) its removal as Custodian and appointment of a successor custodian pursuant to Section 14.9 and the Custodian has ceased to hold any Required Loan Documents or (ii) the termination of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Custodian shall be entitled to receive any accrued and unpaid Custodian Fees due and owing to it at the time of such removal or termination.

Section 1.9 <u>Custodian Removal.</u>

The Custodian may be removed, with or without cause, by the Administrative Agent upon at least sixty (60) days' notice given in writing to the Custodian and the Lenders (the "<u>Custodian Termination Notice</u>"); <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding its receipt of a Custodian Termination Notice, the Custodian shall continue to act in such capacity until a successor Custodian has been appointed in accordance with the requirements of <u>Sections 5.5(d)</u> and <u>14.10</u>, and has received all Underlying Instruments held by the previous Custodian

Section 1.10 Resignation.

The Custodian shall not resign from the obligations and duties hereby imposed on it except upon (a) sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Borrower, Collateral Manager, Administrative Agent and each Lender, or (b) the Custodian's determination that (i) the performance of its duties hereunder is or becomes impermissible under Applicable Law and (ii) there is no reasonable action that the Custodian could take to make the performance of its duties hereunder permissible under Applicable Law. No such resignation shall become effective until a successor Custodian shall have assumed the responsibilities and obligations of the Custodian hereunder provided that, any successor Custodian shall (y) satisfy all requirements of Section 5.5(d) and (z) be acceptable to the Administrative Agent, the Collateral Manager (if no Collateral Manager Termination Event has occurred) and the Borrower (if no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing) in their respective sole discretion. The Custodian's sole responsibility after the termination of its obligations as aforesaid shall be to safely maintain all of the Required Loan Documents and to deliver the same to a successor Custodian; provided that if no such successor is appointed within 90 days after the delivery of written notice of the Custodian's resignation, the Custodian may (i) petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Custodian or (ii) deliver all Required Loan Documents to the Borrower. The Custodian shall not be responsible for the fees and expenses of any successor Custodian. Upon delivery of the Required Loan Documents to any successor Custodian or to the Borrower as provided in this paragraph, all duties and obligations of the Custodian shall cease and terminate. The payment of all costs and expenses relating to the transfer of the Required Loan Documents (including any shipping costs) upon termination shall be the sole responsibility of the Borrower.

Section 1.11 <u>Limitations on Liability.</u>

Each of the protections, reliances, indemnities and immunities offered to the Collateral Agent in <u>Article VII</u> shall be afforded to the Custodian and its respective directors, officers, employees, agents, designees, successors and assigns.

Section 1.12 <u>Custodian as Agent of Collateral Agent.</u>

The Custodian agrees that, with respect to any Required Loan Documents at any time or times in its possession or held in its name, the Custodian shall be the agent and custodian of the Collateral Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, for purposes of perfecting (to the extent not otherwise perfected) the Collateral Agent's security interest in the Collateral and for the purpose of ensuring that such security interest is entitled to first priority status under the UCC. For so long as the Custodian is the same entity as the Collateral Agent, the Custodian shall be entitled to the same rights and protections afforded to the Collateral Agent hereunder.

[Signature pages to follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized, as of the date first above written.		
	BORROWERS:	
	NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC SPV I, LLC	
	By: Name: Title:	
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COLLATERAL MANAGER:

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP.

By: Name: Title:

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THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT:

	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, in its capacity as Administrative Agent
	By: Name: Title:
	LENDER:
	WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
	By: Name: Title:
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THE COLLATERAL AGENT:

	U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity but solely as Collateral Agent
	By: Name: Title:
	THE DOCUMENT CUSTODIAN:
	U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, not in its individual capacity but solely as Custodian
	By: Name: Title:
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NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC SPV I, LLC

c/o Churchill Asset Management LLC 430375 Park Avenue, 14th 9th Floor

New York, NY 1002210152

Attention: Heather McNally, Head of Operations Shai Vichness Email: heather.menallyshai.vichness@churchillam.com

With a copy to:

8500 Andrew Carnegie Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28262

Attention: John McCally, Associate General Counsel Email: john.mccally@nuveenchurchillam.com

NUVEEN CHURCHILL DIRECT LENDING CORP. (F/K/A NUVEEN CHURCHILL BDC INC.)

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WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

as Administrative Agent

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Attention: Corporate Debt Finance Facsimile: (704) 715-0067 Confirmation: (704) 410-2431

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Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Attention: Global Corporate Trust - Churchill Middle Market CLO V

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For purposes of holding Instruments in physical form and any Certificated Security.

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EP-MN-WŠ2N St. Paul, MN 55107

Attention: Global Corporate Trust – Churchill Middle Market CLO V

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Custodian

For notices:

U.S. Bank National Association 1719 Otis Way

Mail Code: Ex SC FLOR Florence, South Carolina 29501

Attention: Document Custody Services - Churchill Middle Market CLO V

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Annex B

<u>Lender</u> Wells Fargo Bank, National Association Commitment

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