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FORM S-3 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER** THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **CONCENTRIX CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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# **Concentrix Corporation**

Debt Securities Common Stock Preferred Stock

We may, from time to time, offer and sell the securities identified above in one or more offerings. This prospectus may also be used by a selling securityholder of the securities described herein. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities and the general manner in which these securities will be offered. We will provide the specific terms of these securities in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements will also describe the manner in which these securities will be offered and may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read carefully this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement before you invest.

We may offer these securities separately or together in any combination for sale directly to investors or through underwriters, dealers or agents. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of these securities, we will set forth their names and describe their compensation in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol "CNXC." On July 13, 2023, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market was \$87.86 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" included in or incorporated by reference into any accompanying prospectus supplement and in the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus.

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

The date of this prospectus is July 17, 2023.

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

### **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), using a "shelf" registration, or continuous offering, process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell separately or together in any combination the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings and selling securityholders may offer such securities owned by them from time to time.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we or selling securityholders may offer. Each time we or selling securityholders sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering and the offered securities. Any prospectus supplement, or information incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, may also add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Any statement that we make in this prospectus will be modified or superseded by any inconsistent statement made by us in a prospectus supplement. The registration statement we filed with the SEC includes exhibits that provide more detail of the matters discussed in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and the related exhibits filed with the SEC and any prospectus supplement, together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information," before making your investment decision.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "Concentrix," "we," "us" and "our" refer to Concentrix Corporation and its subsidiaries.

### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risk. The prospectus supplement relating to a particular offering will contain or incorporate by reference a discussion of risks applicable to an investment in the securities offered. Prior to making a decision about investing in our securities, you should carefully consider the specific factors discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as any prospectus supplement to this prospectus, and the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. See "Where You Can Find More Information." The risks and uncertainties described in the documents we incorporate by reference are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

### **CONCENTRIX CORPORATION**

We are a leading global provider of customer experience ("CX") solutions and technology that help iconic and disruptive brands drive deep understanding, full lifecycle engagement, and differentiated experiences for their end-customers around the world. We provide end-to-end capabilities, including CX process optimization, technology innovation, front- and back-office automation, analytics and business transformation services to clients in five primary industry verticals. Our differentiated portfolio of solutions supports Fortune Global 500 as well as high-growth companies across the globe in their efforts to deliver an optimized, consistent brand experience across all channels of communication, such as voice, chat, email, social media, asynchronous messaging, and custom applications. We strive to deliver exceptional services globally supported by our deep industry knowledge, technology and security practices, talented people, and digital and analytics expertise.

We trace our roots back to 2004 when SYNNEX Corporation, now known as TD SYNNEX Corporation ("TD SYNNEX") acquired BSA Sales, Inc. ("BSA Sales"), a company with 20 employees focused on helping clients through outsourced sales and marketing services. In 2006, TD SYNNEX combined New York-based Concentrix with BSA Sales under the Concentrix name, with the goal of bringing technology and innovation into businesses to help clients reimagine and design the next generation of experiences. On December 1, 2020, Concentrix and our technology-infused CX solutions business were separated from TD SYNNEX and became an independent public company. Concentrix Corporation was incorporated in Delaware in December 2009. Our principal executive offices are located at 39899 Balentine Drive, Newark, California 94560 and our telephone number is (800) 747-0583. Our website address is www.concentrix.com. Our website address is provided as an inactive textual reference only. The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus or any prospectus supplement.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

When used in this prospectus, the words "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "estimates," "may," "could," "intends," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or otherwise implied by the forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We will discuss many of these risks and uncertainties in greater detail in any prospectus supplement under the heading "Risk Factors." Additional cautionary statements or discussions of risks and uncertainties that could affect our results or the achievement of the expectations described in forward-looking statements may also be contained in the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement.

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this prospectus. We expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based, except as required by law or regulation. You should, however, review additional disclosures we make in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we state otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include additions to working capital, financing of capital expenditures, repayment or redemption of existing indebtedness, repurchases of stock, and future acquisitions and strategic investment opportunities. Unless we state otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, pending the application of net proceeds, we expect to invest the net proceeds in investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of any securities by any selling securityholders.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

This section describes the general terms and provisions of the shares of our common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, and preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share. This description is only a summary. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws have been filed as exhibits to our periodic reports filed with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should read our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws for additional information before you buy any of our common stock, preferred stock, or other securities. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

### **Authorized Capital Stock**

Under Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation, the total number of shares of all classes of shares that Concentrix has authority to issue is 260,000,000, including 250,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, and 10,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share. Except as otherwise provided in Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation or in a board resolution, shares purchased, redeemed by, surrendered to, or otherwise acquired by Concentrix assume the status of authorized but unissued shares, undesignated as to class or series, and may thereafter be reissued in the same manner as other authorized but unissued shares.

### Concentrix Common Stock

The holders of shares of Concentrix common stock are entitled to dividends as Concentrix' board of directors may declare from time to time from legally available funds subject to the preferential rights of the holders of any shares of Concentrix preferred stock that may be issued in the future. The holders of shares of Concentrix common stock are entitled to one vote per share on any matter to be voted upon by Concentrix stockholders and Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not provide for cumulative voting in connection with the election of directors.

No holder of shares of Concentrix common stock has any preemptive right to subscribe for any shares of Concentrix capital stock issued in the future, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of Concentrix' affairs, the holders of shares of Concentrix common stock are entitled to share, on a pro rata basis, all assets remaining after payment to creditors and subject to prior distribution rights of any shares of Concentrix preferred stock that may be issued in the future. All of the outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

### Concentrix Preferred Stock

Under Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation, Concentrix' board of directors, without further action by the Concentrix stockholders, is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more classes or series. Concentrix' board of directors may fix the rights, preferences and privileges of the preferred stock, along with any limitations or restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each class or series of preferred stock. The shares of Concentrix preferred stock could have voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of holders of shares of Concentrix common stock. The issuance of shares of Concentrix preferred stock could also have the effect, under certain circumstances, of delaying, deferring or preventing a takeover or other transaction that holders of some or a majority of shares of Concentrix common stock might believe to be in their best interests or in which holders might receive a premium for their shares over the then-market price of the shares. Concentrix currently has no plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

# Certain Anti-Takeover, Limited Liability, and Indemnification Provisions

Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws described below may have the effect of delaying, deferring, or discouraging another person from acquiring control of Concentrix.

### Concentrix Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaw Provisions

Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation and Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws include provisions that may have the effect of discouraging, delaying, or preventing a change in control or an

unsolicited acquisition proposal that a Concentrix stockholder might consider favorable, including a proposal that might result in the payment of a premium over the market price for the shares held by Concentrix' stockholders. These provisions are summarized in the following paragraphs.

- Supermajority Voting. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation requires the approval of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of Concentrix' combined voting power to effect certain amendments to Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation. Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws may be amended by either a majority of Concentrix' board of directors, or the holders of 66 2/3% of Concentrix' voting stock.
- Authorized but Unissued or Undesignated Capital Stock. Concentrix' authorized capital stock consists of 250,000,000 shares of common stock and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock. The authorized but unissued (and in the case of preferred stock, undesignated) shares of Concentrix stock may be issued by Concentrix' board of directors in one or more transactions without stockholder approval. We may use additional shares for a variety of purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, to fund acquisitions and as employee compensation. Moreover, Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation grants Concentrix' board of directors broad power to establish the rights and preferences of authorized and unissued preferred stock. The issuance of shares of Concentrix preferred stock pursuant to Concentrix' board of directors' authority described above could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to holders of shares of Concentrix common stock and adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of such holders and may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control. Concentrix' board of directors does not currently intend to seek Concentrix' stockholder approval prior to any issuance of preferred stock, unless otherwise required by law
- No Stockholder Action by Written Consent. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation
  and Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws provide that an action required or permitted to be taken at
  any annual or special meeting of Concentrix' stockholders may only be taken at a duly called annual or
  special meeting of Concentrix' stockholders. This provision prevents Concentrix' stockholders from
  initiating or effecting any action by written consent, and thereby taking actions opposed by Concentrix'
  board of directors.
- Notice Procedures. Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws establish advance notice procedures with
  regard to all Concentrix stockholder proposals to be brought before meetings of Concentrix stockholders,
  including proposals relating to the nomination of candidates for election as directors, the removal of
  directors, and amendments to Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation or Concentrix'
  amended and restated bylaws. These procedures provide that notice of such Concentrix stockholder
  proposals must be timely given in writing to Concentrix' Secretary prior to the meeting. The notice must
  contain certain information specified in Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws.
- *No Cumulative Voting.* The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL") provides that stockholders are denied the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors unless the company's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation does not provide for cumulative voting.
- Concentrix Board and Vacancies. Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws provide that the number of directors on its board of directors is fixed exclusively by its board of directors. Any vacancies created in its board of directors resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or the death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office, or other cause may only be filled by a majority of the board of directors then in office, even if less than a quorum is present, or by a sole remaining director. Any director appointed to fill a vacancy on Concentrix' board of directors will be appointed for a term expiring at the next annual meeting, and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. Any director or the entire board of directors may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of not less than a majority of the voting power of the capital stock entitled to vote at an election of directors.
- Special Meetings of Stockholders. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation and Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws provide that special meetings of Concentrix stockholders may be called only by the secretary only at the request of the chairman of Concentrix' board of directors, Concentrix' chief executive officer or president, or by a majority of Concentrix' board of directors. Stockholders may not call special stockholder meetings.

Exclusive Forum. Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws contain a forum selection provision for the adjudication of certain disputes. Unless Concentrix consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for (a) any derivative action or proceeding brought on Concentrix' behalf; (b) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of Concentrix' directors, officers, employees or agents to us or our stockholders; (c) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation and Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws; or (d) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine will be the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or, if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware does not have jurisdiction, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, in each case, subject to said court having personal jurisdiction over the indispensable parties named as defendants. Unless Concentrix consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the sole and exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") against Concentrix or any of Concentrix' directors, officers, other employees or agents will be the U.S. federal district courts.

### Limitations on Liability

Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation limits the liability of the Concentrix directors (in their capacity as directors but not in their capacity as officers) to Concentrix or Concentrix stockholders to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law. Specifically, Concentrix directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages for breach of a director's fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- For any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Concentrix or Concentrix stockholders;
- For acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law:
- Under Section 174 of the DGCL, which relates to unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemption; or
- For any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

### **Indemnification Arrangements**

The DGCL authorizes corporations to limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors to corporations and their stockholders for monetary damages for certain breaches of directors' fiduciary duties as directors, and Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes such an exculpation provision. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation includes provisions that indemnify, to the fullest extent allowable under the DGCL, the personal liability of directors or officers for monetary damages for actions taken as a director or officer of Concentrix, or for serving at Concentrix' request as a director or officer or another position at another corporation or enterprise, as the case may be. Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws also provide that Concentrix must advance reasonable expenses to its directors and officers, subject to the receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnified party. Concentrix' amended and restated bylaws expressly authorize us to carry directors' and officers' insurance to protect Concentrix, its directors, officers and certain employees from certain liabilities.

Concentrix has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and executive officers that provide them with rights to indemnification and expense advancement to the fullest extent permitted under the DGCL.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in Concentrix' amended and restated certificate of incorporation may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against Concentrix' directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and Concentrix' stockholders. However, these provisions do not limit or eliminate Concentrix' rights, or those of any stockholder, to seek non-monetary relief such as injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care. The provisions do not alter the liability of directors under the federal securities laws. In addition, your investment may be adversely affected to the extent that, in a class action or direct suit, we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions. There is currently no pending material litigation or proceeding against any Concentrix directors, officers, or employees for which indemnification is sought.

### Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL regulating corporate takeovers. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging, under certain circumstances, in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date that such stockholder became an interested stockholder unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding, but not the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder, (1) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and (2) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- at or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board of
  directors of the corporation and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by
  written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding voting stock which is not
  owned by the interested stockholder.

Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the "interested stockholder," and an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns or, within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status, did own 15% or more of a corporation's outstanding voting stock. A Delaware corporation may opt out of these provisions either with an express provision in its original certificate of incorporation or in an amendment to its certificate of incorporation or bylaws approved by its stockholders. However, we have not opted out, and do not currently intend to opt out of, these provisions.

We expect the existence of this provision to have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions our board of directors does not approve in advance. We also anticipate that Section 203 may discourage business combinations or other attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares of common stock held by our stockholders. Certain provisions of the DGCL, our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws could have the effect of discouraging others from attempting hostile takeovers and, as a consequence, they may also inhibit temporary fluctuations in the market price of our common stock that often result from actual or rumored hostile takeover attempts. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. The transfer agent's address is 250 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may issue, from time to time, debt securities, in one or more series. The following is a summary of the general terms of the debt securities. We will file a prospectus supplement that may contain additional terms when we issue debt securities. The terms presented here, together with the terms in a related prospectus supplement, together with any pricing supplement or term sheet, will be a description of the material terms of the debt securities. These debt securities that we may issue include senior notes, senior subordinated notes, subordinated notes, convertible notes and exchangeable notes. The debt securities we offer will be issued under an indenture (the "indenture") between us and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "trustee"). The following is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, the indenture. For each series of debt securities, the applicable prospectus supplement for the series may change and supplement the summary below. The terms of the debt securities include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended ("Trust Indenture Act").

As used in this section only, "we," "us" and "our" refer to Concentrix Corporation excluding our subsidiaries, unless expressly stated or the context otherwise requires.

### **General Terms of the Indenture**

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue. It provides that we may issue debt securities for any series of debt securities up to the principal amount that we may authorize and they may be in any currency or currency unit that we may designate. Except for the limitations set forth below under "—Covenants", the terms of the indenture do not contain any covenants or other provisions designed to give holders of any debt securities protection against changes in our operations, financial condition or transactions involving us. For each series of debt securities, any additional restrictive covenants for that series of debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement for such debt securities.

We may issue the debt securities issued under the indenture as "original issue discount securities," which means they may be issued with "original issue discount" ("OID"), greater than the statutorily defined de minimis amount or otherwise designated by us as issued with OID, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Special U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to any debt securities issued with OID will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement for such debt securities.

You should refer to the prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of debt securities for a description of the following terms of the debt securities offered by that prospectus supplement and by this prospectus:

- the title of those debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of that series of debt securities;
- the date or dates on which the debt securities of that series may be issued and the date or dates on which principal of, and premium, if any, on, the debt securities of that series is payable;
- the interest rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) or the method used to determine the rate or rates, and the date or dates from which interest, if any, on the debt securities of that series will accrue, and the dates when interest is payable and related record dates;
- the right, if any, to extend or defer the interest payment periods and the duration of the extensions or deferrals;
- if other than U.S. dollars, the currency in which the debt securities of that series will be denominated;
- if the amount of payments of principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities of that
  series is to be determined by reference to an index or formula, or based on a coin or currency other than
  that in which the debt securities of that series are stated to be payable, the manner in which these amounts
  are determined and the calculation agent, if any, with respect thereto;
- the place or places where and the manner in which principal of, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the debt securities of that series will be payable and the place or places where those debt securities may be presented for transfer and, if applicable, conversion or exchange;

- the price or prices at which, the period or periods within which or the date or dates on which, and other terms and conditions upon which those debt securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at our option, if we are to have that option;
- the denominations in which those debt securities will be issuable;
- if other than the entire principal amount of the debt securities of that series, the portion of the principal amount payable upon acceleration of maturity as a result of a default on our obligations;
- whether the debt securities of that series will be issued with OID and the amount of discount or premium, if any, with which the debt securities of that series will be issued;
- whether and upon what terms the debt securities of that series may be defeased in whole or in part, if different from the provisions set forth in the indenture;
- whether the debt securities of that series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global debt securities and, in such case, the depositary for such global debt securities;
- whether the debt securities of that series are to be convertible or exchangeable for other securities, and, in such case, the conversion or exchange prices or rates and adjustments thereto;
- the terms, if any, on which the debt securities of that series will be subordinate in right and priority of payment to our other indebtedness;
- the nature and terms of any security for any secured debt securities of that series;
- provisions, if any, granting special rights to holders of the debt securities of that series upon the occurrence
  of specified events;
- the events of default and covenants relating to those debt securities that are in addition to, modify or delete
  those described in this prospectus;
- whether the payment of our debt securities will be guaranteed by any other person; and
- any other specific terms of the debt securities of that series.

The applicable prospectus supplement will present material United States federal income tax considerations for holders of any debt securities and the securities exchange or quotation system on which any debt securities are to be listed or quoted.

# **Conversion or Exchange Rights**

A series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for shares of our equity securities or other securities. The terms and conditions of conversion or exchange will be stated in the applicable prospectus supplement for such debt securities. The terms will include, among others, the following:

- the conversion or exchange price of the debt securities of that series;
- the conversion or exchange period of the debt securities of that series;
- provisions regarding our ability or the ability of any holder to convert or exchange the debt securities of that series;
- events requiring adjustment to the conversion or exchange price of those debt securities; and
- provisions affecting conversion or exchange in the event of our redemption of those debt securities.

# Ranking

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be our general unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with each other and with all of our existing and future senior unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. However, the debt securities will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the debt securities (other than indebtedness and liabilities owed to us, if any) and will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to any secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets that secure such indebtedness. Claims of the creditors of our subsidiaries will generally have priority with respect to the assets and earnings of these subsidiaries over the claims

of our creditors, including holders of the debt securities. Accordingly, the debt securities will be effectively subordinated to creditors, including trade creditors and preferred stockholders, if any, of our subsidiaries.

#### **Covenants**

# Change of Control Offer

If a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") occurs with respect to the debt securities of a series, unless we have exercised our right to redeem the debt securities of such series, we will be required to make an offer to each holder of the debt securities of that series to purchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that holder's debt securities at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, up to, but not including, the date of purchase of such debt securities (subject to the right of holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest, if any, due on the relevant interest payment date); provided that after giving effect to such purchase, any debt securities of such series that remain outstanding shall have a denomination of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of that amount.

Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event with respect to any series of debt securities or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") but after the public announcement of the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute such Change of Control, except to the extent that we have exercised our right to redeem the debt securities of the relevant series, we will deliver a notice (a "Change of Control Offer") to each holder of the debt securities of such series (which may be sent through electronic transmission) with a copy to the trustee describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute a Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to purchase the debt securities of such series on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is delivered (other than as may be required by law) (such date, the "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice may, if delivered prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event and/or any other related transaction or event being consummated on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date specified in the notice.

On each Change of Control Payment Date, we will, to the extent lawful:

- (a) accept for payment all debt securities of the applicable series or portions of such debt securities properly tendered pursuant to the applicable Change of Control Offer;
- (b) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the change of control payment in respect of all debt securities or portions of debt securities properly tendered pursuant to the applicable Change of Control Offer; and
- (c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the debt securities properly tendered together with an officer's certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities or portions of debt securities being purchased.

We will comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Rule 14(e)-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with our purchase of debt securities pursuant to a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the terms described in such debt securities, we will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations by virtue thereof.

Holders of debt securities electing to have debt securities purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender their debt securities, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the debt security completed, to the paying agent at the address specified in the Change of Control Offer, or transfer such debt securities to the paying agent by book-entry transfer pursuant to the applicable procedures of the paying agent, prior to the close of business on the third business day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for a Change of Control Offer made by us and such third party purchases all debt securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

If holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of any series of debt securities then outstanding validly tender and do not withdraw such debt securities in a Change of Control Offer and we, or any third party making a Change of Control Offer in lieu of us, as described above, purchase all of the debt securities of such series

validly tendered and not withdrawn by such holders, we will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer described above, to redeem all the debt securities of such series that remain outstanding following such purchase at a redemption price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of such redemption (subject to the right of holders of record on a record date to receive interest on the relevant interest payment date).

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of "all or substantially all" of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a holder of debt securities to require us to repurchase its debt securities as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to another person may be uncertain.

The provisions of the indenture relating to our obligation to make a Change of Control Offer with respect to the debt securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event may be waived or modified in respect of each applicable series of debt securities with the written consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding.

#### **Restrictions on Liens**

The indenture provides that we will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") to, create or incur any Lien (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") on any shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or Principal Property (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") of ours or of a Restricted Subsidiary, whether those shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or Principal Property are owned at the Initial Issue Date (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") or acquired afterwards, unless we secure or cause the applicable Restricted Subsidiary to secure the debt securities outstanding under the indenture (together with, if we shall so determine, any other indebtedness or other obligations the terms of which (or the terms of any agreement evidencing or relating to which) require that such indebtedness be so secured) equally and ratably with (or, at our option, prior to) all indebtedness secured by the particular Lien, so long as the indebtedness is so secured. This covenant does not apply in the case of:

- (a) the creation of any Lien on any shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired, purchased or leased after the Initial Issue Date (including acquisitions by way of merger or consolidation, and including capital lease or purchase money transactions in connection with any such acquisition) by us or a Restricted Subsidiary, contemporaneously with that acquisition, purchase or lease, or within 18 months thereafter, to secure or provide for the payment or financing of any part of the purchase price, or the assumption of any Lien upon any shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the Initial Issue Date existing at the time of the acquisition, purchase or lease or the acquisition of any shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property subject to any Lien without the assumption of that Lien, provided that every Lien referred to in this clause (a) will attach only to the shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property so acquired, purchased or leased and fixed improvements (and any accessions or additions thereto, and proceeds thereof) on that Principal Property;
- (b) any Lien on any shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property existing on the Initial Issue Date;
- (c) any Lien on any shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property in favor of us or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (d) any Lien on any Principal Property being constructed or improved securing loans to finance the construction or improvements of that property;
- (e) any Lien created by a lease of any Principal Property, which under GAAP as in effect as of the Initial Issue Date would be characterized as an operating lease, whether entered into before or after the Initial Issue Date, including Liens arising under or in connection with Synthetic Leases (as defined below under "— Certain Definitions"), if any, or any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement thereof to the extent permitted thereby;
- (f) any Lien on shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property incurred in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt governmental obligations, including, without limitation, qualified private activity bonds and similar financings;

- (g) any mechanics', materialmen's, carriers', warehousemen's or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business with respect to obligations that are not yet overdue for a period of more than 90 days or that are being contested in good faith;
- (h) any Lien on any shares of stock of a subsidiary or any Principal Property for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies that are not yet overdue for a period of more than 90 days or that are being contested in good faith;
- (i) any Lien on any Principal Property arising in connection with legal proceedings being contested in good faith, including any judgment Lien so long as execution on the Lien is stayed;
- (j) any landlord's Lien on fixtures located on premises leased by us or a Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business, and rights under leases, licenses, sub-leases, easements, rights-of-way, zoning and other restrictions, irregularities in title, and other similar Liens not materially impairing the use or value of the property involved;
- (k) Liens on property incurred in sale and lease-back transactions permitted under "—Restrictions on Sale and Lease-back Transactions involving Principal Properties" below;
- (l) Liens on property or assets of a person existing at the time such person is merged into or consolidated with us or any of our subsidiaries, or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of a person to us or any of our subsidiaries, provided that such lien was not incurred in anticipation of the merger, consolidation, or sale, lease, other disposition or other such transaction by which such person was merged into or consolidated with us or any of our subsidiaries;
- (m) in the case of (i) any subsidiary that is not a wholly owned subsidiary or (ii) the equity interests in any Person (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") that is not a subsidiary, any encumbrance or restriction, including any first rights of refusal, options, put and call arrangements, related to shares of stock or other equity interests in such subsidiary or such other Person set forth in the constitutive documents or other applicable agreement of such subsidiary or such other Person or any related joint venture, shareholders', partnerships or similar agreement;
- (n) Liens in favor of the trustee and/or the holders granted in accordance with the indenture; and
- (o) any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement for any Lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses, provided that, in the case of a Lien permitted under clauses (a), (b) or (d), the amount of indebtedness secured is not increased nor the Lien extended to any additional assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume Liens in addition to those permitted by the preceding paragraph, and refinance, renew, restructure, substitute, extend, modify, or replace those Liens; provided that at the time of and after giving effect to the creation, assumption, refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement, Exempted Debt (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") does not exceed 15% of our and any of our subsidiaries' Consolidated Tangible Assets (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions").

### Restrictions on Sale and Lease-back Transactions Involving Principal Properties

The indenture provides that we will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement with any Person pursuant to which we or any Restricted Subsidiary leases any Principal Property as an entirety, or any substantial portion of that Principal Property, which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by us or such Restricted Subsidiary, except to us or to a Restricted Subsidiary and except for any lease for a period of not more than three years or which may be terminated by us or our Restricted Subsidiaries within a period of not more than three years (any such transaction, a "sale and lease-back transaction"), unless:

(a) such sale and lease-back transaction was entered into prior to the Initial Issue Date of the debt securities, and any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement of such transaction, so long as the affected Principal Property is substantially similar or the same in nature to the Principal Property subject to the sale and lease-back transaction refinanced, renewed, restructured, substituted, extended, modified or replaced;

- (b) we or such applicable Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, pursuant to the provisions described under "—Restrictions on Liens" above, to create a Lien on the Principal Property to be leased securing Funded Debt (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt (as defined below under "—Certain Definitions") with respect to the sale and lease-back transaction without equally and ratably securing the outstanding debt securities;
- (c) we promptly inform the trustee in writing of the sale and lease-back transaction, and we cause an amount equal to the fair value (as determined by us in good faith) of the Principal Property to be applied to any (or a combination) of (1) the purchase of other property that will constitute Principal Property having a fair value at least equal to the fair value of the Principal Property sold, or (2) the retirement within 365 days after receipt of the proceeds of Funded Debt incurred or assumed by us or a Restricted Subsidiary, including the debt securities; provided that, in lieu of applying all of or any part of such net proceeds to such retirement, we may, within 365 days after the sale and lease-back transaction, deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee for cancellation debt securities evidencing Funded Debt of ours (which may include the debt securities) or of a Restricted Subsidiary previously authenticated and delivered by the trustee, and not yet otherwise applied as a credit against an obligation to redeem or retire such debt securities, and an officer's certificate (which will be delivered to the trustee) stating that we elect to deliver or cause to be delivered the debt securities in lieu of retiring Funded Debt as provided in the indenture.

If we deliver debt securities and an officer's certificate to the trustee pursuant to the proviso to clause (c) above, the amount of cash that we will be required to apply to the retirement of Funded Debt will be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the then applicable optional redemption prices of the applicable debt securities so delivered or, if there are no such redemption prices, the principal amount of those debt securities. If the applicable debt securities provide for an amount less than the principal amount to be due and payable upon a declaration of the maturity, then the amount of cash will be reduced by the amount of principal of those debt securities that would be due and payable as of the date of the application upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity pursuant to the terms of the indenture pursuant to which those debt securities were issued.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we or any Restricted Subsidiary may enter into sale and lease-back transactions involving any Principal Property in addition to those permitted by this paragraph, without any obligation to retire any outstanding debt securities or other Funded Debt; provided that at the time of entering into and giving effect to such sale and lease-back transactions, Exempted Debt does not exceed 15% of our or any of our subsidiaries' Consolidated Tangible Assets.

# Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets

The indenture provides that we will not consolidate with or merge into any other entity, or sell or lease, all or substantially all our assets to another entity in one transaction or a series of related transactions, and no entity may consolidate with or merge into us, unless:

- (a) we will be the surviving entity in any merger or consolidation or the successor, transferee or lessee entity (if other than us) is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or trust organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes our obligations relating to the debt securities; provided that in the case where such surviving entity is not a corporation, a co-obligor of the debt securities is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction;
- (b) immediately before and after such consolidation, merger, sale or lease, there exists no event of default, and no event which, after notice or lapse of time or both, would become an event of default under the indenture; and
- (c) we shall deliver to the trustee an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel each to the effect that the transaction complies with the terms of the indenture.

# Reports

At any time we are subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, so long as any debt securities issued under the indenture are outstanding, we will file with the trustee, within 15 days after it has filed the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may prescribe) that it may be required to file with the

SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than confidential filings, documents subject to confidential treatment and correspondence with the SEC). Documents delivered to the trustee by electronic means or filed by us with the SEC via the EDGAR system (or any successor thereto) will be deemed to be filed with the trustee as of the time such documents are so delivered or filed via EDGAR (or such successor system), it being understood that the trustee shall have no obligation to determine whether such filings have been made or be deemed to have knowledge of the information contained therein.

To the extent any information is not provided within the time periods specified in this "—Reports" section and such information is subsequently provided, we will be deemed to have satisfied our obligations with respect thereto at such time and any default or event of default with respect thereto shall be deemed to have been cured.

Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the trustee shall be for informational purposes only and the trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including our compliance with any of the covenants contained in the indenture (as to which the trustee will be entitled to conclusively rely upon an officer's certificate).

# **Events of Default**

The indenture provides that each of the following constitutes an "event of default" with respect to any series of debt securities unless it is inapplicable to a particular series of debt securities:

- (a) default for 30 days in the payment of any interest when due on the debt securities of such series;
- (b) default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on, the debt securities of such series, when due at maturity, upon redemption or otherwise;
- (c) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or agreement in the indenture applicable to such series of debt securities, and continuance of such default or breach for 90 days after a Notice of Default (as defined below) shall have been given to us;
- (d) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization involving us;
- (e) a failure to purchase the series of debt securities tendered for purchase in respect of such Change of Control Offer as required under the section "—Covenants—Change of Control Offer"; and
- (f) default under any loan, mortgage, indenture, credit agreement or similar instrument under which there is issued or by which there is secured or evidenced any indebtedness for money borrowed by us (or the payment of which is guaranteed by us), other than indebtedness owed to its subsidiaries, whether such indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the original issue date of the debt securities of such series, which default (i) is caused by a failure to pay principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on such indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such indebtedness ("payment default"); or (ii) results in the acceleration of such indebtedness prior to its maturity; and, in each case, the principal amount of any such indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such indebtedness under which there is an outstanding uncurred payment default or the maturity of which has been and remains so accelerated, aggregates in excess of \$400,000,000.

Any event of default under one series of debt securities is not necessarily an event of default under any other series of debt securities.

A default under clause (c) above is not an event of default until the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding notify us of the default and we do not cure such default within the time specified after receipt of such notice. Such notice must specify the default, demand that it be remedied and state that such notice is a "Notice of Default."

We will be required to furnish the trustee annually with an officer's certificate as to the absence of certain defaults under the indenture. The indenture provides that the trustee may withhold notice to the respective holders of any default, except in respect of the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities, if it considers it in the interests of the respective holders to do so.

If an event of default exists (other than an event of default in the case of certain events of bankruptcy), the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities may declare the principal amount (or, if the debt securities are original issue discount securities, such portion of the

principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of and all accrued but unpaid interest on all outstanding debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to us, and to the trustee if given by holders. Upon that declaration the principal (or specified) amount will become immediately due and payable. However, at any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, the event of default may, without further act, be deemed to have been waived and such declaration may, without further act, be deemed to have been rescinded and annulled subject to conditions specified in the indenture.

If an event of default in the case of certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization exists, the principal amount of all debt securities outstanding under the indenture shall automatically, and without any declaration or other action on the part of the trustee or any holder of such outstanding debt, become immediately due and payable.

Subject to the provisions of the indenture relating to the duties of the trustee, if an event of default then exists, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture (other than the payment of any amounts on the debt securities furnished to it pursuant to the indenture) at your (or any other person's) request, order or direction, unless you have (or such other person has) offered to the trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee. Subject to the provisions for the security and/or indemnification of the trustee, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of a series of outstanding debt securities have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee in connection with the debt securities of that series. However, the trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law, the indenture or the debt securities, or that, subject to the terms of the indenture, the trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other holders (it being understood that the trustee shall have no obligation to determine if such action is unduly prejudicial to the rights of such holders) or may involve the trustee in liability, unless the trustee is offered security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee against any loss, liability or expense to the trustee that may result from the trustee's following such direction. No holder will have any right to institute any proceeding in connection with the indenture or for any remedy under the indenture, unless such holder has previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to debt securities of that series. In addition, the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of a series of the outstanding debt securities must have made written request, and offered security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the trustee, to the trustee to institute that proceeding as trustee, and, within 60 days following the receipt of that notice, the trustee must not have received from the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series a direction inconsistent with that request, and must have failed to institute the proceeding. However, you will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the debt securities of that series on or after the due dates expressed in the debt securities and to institute a suit for the enforcement of that payment.

# Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance

The indenture provides that we may discharge all of our obligations with respect to any series of debt securities at any time, and that we may also be released from our obligations under certain covenants and from certain other obligations, including obligations imposed by a company order or supplemental indenture with respect to that series, if any, and elect not to comply with those sections and obligations without creating an event of default. Discharge under the first procedure is called "defeasance" and under the second procedure is called "covenant defeasance."

Defeasance or covenant defeasance may be effected only if:

- (a) we irrevocably deposit with the trustee money or U.S. government obligations or a combination thereof, as trust funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge each installment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, all outstanding debt securities of that series;
- (b) no event of default under the indenture has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit, other than an event of default resulting from the borrowing of funds and the grant of any related liens to be applied to such deposit; and
- (c) we deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel, subject to customary assumptions and exclusions, to the effect that (x) the beneficial owners of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance and discharge or as a result of the deposit and covenant defeasance and (y) the deposit, defeasance and discharge or the deposit and covenant defeasance will not otherwise alter those beneficial owners' U.S. federal income tax treatment of

principal and interest payments on the debt securities of that series. In the case of a defeasance, this opinion must confirm that either (i) we have received a ruling to that effect from or published by the Internal Revenue Service or (ii) since the date of the indenture there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, and such opinion must be based thereon.

### Satisfaction and Discharge

The indenture will, upon company order, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such debt securities expressly provided for in the indenture, rights to receive payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on, such debt securities and certain rights of the trustee) and the trustee, at our expense, shall execute such instruments reasonably requested by us acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of the indenture, when,

### (a) either:

- (i) all debt securities of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (A) debt securities that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid and (B) debt securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by us and thereafter repaid to us or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation; or
- (ii) all debt securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation, (A) have become due and payable, or (B) shall become due and payable at their stated maturity within one year, or (C) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice by the trustee in our name and at our expense,

and in the case of (A), (B) or (C), we have deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee or paying agent as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount in the currency in which such debt securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided in the indenture) sufficient to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such debt securities for principal and premium, if any, and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of debt securities that have become due and payable) or to the stated maturity or redemption date, as the case may be; *provided*, *however*, in the event a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, is filed with respect to us within 91 days after the deposit and the trustee is required to return the moneys then on deposit with the trustee to us, our obligations under the Indenture with respect to such debt securities shall not be deemed terminated or discharged;

- (b) we have paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under the indenture by us; and
- (c) we have delivered to the trustee an officer's certificate and an opinion of counsel each stating that all conditions precedent under the indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture have been complied with.

### Amendment and Waiver

Subject to certain exceptions, the indenture and the debt securities of a series may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the debt securities of such series) and any existing or past default or event of default or compliance with any provisions of such documents may be waived with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the debt securities of such series); provided that (i) if any such amendment or waiver will only affect one series of debt securities (or less than all series of debt securities) then outstanding under the indenture, then only the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, such series of the debt securities) shall be required and (ii) if any such amendment or waiver by its terms will affect a series of debt securities in a manner that is different from and materially adverse relative to the manner in which such amendment or waiver affects other series of the debt securities, then the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding (including consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or

tender offer or exchange offer for, such series of the debt securities) shall be required. However, without the consent of each holder of a debt security affected (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any debt securities held by affiliates), no amendment, supplement or waiver may (with respect to any debt securities held by a non-consenting affected holder):

- reduce the interest rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any debt security (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to any redemption);
- reduce the principal of or change the stated maturity of any debt security;
- waive a default in the payment of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the debt securities, except
  a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities (with respect to a default that does not result from nonpayment) by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such
  series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration;
- reduce the premium payable upon the redemption of any debt security or change the time at which any
  debt security may be redeemed (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to such
  redemption);
- change the currency in which the principal amount of and premium, if any, or interest on any outstanding debt security is denominated or payable;
- impair the right of any holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such holder's debt securities;
- reduce the percentage of the holders of outstanding debt securities of such series necessary to modify or amend the indenture or to waive compliance with certain provisions of the indenture or certain defaults and consequences of such defaults; and
- modify any of the amendment and waiver provisions or any provisions relating to the waiver of past
  defaults or the rights of holders to receive payments of principal of or premium, if any, or interest on the
  debt securities, or certain covenants, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to
  provide that certain other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of all of the
  holders of the debt securities affected thereby.

A debt security does not cease to be outstanding because we or any of our affiliates holds the debt security; provided that in determining whether the holders of the requisite majority of outstanding debt securities of a series have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under the indenture with respect to any series of debt securities, debt securities of such series owned by us or any of our affiliates shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding if such ownership is known by a Trust Officer.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, we may amend or modify the indenture and the debt securities without the consent of any holder of debt securities of the applicable series in order to:

- cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency;
- conform the text of the indenture or the debt securities to any provision under the heading "Description of Debt Securities," or similar heading, in the offering memorandum, prospectus or similar document in respect of the debt securities;
- add further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions relating to us for the protection of the holders and events of default for the benefit of holders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon us;
- provide for the issuance of additional debt securities, and to provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities; provided that, the uncertificated debt securities are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code;
- provide for the assumption of our obligations in the case of a merger or consolidation and our discharge
  upon such assumption, provided that the provisions described under the "—Merger, Consolidation and
  Sale of Assets" covenant are complied with;
- add covenants or make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of the debt securities;
- add guarantees or co-obligors with respect to the debt securities;

- secure the debt securities including to add collateral and matters related thereto including entering into
  intercreditor arrangements, in each case when permitted or required under the indenture and the debt
  securities, and to release and discharge any lien when permitted or required under the indenture and the
  debt securities:
- add or appoint a successor or separate trustee;
- make any change that does not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any holder of debt securities:
- modify or amend any of the provisions of the indenture relating to the transfer and legending of debt securities; provided that (a) compliance with the indenture as so amended would not result in debt securities being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law and (b) such amendment does not adversely affect the rights of holders to transfer debt securities; or
- obtain or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

The consent of the holders of debt securities is not necessary under the indenture to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment. It is sufficient if such consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment. After an amendment, supplement or waiver under the indenture becomes effective, we are required to mail to holders of debt securities a notice briefly describing such amendment, supplement or waiver. However, the failure to give such notice to all holders of debt securities, or any defect therein, shall not impair or affect the validity of the amendment, supplement or waiver.

### Concerning the Trustee

The indenture provides that there may be more than one trustee under the indenture, each for one or more series of debt securities. If there are different trustees for different series of debt securities, each trustee will be a trustee of a trust under the indenture separate and apart from the trust administered by any other trustee under that indenture. Except as otherwise indicated in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, any action permitted to be taken by a trustee may be taken by such trustee only on the one or more series of debt securities for which it is the trustee under the indenture. Any trustee under the indenture may resign or be removed from one or more series of debt securities. All payments of principal of, and any premium and interest on, and all registration, transfer, exchange, authentication and delivery of, the debt securities of a series will be effected by the trustee for that series at an office designated by the trustee.

The indenture provides that, except during the continuance of an event of default, the trustee will perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in the indenture. During the existence of an event of default, the trustee will exercise those rights and powers vested in it under the indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

If the trustee becomes a creditor of ours, the indenture places limitations on the right of the trustee to obtain payment of claims or to realize on property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The trustee may engage in other transactions. If it acquires any conflicting interest relating to any duties concerning the debt securities, however, it must eliminate the conflict or resign as trustee.

### Paying Agent and Registrar for the Debt Securities

We will maintain a paying agent and registrar for the debt securities of each series in the United States (the "paying agent"). The trustee will initially act as the paying agent for the debt securities of each series. We may change the paying agent or registrar under the indenture without prior notice to the holders of the debt securities of such series, and we or any of our affiliates may act as paying agent or registrar with respect to any series of the debt securities

Upon our written request, the registrar shall provide us with a copy of the register to enable us to maintain a register of the debt securities of any series at our registered offices.

### No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders

No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of us or any of our subsidiaries, as such, will have any liability for any of our obligations under the debt securities, the indenture or for

any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each holder of debt securities, by accepting such debt security, waives and releases all such liability. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

### **Governing Law**

The indenture and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York. The indenture provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the parties to the indenture and each holder of debt securities waive their rights to a jury trial with respect to litigation arising out of or in connection with the indenture.

### **Certain Definitions**

"Attributable Debt" means, with respect to any sale and lease-back transaction, the present value (discounted in accordance with GAAP at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such sale and lease-back transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and lease-back transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon payment of a penalty, the Attributable Debt shall be the lesser of the Attributable Debt determined assuming termination on the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the Attributable Debt shall also include the amount of the penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the Attributable Debt determined assuming no such termination.

### "Capital Stock" means:

- (a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one of the following:

- (a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than to us or one of our subsidiaries;
- (b) the consummation of any transaction (including without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than us or our subsidiaries, becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our outstanding Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
- (c) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) we become a direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of a holding company and (2)(A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of our Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction, no "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Ratings Event.

"Consolidated Tangible Assets" means all assets of a Person, other than assets that are considered to be intangible assets, as set forth in such Person's most recent consolidated balance sheet and computed in accordance with GAAP.

"Exempted Debt" means the sum, without duplication, of the following items outstanding as of the date Exempted Debt is being determined:

- (a) indebtedness of ours and our Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the Initial Issue Date and secured by Liens created or assumed or permitted to exist as described above under the last paragraph of "— Covenants—Restrictions on Liens;" and
- (b) Attributable Debt of ours and our Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of all sale and lease-back transactions with regard to any Principal Property entered into as described above under the last paragraph of "— Covenants—Restrictions on Sale and Lease-back Transactions involving Principal Properties."

"Fitch" means Fitch, Inc., a subsidiary of Finlac, S.A., and its successors.

"Funded Debt" means all indebtedness, including purchase money indebtedness, having a maturity of more than one year from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than one year but by its terms being renewable or extendible at the option of the obligor, beyond one year from the date of its creation.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time and at the date of any computation. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made (i) without giving effect to any election under FASB ASC 825-10-25 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board having a similar result or effect) to value any indebtedness of any Person at "fair value", as defined therein, (ii) without giving effect to any treatment of indebtedness in respect of convertible debt instruments under FASB ASC 470-20 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board having a similar result or effect) to value any such indebtedness in a reduced or bifurcated manner as described therein, and such indebtedness shall at all times be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof, (iii) without giving effect to the application of Accounting Standards Update 2015-03, Interest, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to the extent such application results in indebtedness being reflected on a balance sheet at an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof and (iv) without giving effect to any change in accounting for leases pursuant to GAAP resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842 or any similar, successor or substitute accounting standard or codification), to the extent such change would require the recognition of right-ofuse assets and lease liabilities that would not have been required to be classified as a capital lease under GAAP as in effect immediately prior to the adoption thereof. If there occurs a change in generally accepted accounting principles in the United States occurring after the Initial Issue Date and such change would cause a change in the method of calculation of any term or measure used in the indenture (an "Accounting Change"), then we may elect, as evidenced by our written notice to the trustee, that such term or measure shall be calculated as if such Accounting Change had not occurred; provided that, with respect to any Accounting Change, in our good faith determination, our election to calculate such term or measure as if such Accounting Change had not occurred will not be less favorable to the holders in any material respect than the method of calculation of such term or measure as in effect on the Initial Issue Date.

"holder" means each person in whose name the debt securities are registered on the registrar's books.

"Initial Issue Date" means, with respect to any series of debt securities, the date of the original issuance of the first debt securities of such series.

"Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Moody's); a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of S&P); a rating of BBB- or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Fitch); and the equivalent investment grade rating from any replacement Rating Agency or Agencies appointed by us.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind, or any other type of preferential arrangement that has the practical effect of creating a security interest

in respect of such asset. For the purposes of the foregoing, we or any subsidiary will be deemed to own, subject to a Lien, any asset that it has acquired or holds subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement relating to such asset.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, and its successors.

"Person" means an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, an association, a joint venture, a joint stock company, a trust, an unincorporated organization or a government or an agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Principal Property" means our corporate headquarters and any warehouse or distribution center, together with any land, land improvements, buildings and fixtures related thereto, owned or leased at the Initial Issue Date or acquired after that date by us or any of our Restricted Subsidiaries and which is located within the United States, other than:

- (a) any property which in the opinion of our board of directors is not of material importance to the total business conducted by us as an entirety; or
- (b) any portion of a particular property which is similarly found not to be of material importance to the use or operation of such property.

"Rating Agency" means each of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; provided that, if any of Moody's, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the debt securities or fails to make a rating of the debt securities publicly available, we will appoint a replacement for such Rating Agency that is a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

"Ratings Event" means, with respect to a series of debt securities, (x) if the debt securities are at such applicable time rated by three Rating Agencies, ratings of the debt securities of that series are lowered by at least two of the Rating Agencies and the debt securities of that series are rated below Investment Grade by at least two of the Rating Agencies or (y) if the debt securities are at such applicable time rated by two Rating Agencies, ratings of the debt securities of that series are lowered by each of the Rating Agencies and the debt securities of that series are rated below Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies, in any case on any day during the period (the "Trigger Period") commencing on the date 60 days prior to the first public announcement by us of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended for so long as the rating of the debt securities of that series is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the applicable Rating Agencies, to the extent that a determination of a downgrade below Investment Grade by such Rating Agency would result in a Ratings Event).

"Restricted Subsidiary" means a subsidiary of ours (a) of which substantially all the property is located, or substantially all the business is carried on, within the United States; and (b) which owns a Principal Property.

"S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, an S&P Global Inc. business, and its successors.

"Synthetic Lease" means, as to any Person, (i) a synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (ii) an agreement for the use or possession of real or personal property, in each case, creating obligations that may not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the application of any bankruptcy (or similar) law for the relief of debtors to such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).

"Trust Officer" means any officer within the corporate trust administration department of the trustee, with direct responsibility for performing the trustee's duties under the Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter relating to the Indenture, any other officer of the trustee to whom such matter is referred because of such person's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Voting Stock" of any specified person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

#### FORMS OF SECURITIES

Each senior debt security will be represented by one or more global securities representing the entire issuance of securities or, if indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, a certificate issued in definitive form to a particular investor. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement provides otherwise, certificated securities will be issued in definitive form and global securities will be issued in registered form. Global securities name a depositary or its nominee as the owner of the senior debt securities represented by these global securities. The depositary maintains a computerized system that will reflect each investor's beneficial ownership of the securities through an account maintained by the investor with its broker/dealer, bank, trust company or other representative, as we explain more fully below. Definitive securities name you or your nominee as the owner of the security, and in order to transfer or exchange these securities or to receive payments other than interest or other interim payments, you or your nominee must physically deliver the securities to the trustee, registrar, paying agent or other agent, as applicable.

### **Registered Global Securities**

We may issue the registered senior debt securities in the form of one or more fully registered global securities that will be deposited with a depositary or its nominee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement and registered in the name of that depositary or nominee. In those cases, one or more registered global securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal or face amount of the securities to be represented by registered global securities. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole for securities in definitive registered form, a registered global security may not be transferred except as a whole by and among the depositary for the registered global security, the nominees of the depositary or any successors of the depositary or those nominees.

If not described below, any specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any securities to be represented by a registered global security will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities. We anticipate that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements.

Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered global security will be limited to persons, called participants, that have accounts with the depositary or persons that may hold interests through participants. Upon the issuance of a registered global security, the depositary will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the participants' accounts with the respective principal or face amounts of the securities beneficially owned by the participants. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in the distribution of the securities will designate the accounts to be credited. Ownership of beneficial interests in a registered global security will be shown on, and the transfer of ownership interests will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary, with respect to interests of participants, and on the records of participants, with respect to interests of persons holding through participants. The laws of some states may require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of these securities in definitive form. These laws may impair your ability to own, transfer or pledge beneficial interests in registered global securities.

So long as the depositary, or its nominee, is the registered owner of a registered global security, that depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the securities represented by the registered global security for all purposes under the indenture. Except as described below, owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security:

- will not be entitled to have the securities represented by the registered global security registered in their names:
- · will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of the securities in definitive form; and
- will not be considered the owners or holders of the securities under the indenture.

Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in a registered global security must rely on the procedures of the depositary for that registered global security and, if that person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which the person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the indenture.

We understand that under existing industry practices, if we request any action of holders or if an owner of a beneficial interest in a registered global security desires to give or take any action that a holder is entitled to give or

take under the indenture, the depositary for the registered global security would authorize the participants holding the relevant beneficial interests to give or take that action, and the participants would authorize beneficial owners owning through them to give or take that action or would otherwise act upon the instructions of beneficial owners holding through them.

We will make payments of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on senior debt securities represented by a registered global security registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the registered global security. None of us, the trustee, or any other agent of ours or of the trustee will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the registered global security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to those beneficial ownership interests.

We expect that the depositary for any of the securities represented by a registered global security, upon receipt of any payment of principal, premium, interest or other distribution of underlying securities or other property to holders on that registered global security, will immediately credit participants' accounts in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in that registered global security as shown on the records of the depositary. We also expect that standing customer instructions and customary practices will govern payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in a registered global security held through the participants, as is now the case with the securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name." We also expect that any of these payments will be the responsibility of those participants.

If the depositary for any of the securities represented by a registered global security is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depositary registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act is not appointed by us within 90 days, we will issue securities in definitive form in exchange for the registered global security that had been held by the depositary. Any securities issued in definitive form in exchange for a registered global security will be registered in the name or names that the depositary gives to the trustee or other relevant agent of ours or theirs. It is expected that the depositary's instructions will be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in the registered global security that had been held by the depositary.

### SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Selling securityholders are persons or entities that, directly or indirectly, have acquired, or will from time to time acquire from us, our securities in various private transactions. Such selling securityholders may be parties to registration rights agreements with us, or we otherwise may have agreed or will agree to register their securities for resale. If authorized by us, the initial purchasers of our securities, as well as their transferees, pledgees, donees or successors, all of whom we refer to as "selling securityholders," may from time to time offer and sell the securities pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the name of each selling securityholder, the number and type of securities beneficially owned by such selling securityholder that are covered by such prospectus supplement, the number and type of securities to be offered for the securityholder's account and the amount and (if one percent or more) the percentage of the class to be owned by such securityholder after completion of the offering. The applicable prospectus supplement also will disclose whether any of the selling securityholders have held any position or office with, have been employed by or otherwise have had a material relationship with us during the three years prior to the date of the prospectus supplement.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or any selling securityholder may sell the securities offered by this prospectus to one or more underwriters or dealers for public offering and sale by them or to investors directly or through agents. The accompanying prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering and the method of distribution and will identify any firms acting as underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering, including:

- the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents;
- the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds to us from the sale;
- any underwriting discounts and other items constituting compensation to underwriters, dealers or agents;
- any public offering price;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchange or market on which the securities offered in the prospectus supplement may be listed.

Only those underwriters identified in such prospectus supplement are deemed to be underwriters in connection with the securities offered in the prospectus supplement.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, or at prices determined as the applicable prospectus supplement specifies. The securities may be sold through an at-the-market offering, forward contracts or similar arrangements. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

In connection with the sale of our securities, underwriters, dealers or agents may be deemed to have received compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and also may receive commissions from securities purchasers for whom they may act as agent. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and the dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agent.

We will provide in the applicable prospectus supplement information regarding any underwriting discounts or other compensation that we or any selling securityholder pays to underwriters or agents in connection with the securities offering, and any discounts, concessions or commissions that underwriters allow to dealers. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the securities distribution may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts, commissions or concessions they receive and any profit they realize on the resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Underwriters and their controlling persons, dealers and agents may be entitled, under agreements entered into with us or any selling securityholder, to indemnification against and contribution toward specific civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Some of the underwriters, dealers or agents who participate in the securities distribution may engage in other transactions with, and perform other services for, us or our subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business.

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, but any other securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities

in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of any securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Concentrix Corporation as of November 30, 2022 and 2021, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended November 30, 2022, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of November 30, 2022 have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in this registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Marnix Lux SA as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the years then ended, included in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 17, 2023, which are incorporated by reference in this registration statement, have been audited by Deloitte & Associés and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, independent auditors, as stated in their report. Such financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of such firms, given their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the Securities Act. This prospectus is part of the registration statement but the registration statement includes and incorporates by reference additional information and exhibits. We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding companies, such as ours, that file documents electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov. The information on the SEC's website is not part of this prospectus, and any references to this website or any other website are inactive textual references only.

We make available free of charge on our website our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements and amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such materials to the SEC. You may also obtain a free copy of these reports in the Investor Relations section of our website, www.concentrix.com. Information contained on our website or connected thereto does not constitute part of, and is not incorporated by reference into, this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part.

The SEC permits us to "incorporate by reference" the information contained in documents we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents rather than by including them in this prospectus. Information that is incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus and you should read it with the same care that you read this prospectus. Later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information that is either contained, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus, and will be considered to be a part of this prospectus from the date those documents are filed. We have filed with the SEC, and incorporate by reference in this prospectus:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2022;
- our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed on <u>April 7, 2023</u> and <u>July 7, 2023</u>;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on <u>March 27, 2023, March 29, 2023</u> (SEC Accession No. 0001803599-23-000075), <u>March 30, 2023, March 31, 2023, April 26, 2023, June 12, 2023, July 17, 2023</u> (SEC Accession No. 0001803599-23-000159) and <u>July 17, 2023</u> (SEC Accession No. 0001140361-23-034695); and
- the description of our common stock set forth in <u>Exhibit 99.1</u> to the Registration Statement filed on Form 10/A on November 4, 2020.

We also incorporate by reference all additional documents that we file with the SEC under the terms of Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are made after the filing date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, as well as between the date of this prospectus and the termination of any offering of securities offered by this prospectus. We are not, however, incorporating, in each case, any documents or information that we are deemed to furnish and not file in accordance with SEC rules.

You may request a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference but not delivered with this prospectus, at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address and number: Corporate Secretary, Concentrix Corporation, 39899 Balentine Drive, Newark, California, 94560. We will not, however, send exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference in those documents.

# PART II Information Not Required In Prospectus

### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following is a statement of estimated expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions.

| SEC registration fee                                      | \$<br>*  |
|---|----------|
| Nasdaq listing fees                                       | **       |
| Transfer agent and registrar, trustee and depositary fees | **       |
| Printing expenses   | **       |
| Legal fees and expenses                                   | **       |
| Accounting fees and expenses                              | **       |
| Miscellaneous   | <br>**   |
|   | \$<br>** |

<sup>\*</sup> To be deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) and calculated in connection with the offering of securities under this registration statement pursuant to Rule 457(r).

### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or the DGCL, provides for the indemnification of officers, directors, and other corporate agents in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify such persons under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act. The Registrant's amended and restated certificate of incorporation filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant' Current Report on Form 8-K filed on December 2, 2020 and the Registrant's amended and restated bylaws filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on January 28, 2022 each provide that the Registrant shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees and other agents to the extent and under the circumstances permitted by the DGCL. In addition, the Registrant has entered into agreements to indemnify its directors and officers and expects to continue to enter into agreements to indemnify all of its directors and officers. These agreements require the Registrant, among other things, to indemnify its directors and officers against certain liabilities which may arise by reason of their status or service as directors or officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by law. These indemnification provisions and the indemnification agreements may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of the Registrant's officers and directors for liabilities, including reimbursement of expenses incurred, arising under the Securities Act.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimated expenses not presently known.

### Item 16. Exhibits.

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| Exhibit<br>No. | Description   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1.1*           | Form of Underwriting Agreement.   |  |
| <u>4.1</u>     | Form of Indenture relating to the debt securities.  |  |
| 4.2*           | Form of supplemental indenture or other instrument establishing the issuance of one or more series of debt securities (including the form of such debt securities). |  |
| <u>4.3</u>     | Specimen Common Stock Certificate.  |  |
| 4.4*           | Form of Specimen Preferred Stock Certificate.   |  |
| <u>5.1</u>     | Opinion of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.   |  |
| <u>23.1</u>    | Consent of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).   |  |
| <u>23.2</u>    | Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.   |  |
| <u>23.3</u>    | Consent of Deloitte & Associés, Independent Auditor.  |  |
| <u>23.4</u>    | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, Independent Auditor.   |  |
| <u>24.1</u>    | Power of Attorney (included on the signature page hereof).  |  |
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To be filed by amendment or pursuant to a report to be filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, if applicable, and incorporated herein by reference.

### Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Filing Fees Tables" or "Calculation of Registration Fee" table, as applicable, in the effective registration statement; and
  - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided*, *however*, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such posteffective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
  - (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a) (1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.
- (6) That, for the purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to any charter provision, by law or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being

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registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant hereby further undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Newark, State of California, on July 17, 2023.

#### CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Christopher Caldwell

Christopher Caldwell

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Christopher Caldwell and Andre Valentine, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys in fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and any registration statement relating to the offering covered by this Registration Statement and filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys in fact and agents or their substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Name  | Title  | Date          |
|---|--|---------------|
| /s/ Christopher Caldwell Christopher Caldwell | President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director       | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Andre Valentine Andre Valentine           | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Teh-Chien Chou Teh-Chien Chou             | Director   | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ LaVerne Council LaVerne Council           | Director<br>–  | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Jennifer Deason Jennifer Deason           | Director   | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Kathryn Hayley Kathryn Hayley             | Director   | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Kathryn Marinello Kathryn Marinello       | Director<br>-  | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Dennis Polk Dennis Polk                   | Director   | July 17, 2023 |
| /s/ Ann Vezina Ann Vezina                     | Director   | July 17, 2023 |

Dated as of

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Between

## CONCENTRIX CORPORATION,

as Company

and

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

as Trustee

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N.A. means not applicable.
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INDENTURE dated as of [♠], between CONCENTRIX CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, as trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>").

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance of debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness (the "Securities") in an unlimited aggregate principal amount to be issued from time to time in one or more series as provided in this Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Indenture a valid and legally binding agreement of the Company, in accordance with its terms, have been done.

### NOW, THEREFORE, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH:

That, in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders (as defined below) thereof for the equal and proportionate benefit of all of the present and future Holders of the Securities, each party agrees and covenants as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### Section 1.01 Definitions.

- (a) Unless otherwise defined in this Indenture or the context otherwise requires, all terms used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Trust Indenture Act.
- (b) Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Section 1.01(b) shall for all purposes of this Indenture have the meanings hereinafter set forth, the following definitions to be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of any of the terms herein defined:
- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For the purposes of this definition, "control" when used with respect to any specified Person means the power to direct the management and policies of such Person, directly or indirectly, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms "controlling" and "controlled" have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

"Attributable Debt" means, with respect to any sale and lease-back transaction, the present value (discounted in accordance with GAAP at the rate set forth or implicit in the terms of the lease included in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction) of the total obligations of the lessee for rental payments (other than amounts required to be paid on account of taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance, assessments, utilities, operating and labor costs and other items that do not constitute payments for property rights) during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and lease-back transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended). In the case of any lease that is terminable by the lessee upon payment of a penalty, the Attributable Debt shall be the lesser of the Attributable Debt determined assuming termination on the first date such lease may be terminated (in which case the Attributable Debt shall also include the amount of the penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated) or the Attributable Debt determined assuming no such termination.

- "Authenticating Agent" has the meaning provided in Section 11.09.
- "<u>Authorized Officers</u>" means the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer, the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and any Executive Vice President of the Company.
  - "Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code.
- "Board of Directors" means either the board of directors of the Company or the executive or any other committee of that board duly authorized to act in respect hereof.
- "Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution or resolutions certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.
- "Business Day" means, when used with respect to any Place of Payment or any other particular location referred to in this Indenture or in the Securities, any day except a Saturday, Sunday or any other day on which commercial banks in such Place of Payment or other location are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

### "Capital Stock" means:

- (a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
  - (c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.
  - "Change of Control" means the occurrence of any one of the following:
- (a) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the Company's assets and the assets of the Company's subsidiaries taken as a whole to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) other than to the Company or one of the Company's Subsidiaries;

- (b) the consummation of any transaction (including without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than the Company or its Subsidiaries, becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Company's outstanding Voting Stock, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or
  - (c) the adoption of a plan relating to the Company's liquidation or dissolution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control if (1) the Company becomes a direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of a holding company and (2)(A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of the Company's Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction, no "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of both a Change of Control and a Ratings Event.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as in effect on the date hereof.

"Company" means the Person named as the "Company" in the recitals, until a successor Person shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Company" shall mean such successor Person.

"Company Order" means a written request or order signed in the name of the Company by any of the Authorized Officers and delivered to the Trustee.

"Consolidated Tangible Assets" means all assets of a Person, other than assets that are considered to be intangible assets, as set forth in such Person's most recent consolidated balance sheet and computed in accordance with GAAP.

"Corporate Trust Office," or other similar term, means the principal office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business relating to this Indenture shall be administered, which office at the date hereof is located at the address set forth in Section 16.03(b), or such other address as the Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company, or the principal corporate trust office of any successor Trustee (or such other address as such successor Trustee may designate from time to time by notice to the Holders and the Company).

"Currency" means U.S. Dollars.

"Default" has the meaning provided in Section 11.03.

"Defaulted Interest" has the meaning provided in Section 3.08(b).

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the Person designated as Depositary by the Company pursuant to Section 3.01 until a successor Depositary shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Depositary" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Depositary hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Depositary" as used with respect to the Securities of any such series shall mean the Depositary with respect to the Securities of that series.

- "Designated Currency" has the meaning provided in Section 3.11.
- "Discharged" has the meaning provided in Section 12.03.
- "Event of Default" has the meaning provided in Section 7.01.
- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- "Exempted Debt" means the sum, without duplication, of the following items outstanding as of the date Exempted Debt is being determined:
- (a) indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued and secured by Liens created or assumed or permitted to exist pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 6.09; and
- (b) Attributable Debt of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of all sale and lease-back transactions with regard to any Principal Property entered into pursuant to the last paragraph of Section 6.10.
  - "Fitch" means Fitch, Inc., a subsidiary of Finlac, S.A., and its successors.
- "Floating Rate Security" means a Security that provides for the payment of interest at a variable rate determined periodically by reference to an interest rate index specified pursuant to Section 3.01.
- "<u>Funded Debt</u>" means all Indebtedness, including purchase money indebtedness, having a maturity of more than one year from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than one year but by its terms being renewable or extendible at the option of the obligor, beyond one year from the date of its creation.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time and at the date of any computation. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made (i) without giving effect to any election under FASB ASC 825-10-25 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness of any Person at "fair value", as defined therein, (ii) without giving effect to any treatment of Indebtedness in respect of convertible debt instruments under FASB ASC 470-20 (or any other Accounting Standards Codification of the Financial Accounting Standards Board having a similar result or effect) to value any such Indebtedness in a reduced or bifurcated manner as described therein, and such Indebtedness shall at all times be valued at the full stated principal amount thereof, (iii) without giving effect to the application of Accounting Standards Update 2015-03, Interest, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to the extent such application results in indebtedness being reflected on a balance sheet at an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof and (iv) without giving effect to any change in accounting for leases pursuant to GAAP resulting from the adoption of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842 or any similar, successor or substitute accounting standard or codification), to the extent such change would require the recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities that would not have been required to be classified as a capital lease under GAAP as in effect immediately prior to the adoption thereof. If there occurs a change in generally accepted accounting principles in the United States occurring after the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued and such change would cause a change in the method of calculation of any term or measure used in the Indenture (an "Accounting Change"), then the Company may elect, as evidenced by a written notice of the Company to the Trustee, that such term or measure shall be calculated as if such Accounting Change had not occurred; provided that, with respect to any Accounting Change, in the Company's good faith determination, the Company's election to calculate such term or measure as if such Accounting Change had not occurred will not be less favorable to the Holders in any material respect than the method of calculation of such term or measure as in effect on the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued.

"Global Security" means any Security that evidences all or part of a series of Securities, issued in fully-registered certificated form to the Depositary for such series in accordance with Section 3.03.

"Government Obligations" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States, that, in either case under clauses (i) or (ii) are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depositary receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the Government Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

"Holder," "Holder of Securities," or "Securityholder" mean the Person in whose name Securities are registered in the Register.

"<u>Indebtedness</u>" means any and all obligations of a Person for money borrowed which, in accordance with GAAP, would be reflected on the balance sheet of such Person as a liability on the date as of which Indebtedness is to be determined.

- "Indenture" means this instrument and all indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and shall include the terms of particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 3.01.
  - "Interest Payment Date" means, with respect to any Security, the Stated Maturity of an installment of interest on such Security.
- "Investment Grade" means a rating of Baa3 or better by Moody's (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Moody's); a rating of BBB- or better by S&P (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of S&P); a rating of BBB- or better by Fitch (or its equivalent under any successor rating category of Fitch); and the equivalent investment grade rating from any replacement Rating Agency or Agencies appointed by the Company.
- "<u>Lien</u>" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or encumbrance of any kind, or any other type of preferential arrangement that has the practical effect of creating a security interest in respect of such asset. For the purposes of the foregoing, the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company will be deemed to own, subject to a Lien, any asset that it has acquired or holds subject to the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or other title retention agreement relating to such asset.
- "Maturity" means, with respect to any Security, the date on which the principal of such Security shall become due and payable as therein and herein provided, whether by declaration, call for redemption or otherwise.
  - "Members" has the meaning provided in Section 3.03(h).
  - "Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc., a subsidiary of Moody's Corporation, and its successors.
  - "Notice of Default" has the meaning provided in Section 7.01(d).
- "Officer's Certificate" means a certificate signed by any of the Authorized Officers and delivered to the Trustee. Each such certificate shall include the statements provided for in Section 16.01 if and to the extent required by the provisions of such Section.
- "Opinion of Counsel" means an opinion in writing signed by legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company or who may be other counsel, that meets the applicable requirements provided for in Section 16.01.
- "Original Issue Discount Security" means any Security that is issued with "original issue discount" within the meaning of Section 1273(a) of the Code and the regulations thereunder and any other Security designated by the Company as issued with original issue discount for United States federal income tax purposes.

"Outstanding" means, when used with respect to Securities, as of the date of determination, all Securities theretofore authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, except:

- (a) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;
- (b) Securities or portions thereof for which payment or redemption money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Company) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Company (if the Company shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities or Securities as to which the Company's obligations have been Discharged; provided, however, that if such Securities 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; and
- (c) Securities that have been paid pursuant to Section 3.07(b) or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Securities are held by a protected purchaser in whose hands such Securities are valid obligations of the Company;

provided, however, that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Securities of a series Outstanding have performed any action (including the making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action) hereunder, Securities owned by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of such series or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding unless the Company, such Affiliate or such other obligor owns all of the Securities of such series, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such action, only Securities of such series that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received written notice to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned that have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any other obligor upon such Securities or any Affiliate of the Company or of such other obligor. In case of a dispute as to such right, the decision of the Trustee upon the advice of counsel shall be full protection to the Trustee. Upon request of the Trustee, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee promptly an Officer's Certificate listing and identifying all such Securities, if any, known by the Company to be owned or held by or for the account of any of the above described Persons; and, subject to the provisions of Section 11.01, the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such Officer's Certificate as conclusive evidence of the facts therein set forth and of the fact that all such Securities not listed therein are Outstanding for the purpose of any such determination. In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities of a series have performed any action hereunder, the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 7.02.

"Paying Agent" means any Person authorized by the Company to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, any Securities on behalf of the Company. The Company may act as Paying Agent with respect to Securities of any series issued hereunder.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, an association, a joint venture, a joint stock company, a trust, an unincorporated organization or a government or an agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Place of Payment" has the meaning provided in Section 3.01(h).

"Predecessor Security" means, with respect to any Security, every previous Security evidencing all or a portion of the same debt as that evidenced by such particular Security, and, for the purposes of this definition, any Security authenticated and delivered under Section 3.07 in lieu of a lost, destroyed or stolen Security shall be deemed to evidence the same debt as the lost, destroyed or stolen Security.

"Principal Property" means the Company's corporate headquarters and any warehouse or distribution center, together with any land, land improvements, buildings and fixtures related thereto, owned or leased at the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued or acquired after that date by the Company or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and which is located within the United States, other than:

- (a) any property which in the opinion of the Board of Directors is not of material importance to the total business conducted by the Company as an entirety; or
  - (b) any portion of a particular property which is similarly found not to be of material importance to the use or operation of such property.

"Rating Agency" means each of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; provided that, if any of Moody's, S&P or Fitch ceases to rate the Securities or fails to make a rating of the Securities publicly available, the Company shall appoint a replacement for such Rating Agency that is a "nationally recognized statistical rating organization" within the meaning of Section 3(a)(62) of the Exchange Act.

"Ratings Event" means, with respect to a series of Securities, (x) if the Securities are at such applicable time rated by three Rating Agencies, ratings of the Securities of that series are lowered by at least two of the Rating Agencies and the Securities of that series are rated below Investment Grade by at least two of the Rating Agencies or (y) if the Securities are at such applicable time rated by two Rating Agencies, ratings of the Securities of that series are lowered by each of the Rating Agencies and the Securities of that series are rated below Investment Grade by each of the Rating Agencies, in any case on any day during the period (the "Trigger Period") commencing on the date 60 days prior to the first public announcement by the Company of any Change of Control (or pending Change of Control) and ending 60 days following consummation of such Change of Control (which Trigger Period will be extended for so long as the rating of the Securities of that series is under publicly announced consideration for a possible downgrade by any of the applicable Rating Agencies, to the extent that a determination of a downgrade below Investment Grade by such Rating Agency would result in a Ratings Event).

"Record Date" means, with respect to any interest payable on any Security on any Interest Payment Date, the close of business on such date specified in such Security for the payment of interest pursuant to Section 3.01, whether or not a Business Day.

- "Redemption Date" means, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, in whole or in part, the date fixed for such redemption by or pursuant to this Indenture and the terms of such Security, which, in the case of a Floating Rate Security, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01, shall be an Interest Payment Date only.
- "Redemption Price" means, when used with respect to any Security to be redeemed, in whole or in part, the price at which it is to be redeemed pursuant to the terms of the Security and this Indenture.
  - "Register" has the meaning provided in Section 3.05(a).
  - "Registrar" has the meaning provided in Section 3.05(a).
- "Responsible Officer" means, with respect to the Trustee, any officer within the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, including any vice president, assistant vice president, assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, trust officer or any other officer of the Trustee, who customarily performs functions similar to those performed by the Person who at the time shall be such an officer, or to whom any corporate trust matter relating to this Indenture is referred because of such officer's knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject and in each such case, who shall have direct responsibility for the day to day administration of this Indenture.
- "Restricted Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Company (a) of which substantially all the property is located, or substantially all the business is carried on, within the United States; and (b) which owns a Principal Property.
  - "S&P" means S&P Global Ratings, an S&P Global Inc. business, and its successors.
  - "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as constituted from time to time.
  - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "Security" or "Securities" means any security or securities, as the case may be, duly authenticated by the Trustee and delivered under this Indenture.
- "Security Custodian" means the custodian with respect to any Global Security appointed by the Depositary, or any successor Person thereto, and shall initially be the Trustee.
  - "Special Record Date" has the meaning provided in Section 3.08(b)(i).
- "Stated Maturity" means, when used with respect to any Security or any installment of interest thereon, the date specified in such Security as the fixed date on which the principal (or any portion thereof) of, or premium, if any, on, such Security or such installment of interest is due and payable.
- "Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by that person and one or more other Subsidiaries of that person.

"Successor Company" has the meaning provided in Section 3.06(i).

"Synthetic Lease" means, as to any Person, (i) a synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (ii) an agreement for the use or possession of real or personal property, in each case, creating obligations that may not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the application of any bankruptcy (or similar) law for the relief of debtors to such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).

"Trust Indenture Act" or "TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

"Trustee" means the Person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor Trustee shall have become such with respect to one or more series of Securities pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

"<u>U.S. Dollars</u>" or "<u>\$</u>" means such currency of the United States as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment of public and private debts.

"<u>United States</u>" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories and its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" of any specified person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the board of directors of such person.

#### Section 1.02 Other Definitions.

| Term                              | Defined in Section |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| "Accounting Change"               | 1.01               |
| "Change of Control Offer"         | 6.08               |
| "Change of Control Payment Date"  | 6.08               |
| "sale and lease-back transaction" | 6.10               |
| "Surviving Entity"                | 6.04(a)            |
| " <u>Trigger Period</u> "         | 1.01               |

Section 1.03 Rules of Construction. For all purposes of this Indenture, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision;

- (b) references to "Article," "Section" or "Exhibit" or other subdivision herein are references to an Article, Section, Exhibit or other subdivision of the Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires;
  - (c) "including," "includes" and "include" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation";
  - (d) "or" is not exclusive;
  - (e) words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall mean and include the correlative words of other genders;
  - (f) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it and shall be construed in accordance with GAAP; and
- (g) references to any agreement, instrument, statute or regulation defined or referred to herein or in any instrument establishing the terms of any Securities (or executed in connection therewith) are references to such agreement, instrument, statute or regulation as from time to time amended, modified, supplemented or replaced, including (in the case of agreements or instruments) by waiver or consent and by succession of comparable successor agreements, instruments, statutes or regulations.

#### **ARTICLE II**

### **FORMS OF SECURITIES**

### Section 2.01 Form Generally.

- (a) The Securities of each series shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto or as shall be established pursuant to a Company Order, Officer's Certificate or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in each case 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 or designation and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Company may deem appropriate and as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any securities exchange on which any series of the Securities may be listed or of any automated quotation system on which any such series may be quoted, or to conform to usage, all as determined by the officers executing such Securities as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such Securities.
- (b) The terms and provisions of the Securities shall constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and, to the extent applicable, the Company and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby.

### Section 2.02 Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication.

- (a) Only such of the Securities as shall bear thereon a certificate substantially in the form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication hereinafter recited, executed by the Trustee by manual signature, shall be valid or become obligatory for any purpose or entitle the Holder thereof to any right or benefit under this Indenture.
  - (b) Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.
  - (c) The form of the Trustee's certificate of authentication to be borne by the Securities shall be substantially as follows:

### TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date of authentication:

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

By:

Authorized Signatory

Section 2.03 Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication by an Authenticating Agent. If at any time there shall be an Authenticating Agent appointed with respect to any series of Securities, then the Trustee's certificate of authentication by such Authenticating Agent to be borne by Securities of each such series shall be substantially as follows:

## TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

Date of authentication:

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

as Trustee

By:

**Authorized Signatory** 

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#### **ARTICLE III**

#### THE DEBT SECURITIES

- Section 3.01 <u>Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series</u>. The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. There shall be set forth in a Company Order, Officer's Certificate or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series:
- (a) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of such series from the Securities of all other series, except to the extent that additional Securities of an existing series are being issued);
- (b) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of such series pursuant to Section 3.04, 3.06, 3.07, 4.06, or 14.05);
- (c) the dates on which or periods during which the Securities of the series may be issued, and the dates on, or the range of dates within, which the principal of, and premium, if any, on, the Securities of such series are or may be payable or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined or extended:
- (d) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined, the Interest Payment Dates on which any such interest shall be payable, and the Record Dates for the determination of Holders to whom interest is payable on such Interest Payment Dates or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined, the right, if any, to extend or defer interest payments and the duration of such extension or deferral;
- (e) if other than U.S. Dollars, the Currency in which Securities of the series shall be denominated or in which payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of the series shall be payable and any other terms applicable thereto;
- (f) if the amount of payment of principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method including, but not limited to, an index based on a Currency or Currencies other than that in which the Securities are stated to be payable, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;
- (g) if the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, Securities of the series are to be payable, at the election of the Company or a Holder thereof, in a Currency other than that in which the Securities are denominated or stated to be payable without such election, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made and the time and the manner of determining the exchange rate (in addition to or in lieu of the provision set forth in Section 3.11) between the Currency in which the Securities are denominated or payable without such election and the Currency in which the Securities are to be paid if such election is made;
- (h) the place or places, if any, in addition to or instead of the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee where the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, Securities of the series shall be payable, and where Securities of any series may be presented for registration of transfer, exchange or conversion, and the place or places where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such series may be made (each such place, the "Place of Payment");

- (i) the price or prices at which, the period or periods within which or the date or dates on which, and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company, if the Company is to have that option;
- (j) if other than minimum denominations of \$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which Securities of the series shall be issuable;
- (k) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 7.02;
- (l) whether the Securities of the series are to be issued as Original Issue Discount Securities and the amount of discount or premium, if any, with which such Securities may be issued;
- (m) provisions, if any, for the defeasance of Securities of the series in whole or in part and any addition or change in the provisions in this Indenture related to satisfaction and discharge;
- (n) whether the Securities of the series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, (i) the Depositary for such Global Security or Securities, (ii) the form of legend which shall be borne by such Global Security, if any, and (iii) the terms and conditions, if any, upon which interests in such Global Security or Securities may be exchanged in whole or in part for the individual Securities represented thereby;
- (o) the date as of which any Global Security of the series shall be dated if other than the original issuance of the first Security of the series to be issued;
  - (p) the form of the Securities of the series;
- (q) if the Securities of the series are to be convertible into or exchangeable for any securities or property of any Person (including the Company), the terms and conditions upon which such Securities shall be so convertible or exchangeable, and any additions or changes to permit or facilitate such conversion or exchange;
  - (r) whether the Securities of such series are subject to subordination and the terms of such subordination;
  - (s) whether the Securities of such series shall be secured;
  - (t) any restriction or condition on the transferability of the Securities of such series;
- (u) any addition or change in the provisions related to compensation and reimbursement of the Trustee which applies to Securities of such series;
- (v) any addition or change in the provisions related to supplemental indentures set forth in Sections 14.01, 14.02 and 14.04 which applies to Securities of such series;

- (w) provisions, if any, granting special rights to Holders upon the occurrence of specified events;
- (x) any addition to or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 7.02 and any addition or change in the provisions set forth in Article VII which applies to Securities of the series;
  - (y) any addition to or change in the covenants set forth in Article VI which applies to Securities of the series;
- (z) whether the payment of principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of the series will be guaranteed by any other Person; and
- (aa) any other terms of the Securities of such series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, except as permitted by Section 14.01, but which may modify or delete any provision of this Indenture insofar as it applies to such series), including any terms which may be required by or advisable under the laws of the United States or regulations thereunder or advisable (as determined by the Company) in connection with the marketing of Securities of the series.

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical, except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided herein or set forth in a Company Order, Officer's Certificate or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto.

Section 3.02 <u>Denominations</u>. In the absence of any specification pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to Securities of any series, the Securities of such series shall be issuable only as Securities in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, and shall be payable only in U.S. Dollars.

#### Section 3.03 <u>Execution, Authentication, Delivery and Dating.</u>

- (a) The Securities shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Company by any of the Authorized Officers. Such signatures may be the manual or facsimile signatures of the present or any future such officer. If the Person whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Security is authenticated and delivered, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.
- (b) At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Company may deliver Securities of any series executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication, together with a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of such Securities and, if required pursuant to Section 3.01, a supplemental indenture, Company Order or Officer's Certificate setting forth the terms of the Securities of a series. The Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver such Securities without any further action by the Company. The Company Order shall specify the principal amount of Securities to be authenticated and the date on which the original issue of Securities is to be authenticated.

- (c) In authenticating the first Securities of any series and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall receive, and (subject to Section 11.02) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officer's Certificate, prepared in accordance with Section 16.01 stating that the conditions precedent, if any, provided for in the Indenture have been complied with, and an Opinion of Counsel, prepared in accordance with Section 16.01 and substantially in the form set forth below:
  - (i) that the form or forms of such Securities have been established in accordance with Article II and Section 3.01 and in conformity with the other provisions of this Indenture;
  - (ii) that the terms of such Securities have been established in accordance with Section 3.01 and in conformity with the other provisions of this Indenture;
  - (iii) that such Securities, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Company in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the Company, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and to general equity principles; and
  - (iv) that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in the Indenture in respect of the authentication and delivery by the Company of such Securities have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if all Securities of a series are not to be originally issued at one time, it shall not be necessary to deliver the Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel otherwise required pursuant to such preceding paragraph at or prior to the authentication of each Security of such series if such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel is delivered at or prior to the authentication upon original issuance of the first Security of such series to be issued; provided that nothing in this clause (c) is intended to derogate Trustee's rights to receive an Officer's Certificate and Opinion of Counsel under Section 16.01.

- (d) The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver the Securities under this Section 3.03 if the issue of the Securities pursuant to this Indenture will affect the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under the Securities and this Indenture or otherwise.
  - (e) Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication.
- (f) If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 3.01 that the Securities of a series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver one or more Global Securities that (i) shall represent an aggregate amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities of such series to be represented by such Global Securities, (ii) shall be registered, if in registered form, in the name of the Depositary for such Global Security or Securities or the nominee of such Depositary, (iii) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depositary or pursuant to such Depositary's instruction and (iv) shall, if and where applicable, bear a legend as determined pursuant to Section 3.01(n).

The aggregate principal amount of each Global Security may from time to time be increased or decreased by adjustments made on the records of the Security Custodian, as provided in this Indenture.

- (g) Each Depositary designated pursuant to Section 3.01 for a Global Security in registered form must, at the time of its designation and at all times while it serves as such Depositary, be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and any other applicable statute or regulation.
- (h) Members of, or participants in, the Depositary ("Members") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Security held on their behalf by the Depositary or by the Security Custodian under such Global Security, and the Depositary may be treated by the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent and the Registrar and any of their agents as the absolute owner of such Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent or the Registrar or any of their agents from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and its Members, the operation of customary practices of the Depositary governing the exercise of the rights of an owner of a beneficial interest in any Global Security. The Holder of a Global Security may grant proxies and otherwise authorize any Person, including Members and Persons that may hold interests through Members, to take any action that a Holder is entitled to take under this Indenture or the Securities.
- (i) No Security shall be entitled to any benefit under this Indenture or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless there appears on such Security a certificate of authentication substantially in one of the forms provided for herein duly executed by the Trustee or by an Authenticating Agent by manual signature of an authorized signatory of the Trustee or such Authenticating Agent, and such certificate upon any Security shall be conclusive evidence, and the only evidence, that such Security has been duly authenticated and delivered hereunder and is entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

## Section 3.04 <u>Temporary Securities</u>.

Pending the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the Company may execute and, upon its receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, temporary Securities that are printed, lithographed, typewritten, mimeographed or otherwise reproduced, in any authorized denomination, substantially of the tenor of the definitive Securities in lieu of which they are issued, in registered form and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the officers executing such temporary Securities may determine, as conclusively evidenced by their execution of such temporary Securities. Any such temporary Security may be in global form, representing all or a portion of the Outstanding Securities of such series. Every such temporary Security shall be executed by the Company and shall be authenticated and delivered by the Trustee upon the same conditions and in substantially the same manner, and with the same effect, as the definitive Security or Securities in lieu of which it is issued.

- (b) If temporary Securities of any series are issued, the Company shall cause definitive Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities of such series, the temporary Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities of such series upon surrender of such temporary Securities at the office or agency maintained by the Company in a Place of Payment for such purposes provided in Section 6.02, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities of any series, the Company shall execute and upon its receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Securities of the same series of authorized denominations and of like tenor. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of any series shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series.
- (c) Upon any exchange of a portion of a temporary Global Security for a definitive Global Security or for the individual Securities represented thereby pursuant to this Section 3.04 or Section 3.06, the temporary Global Security shall be endorsed by the Trustee to reflect the reduction of the principal amount evidenced thereby, whereupon the principal amount of such temporary Global Security shall be reduced for all purposes by the amount so exchanged and endorsed.

## Section 3.05 Registrar.

- (a) The Company shall keep, at an office or agency to be maintained by it in a Place of Payment where Securities may be presented for registration or presented and surrendered for registration of transfer or of exchange, and where Securities of any series that are convertible or exchangeable may be surrendered for conversion or exchange, as applicable (the "Registrar"), a security register for the registration and the registration of transfer or of exchange of the Securities (the registers maintained in such office and in any other office or agency of the Company in a Place of Payment being herein sometimes collectively referred to as the "Register"), as in this Indenture provided, which Register shall during normal office hours be open for inspection by the Trustee. Such Register shall be in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time. The Company may have one or more co-Registrars; the term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar. In acting hereunder and in connection with the Securities, the Registrar shall act solely as an agent of the Company, and will not thereby assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder.
- (b) The Company shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Registrar or co-Registrar not a party to this Indenture. The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such agent. The Company shall notify the Trustee of the name and address of each such agent. If the Company fails to maintain a Registrar for any series, the Trustee shall act as such and shall be entitled to appropriate compensation therefor pursuant to Section 11.01. The Company or any Affiliate thereof may act as Registrar, co-Registrar or transfer agent.

(c) The Company hereby appoints the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office as Registrar in connection with the Securities and this Indenture, until such time as another Person is appointed as such in replacement of the Trustee as such. No Person shall at any time be appointed as or act as Registrar unless such Person is at such time empowered under applicable law to act as such Registrar.

### Section 3.06 <u>Transfer and Exchange</u>.

### (a) Transfer.

- (i) Upon surrender for registration of transfer of any Security of any series at the Registrar, the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee or any Authenticating Agent shall authenticate and deliver, in the name of the designated transferee, one or more new Securities of the same series for like aggregate principal amount of any authorized denomination or denominations. The transfer of any Security shall not be valid as against the Company or the Trustee unless registered at the Registrar at the written request of the Holder, or at the request of his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual Securities represented thereby, a Global Security representing all or a portion of the Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such series to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

## (b) Exchange.

- (i) At the option of the Holder, Securities of any series (other than a Global Security, except as set forth below) may be exchanged for other Securities of the same series for like aggregate principal amount of any authorized denomination or denominations, upon surrender of the Securities to be exchanged at the Registrar.
- (ii) Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities that the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.
- (c) Exchange of Global Securities for Individual Securities. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in Global Securities shall not be entitled to receive individual Securities.
  - (i) Individual Securities shall be issued to all owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security in exchange for such interests if: (A) at any time the Depositary for the Securities of a series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for the Securities of such series or if at any time the Depositary for the Securities of such series shall no longer be eligible under Section 3.03(g) and, in each case, a successor Depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days of such notice, or (B) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee and the Registrar an Officer's Certificate stating that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable.

In connection with the exchange of an entire Global Security for individual Securities pursuant to this subsection (c), such Global Security shall be deemed to be surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation, and the Company shall execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of individual Securities of such series, shall authenticate and deliver to each beneficial owner identified by the Depositary in exchange for its beneficial interest in such Global Security, an equal aggregate principal amount of individual Securities of authorized denominations.

- (ii) The owner of a beneficial interest in a Global Security shall be entitled to receive an individual Security in exchange for such interest if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Upon receipt by the Security Custodian and Registrar of written instructions from the Holder of a Global Security directing the Security Custodian and Registrar to (x) issue one or more individual Securities in the amounts specified to the owner of a beneficial interest in such Global Security and (y) debit or cause to be debited an equivalent amount of beneficial interest in such Global Security, subject to the rules and regulations of the Depositary:
  - (A) the Security Custodian and Registrar shall notify the Company and the Trustee of such instructions, identifying the owner and amount of such beneficial interest in such Global Security;
  - (B) the Company shall promptly execute and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order for the authentication and delivery of individual Securities of such series, shall authenticate and deliver to such beneficial owner individual Securities in an equivalent amount to such beneficial interest in such Global Security; and
  - (C) the Security Custodian and Registrar shall decrease such Global Security by such amount in accordance with the foregoing. In the event that the individual Securities are not issued to each such beneficial owner promptly after the Registrar has received a request from the Holder of a Global Security to issue such individual Securities, the Company expressly acknowledges, with respect to the right of any Holder to pursue a remedy pursuant to Section 7.07, the right of any beneficial Holder of Securities to pursue such remedy with respect to the portion of the Global Security that represents such beneficial Holder's Securities as if such individual Securities had been issued.

- (iii) If specified by the Company pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to a series of Securities, the Depositary for such series of Securities may surrender a Global Security for such series of Securities in exchange in whole or in part for individual Securities of such series on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such Depositary. Thereupon, the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver at the expense of the Company, without service charge,
  - (A) to each Person specified by such Depositary a new individual Security or Securities of the same series, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Person in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Global Security; and
  - (B) to such Depositary a new Global Security in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Global Security and the aggregate principal amount of individual Securities delivered to Holders thereof.
- (iv) In any exchange provided for in clauses (i) through (iii), the Company shall execute and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver individual Securities in registered form in authorized denominations.
- (v) Upon the exchange in full of a Global Security for individual Securities, such Global Security shall be cancelled by the Trustee. Individual Securities issued in exchange for a Global Security pursuant to this Section shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Global Security, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee in writing. The Trustee shall deliver such Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.
- (d) All Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered for such registration of transfer or exchange.
- (e) Every Security presented or surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, or for payment shall (if so required by the Company, the Trustee or the Registrar) be duly endorsed, or be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Trustee and the Registrar, duly executed by the Holder thereof or by his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing.
- (f) No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities. The Company or the Trustee may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax, assessment or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any registration of transfer or exchange of Securities, other than those expressly provided in this Indenture to be made at the Company's own expense or without expense or charge to the Holders.
- (g) The Company shall not be required to (i) register, transfer or exchange Securities of any series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 calendar days before the day of the transmission of a notice of redemption of Securities of such series selected for redemption under Section 4.03 and ending at the close of business on the day of such transmission, or (ii) register, transfer or exchange any Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.

- (h) Prior to the due presentation for registration of transfer or exchange of any Security, the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar, any co-Registrar or any of their agents may deem and treat the Person in whose name a Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security (whether or not such Security shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing thereon) for all purposes whatsoever, and none of the Company, the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar, any co-Registrar or any of their agents shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.
- (i) In case a successor Company ("Successor Company") has executed an indenture supplemental hereto with the Trustee pursuant to Article XIV, any of the Securities authenticated or delivered prior to such transaction may, from time to time, at the request of the Successor Company, be exchanged for other Securities executed in the name of the Successor Company with such changes in phraseology and form as may be appropriate, but otherwise identical to the Securities surrendered for such exchange and of like principal amount; and the Trustee, upon Company Order of the Successor Company, shall authenticate and deliver Securities as specified in such Company Order for the purpose of such exchange. If Securities shall at any time be authenticated and delivered in any new name of a Successor Company pursuant to this Section 3.06 in exchange or substitution for or upon registration of transfer of any Securities, such Successor Company, at the option of the Holders but without expense to them, shall provide for the exchange of all Securities at the time Outstanding for Securities authenticated and delivered in such new name.
- (j) Each Holder of a Security agrees to indemnify the Company and the Trustee against any liability that may result from the transfer, exchange or assignment of such Holder's Security in violation of any provision of this Indenture and/or applicable United States federal or state securities laws.
- (k) The Trustee shall have no responsibility or obligation to any beneficial owner of a Global Security, a member of, or a participant in, the Depositary or other Person with respect to the accuracy of the records of the Depositary or its nominee or of any participant or member thereof, with respect to any ownership interest in the Securities or with respect to the delivery to any participant, member, beneficial owner or other Person (other than the Depositary) of any notice (including any notice of redemption or purchase) or the payment of any amount or delivery of any Securities (or other security or property) under or with respect to such Securities. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders and all payments to be made to Holders in respect of the Securities shall be given or made only to or upon the order of the registered Holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee in the case of a Global Security). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Security shall be exercised only through the Depositary subject to the applicable rules and procedures of the Depositary. The Trustee may rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its members, participants and any beneficial owners.
- (l) The Trustee shall have no obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Security other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof.

(m) Neither the Trustee nor any agent of the Trustee shall have any responsibility for any actions taken or not taken by the Depositary.

#### Section 3.07 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

- (a) If (i) any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office or (ii) the Company and the Trustee receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, and there is delivered to the Company and the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to them to save each of them and any Paying Agent harmless, and neither the Company nor the Trustee receives notice that such Security has been acquired by a protected purchaser, then the Company shall execute and upon Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security, a new Security of the same series and of like tenor, form, terms and principal amount, bearing a number not contemporaneously Outstanding, and neither gain nor loss in interest shall result from such exchange or substitution.
- (b) In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay the amount due on such Security in accordance with its terms.
- (c) Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section 3.07, the Company and/or the Trustee may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in respect thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) in connection therewith.
- (d) Every new Security of any series issued pursuant to this Section shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that series duly issued hereunder.
- (e) The provisions of this Section 3.07 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

## Section 3.08 <u>Payment of Interest; Interest Rights Preserved.</u>

(a) Interest on any Security which is payable, and is punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Security (or one or more Predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest notwithstanding the cancellation of such Security upon any transfer or exchange subsequent to the Record Date. Payment of interest on Securities shall be made at the Corporate Trust Office (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01) or, at the option of the Company, by check mailed to the address of the Person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the Register or, in accordance with arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee, by wire transfer to an account designated by the Holder.

- (b) Any interest on any Security that is payable, but is not punctually paid or duly provided for, on any Interest Payment Date (herein called "<u>Defaulted Interest</u>") shall forthwith cease to be payable to the Holder on the relevant Record Date by virtue of his, her or its having been such a Holder, and such Defaulted Interest may be paid by the Company, at its election in each case, as provided in clause (i) or (ii) below:
  - (i) The Company may elect to make payment of any Defaulted Interest to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on a special record date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest (a "Special Record Date"), which shall be fixed in the following manner. The Company shall notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each such Security and the date of the proposed payment, and at the same time the Company shall deposit with the Trustee an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest or shall make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for such deposit prior to the date of the proposed payment, such money when deposited to be held in trust for the benefit of the Persons entitled to such Defaulted Interest as in this clause provided. Thereupon the Trustee shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 calendar days and not less than 10 calendar days prior to the date of the proposed payment and not less than 10 calendar days after the receipt by the Trustee of the notice of the proposed payment. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company of such Special Record Date and, in the name and at the expense of the Company, shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, first-class postage prepaid, to the Holders of such Securities at their addresses as they appear in the Register, not less than 10 calendar days prior to such Special Record Date. Notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor having been mailed as aforesaid, such Defaulted Interest shall be paid to the Persons in whose names such Securities (or their respective Predecessor Securities) are registered at the close of business on such Special Record Date and shall no longer be payable pursu
  - (ii) The Company may make payment of any Defaulted Interest on Securities in any other lawful manner not inconsistent with the requirements of any securities exchange on which such Securities may be listed or of any automated quotation system on which any such Securities may be quoted, and upon such notice as may be required by such exchange or quotation system, as applicable, if, after notice given by the Company to the Trustee of the proposed payment pursuant to this clause, such manner of payment shall be deemed practicable by the Trustee.
- (c) Subject to the foregoing provisions in this Section 3.08, each Security delivered under this Indenture in exchange or substitution for, or upon registration of transfer of, any other Security shall carry all the rights to interest accrued and unpaid, and to accrue, which were carried by such other Security.

Section 3.09 <u>Cancellation</u>. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of any series, all Securities surrendered for payment, redemption, registration of transfer or exchange or otherwise shall, if surrendered to any Person other than the Trustee, be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and shall be promptly cancelled by it and, if surrendered to the Trustee, shall be promptly cancelled by it. The Company may at any time deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder that the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Securities so delivered shall be promptly cancelled by the Trustee. No Securities shall be authenticated in lieu of or in exchange for any Securities cancelled as provided in this Section, except as expressly permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee shall dispose of all cancelled Securities held by it in accordance with its then customary procedures, unless otherwise directed by a Company Order, and deliver a certificate of such disposal to the Company upon its request therefor. The acquisition of any Securities by the Company shall not operate as a redemption or satisfaction of the Indebtedness represented thereby unless and until such Securities are surrendered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 3.10 <u>Computation of Interest</u>. Except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of any series, interest on the Securities of each series shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

Section 3.11 <u>Currency of Payments in Respect of Securities</u>. The Company may provide pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of any series that (i) the obligation, if any, of the Company to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Securities of any series in U.S. Dollars (the "<u>Designated Currency</u>") as may be specified pursuant to Section 3.01 is of the essence and agrees that, to the fullest extent possible under applicable law, judgments in respect of such Securities shall be given in the Designated Currency; (ii) the obligation of the Company to make payments in the Designated Currency of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, such Securities shall, notwithstanding any payment in any other Currency (whether pursuant to a judgment or otherwise), be discharged only to the extent of the amount in the Designated Currency that the Holder receiving such payment may, in accordance with normal banking procedures, purchase with the sum paid in such other Currency (after any premium and cost of exchange) on the Business Day in the country of issue of the Designated Currency or in the international banking community (in the case of a composite currency) immediately following the day on which such Holder receives such payment; (iii) if the amount in the Designated Currency that may be so purchased for any reason falls short of the amount originally due, the Company shall pay such additional amounts as may be necessary to compensate for such shortfall; and (iv) any obligation of the Company not discharged by such payment shall be due as a separate and independent obligation and, until discharged as provided herein, shall continue in full force and effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of any series, payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, Securities of such series shall be made in U.S. Dollars.

Section 3.12 <u>CUSIP Numbers</u>. The Company in issuing any Securities may use CUSIP, ISIN or other similar numbers, if then generally in use, and thereafter with respect to such series, the Trustee may use such numbers in any notice of redemption or exchange, as a convenience to Holders, with respect to such series; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the CUSIP, ISIN or other similar numbers.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

Section 4.01 <u>Applicability of Right of Redemption</u>. Redemption of Securities permitted by the terms of any series of Securities shall be made (except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article; provided, however, that if any such terms of a series of Securities shall conflict with any provision of this Article, the terms of such series shall govern.

#### Section 4.02 <u>Selection of Securities to be Redeemed.</u>

- (a) If the Company shall at any time elect to redeem all or any portion of the Securities of a series then Outstanding, it shall at least 15 calendar days (or such shorter period acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the date the notice of redemption is to be mailed, notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Securities to be redeemed, and thereupon the Trustee shall select either pro rata, by lot or in such other manner as the Trustee shall deem appropriate (subject to the procedures of the Depositary) and which may provide for the selection for redemption of a portion of the principal amount of any Security of such series; provided that the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of any Security shall be in an authorized denomination (which shall not be less than the minimum authorized denomination) for such Security. In any case where more than one Security of such series is registered in the same name, the Trustee may treat the aggregate principal amount so registered as if it were represented by one Security of such series.
- (b) For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Security redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Security that has been or is to be redeemed. If the Company shall so direct, Securities registered in the name of the Company, any Affiliate or any Subsidiary thereof shall not be included in the Securities selected for redemption.

## Section 4.03 <u>Notice of Redemption</u>.

(a) Notice of redemption shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company (provided that, the Company has made such request of the Trustee at least 5 days prior to the date on which notice is to be sent (or such shorter period acceptable to the Trustee)), not less than 10 nor more than 60 calendar days prior to the Redemption Date, to the Holders of Securities of any series to be redeemed in whole or in part pursuant to this Article, in the manner provided in Section 16.04. Any notice given in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice. Failure to give such notice, or any defect in such notice to the Holder of any Security of a series designated for redemption, in whole or in part, shall not affect the sufficiency of any notice of redemption with respect to the Holder of any other Security of such series.

| (b) Notice of any redemption may, at the Company's discretion, be given in connection with a debt or equity offering or incurrence or other                      |
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| transaction (or series of related transactions), Change of Control or other event and prior to the completion or the occurrence thereof, and any such            |
| redemption may, at the Company's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, completion or occurrence of the      |
| related debt or equity offering, incurrence, transaction or event, as the case may be. In addition, if such redemption is subject to satisfaction of one or more |
| conditions precedent, such notice shall describe each such condition, and if applicable, shall state that, in the Company's discretion, the Redemption Date      |
| may be delayed until such time (including more than 60 days after the date the notice of redemption was mailed or delivered, including by electronic             |
| transmission) as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Company in the Company's sole discretion), or such redemption may not           |
| occur and such notice may be rescinded in the event that any or all such conditions shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Company in its sole          |
| discretion) by the Redemption Date or by the Redemption Date as so delayed, or such notice may be rescinded in the Company's discretion on or prior to           |
| 10:00 a.m., New York City time on the relevant Redemption Date if the Company reasonably believes that any or all of such conditions will not be satisfied       |
| or waived. In addition, the Company may provide in such notice that payment of the redemption price and performance of the Company's obligations with            |
| respect to such redemption may be performed by another Person.   |

- (c) All notices of redemption shall identify the Securities to be redeemed (including CUSIP, ISIN or other similar numbers, if available) and shall state:
  - (i) such election by the Company to redeem Securities of such series pursuant to provisions contained in this Indenture or the terms of the Securities of such series in a Company Order, Officer's Certificate or a supplemental indenture establishing such series, if such be the case;
    - (ii) the Redemption Date;
    - (iii) the Redemption Price;
  - (iv) if less than all Outstanding Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption, the principal amounts) of the Securities of such series to be redeemed;
  - (v) that on the Redemption Date the Redemption Price shall become due and payable upon each such Security to be redeemed, and that, if applicable, interest thereon shall cease to accrue on and after said date; and
    - (vi) the Place or Places of Payment where such Securities are to be surrendered for payment of the Redemption Price.

Section 4.04 <u>Deposit of Redemption Price</u>. On or prior to 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on the Redemption Date for any Securities, the Company shall deposit with the Trustee or with a Paying Agent (or, if the Company is acting as its own Paying Agent, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 6.03) an amount of money in U.S. Dollars (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.01) sufficient to pay the Redemption Price of such Securities or any portions thereof that are to be redeemed on that date.

Section 4.05 Securities Payable on Redemption Date. If notice of redemption has been given as above provided, any Securities so to be redeemed shall, on the Redemption Date, become due and payable at the Redemption Price and from and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Securities shall cease to bear interest, and, except as provided in Section 12.07, such Securities shall cease from and after the Redemption Date to be entitled to any benefit or security under the Indenture, and the Holders thereof shall have no right in respect of such Securities except the right to receive the Redemption Price thereof and unpaid interest to the Redemption Date. Upon surrender of any such Security for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Security shall be paid by the Trustee or the Paying Agent (with moneys deposited in accordance with Section 4.04 above) at the Redemption Price (unless the Company shall Default in the payment of the Redemption Price); provided, however, that (unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.01) installments of interest that have a Stated Maturity on or prior to the Redemption Date for such Securities shall be payable according to the terms of such Securities and the provisions of Section 3.08.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal thereof shall, until paid or duly provided for, bear interest from the Redemption Date at the rate prescribed therefor in the Security.

Section 4.06 Securities Redeemed in Part. Any Security that is to be redeemed only in part shall be surrendered at the Corporate Trust Office or such other office or agency of the Company as is specified pursuant to Section 3.01 with, if the Company, the Registrar or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by the Holder thereof or his, her or its attorney duly authorized in writing, and the Company shall execute, and upon receipt of a Company Order, the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Holder of such Security, without service charge, a new Security or Securities of the same series, of like tenor and form, of any authorized denomination as requested by such Holder in aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered; provided that if a Global Security is so surrendered, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to the Depositary for such Global Security, without service charge, a new Global Security in a denomination equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed portion of the principal of the Global Security so surrendered. In the case of a Security providing appropriate space for such notation, at the option of the Holder thereof, the Registrar, in lieu of delivering a new Security or Securities as aforesaid, may make a notation on such Security of the payment of the redeemed portion thereof.

## ARTICLE V

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### ARTICLE VI

## PARTICULAR COVENANTS OF THE COMPANY

The Company hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 6.01 <u>Payments of Principal, Premium and Interest</u>. The Company, for the benefit of each series of Securities, shall duly and punctually pay or cause to be paid the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, each series of Securities, at the dates and place and in the manner provided in the Securities and in this Indenture.

# Section 6.02 <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency; Paying Agent.</u>

- (a) The Company shall maintain in each Place of Payment for any series of Securities an office or agency where Securities may be presented or surrendered for payment, where Securities of such series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee as Paying Agent to receive all presentations, surrenders, notices and demands; *provided that* no office of the Trustee shall be an office or agency for purposes of service of legal process on the Company. So long as the Trustee serves as Paying Agent, it will be entitled as Paying Agent to the same rights of compensation, reimbursement and indemnification under Section 11.01 and Section 11.02 as if it were Trustee. In acting hereunder and in connection with the Securities, the Paying Agent shall act solely as agents of the Company, and will not thereby assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any Holder.
- The Company may also from time to time designate different or additional offices or agencies where the Securities of any series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes (in or outside of such Place of Payment), and may from time to time rescind any such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations described in the preceding paragraph. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such additional designation or rescission of designation and of any change in the location of any such different or additional office or agency. The Company shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Paying Agent not a party to this Indenture. The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such agent. The Company shall notify the Trustee of the name and address of each such agent. The Company or any Affiliate thereof may act as Paying Agent.

# Section 6.03 <u>To Hold Payment in Trust.</u>

- (a) On or before the date on which the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, any of the Securities by their terms or as a result of the calling thereof for redemption shall become payable, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent (or, if the Company or an Affiliate thereof shall at any time act as Paying Agent with respect to any series of Securities, the Company or such Affiliate shall segregate and hold in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities or the Trustee) a sum sufficient to pay such principal and premium, if any, or interest which shall have so become payable, such sum to be held in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities or the Trustee until such sums shall be paid to such Holders or otherwise disposed of as herein provided, and (unless such Paying Agent is the Trustee), the Company or any other obligor of such Securities shall promptly notify the Trustee of its payment or failure to make such payment.
- (b) Upon any proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state bankruptcy laws with respect to the Company or any Affiliate thereof, if the Company or such Affiliate is then acting as Paying Agent, the Trustee shall promptly replace the Company or such Affiliate as Paying Agent. If the Paying Agent shall be a Person other than the Trustee, the Company shall cause such Paying Agent to execute and deliver to the Trustee an instrument in which such Paying Agent shall agree with the Trustee, subject to the provisions of this Section 6.03, that such Paying Agent shall:
  - (i) comply with the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act applicable to it as Paying Agent;
  - (ii) hold all moneys held by it for the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of that series in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities until such sums shall be paid to such Holders or otherwise disposed of as herein provided;
  - (iii) give to the Trustee notice of any Default by the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of that series in the making of any payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of that series; and
  - (iv) at any time during the continuance of any such Default, upon the written request of the Trustee, pay to the Trustee all sums so held in trust by such Paying Agent.
- (c) Anything in this Section 6.03 to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may at any time, for the purpose of obtaining a release, satisfaction or discharge of this Indenture or for any other reason, pay or cause to be paid to the Trustee all sums held in trust by the Company or by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee as required by this Section 6.03, such sums to be held by the Trustee upon the same trusts as those upon which such sums were held by the Company or such Paying Agent and, upon such payment by a Paying Agent to the Trustee, such Paying Agent shall be released from all further liability with respect to such moneys.
- (d) Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, any Security of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company upon Company Order (or, if then held by the Company, shall be Discharged from such trust), and the Holder of such Security shall thereafter, as an unsecured general creditor, look only to the Company for payment of such amounts without interest thereon, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, shall thereupon cease.

Section 6.04 <u>Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets</u>. Except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities:

(a) The Company shall not consolidate with any other entity or accept a merger of any other entity into the Company or permit the Company to be merged into any other entity, or sell or lease all or substantially all of the Company's assets to another entity, in one transaction or a series of related transactions, unless (i) the Company will be the surviving entity in any merger or consolidation or the successor, transferee or lessee entity (if other than the Company) is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or trust organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction (the "Surviving Entity") and shall expressly assume, by indenture supplemental hereto, executed and delivered by such entity prior to or simultaneously with such consolidation, merger, sale or lease, the due and punctual payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, all the Securities, according to their tenor, and the due and punctual performance and observance of all other obligations to the Holders and the Trustee under this Indenture or under the Securities to be performed by the Company; provided that in the case where such Surviving Entity is not a corporation, a co-obligor of the Securities is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction; (ii) immediately before such consolidation, merger, sale or lease the Company is not, and immediately after such consolidation, merger, sale or lease, the Company or the Surviving Entity would not be, in Default in the performance of any covenant or condition of this Indenture; and (iii) the Company shall deliver to the Trustee prior to the consummation of the proposed transaction an Officer's Certificate to the foregoing effect and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the proposed transaction and such supplemental indenture comply with this Section 6.04.

(b) Upon any consolidation with or merger into any other entity, or any sale, or any conveyance or lease, of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company in accordance with this Section 6.04, the successor entity formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which the Company is sold or to which such conveyance, transfer or lease is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor entity had been named as the Company herein, and thereafter, except in the case of a lease, the predecessor Company shall be relieved of all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities, and from time to time such entity may exercise each and every right and power of the Company under this Indenture, in the name of the Company, or in its own name; and any act or proceeding by any provision of this Indenture required or permitted to be done by the Board of Directors or any officer of the Company may be done with like force and effect by the like board of directors or officer of any entity that shall at the time be the successor of the Company hereunder. In the event of any such sale or conveyance, but not any such lease, the Company (or any successor entity which shall theretofore have become such in the manner described in this Section 6.04) shall be Discharged from all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Securities and may thereupon be dissolved and liquidated.

Section 6.05 <u>Compliance Certificate</u>. The Company shall furnish to the Trustee annually, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, a certificate substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or treasurer of the Company as to his, her or their knowledge of the Company's compliance with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture (which compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture) and, in the event of any Default, specifying each such Default and the nature and status thereof of which such person may have knowledge. Such certificates need not comply with Section 16.01 of this Indenture. The Company shall at all times comply with Section 314(a)(4) of the TIA.

Section 6.06 <u>Conditional Waiver by Holders of Securities</u>. Anything in this Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company may fail or omit in any particular instance to comply with a covenant or condition set forth herein with respect to any series of Securities if the Company shall have obtained and filed with the Trustee, prior to the time of such failure or omission, evidence (as provided in Article VIII) of the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series affected by such waiver and at the time Outstanding, either waiving such compliance in such instance or generally waiving compliance with such covenant or condition, but no such waiver shall extend to or affect such covenant or condition except to the extent so expressly waived, or impair any right consequent thereon and, until such waiver shall have become effective, the obligations of the Company and the duties of the Trustee in respect of any such covenant or condition shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6.07 <u>Statement by Officers as to Default</u>. The Company shall deliver to the Trustee as soon as possible and in any event within 30 calendar days after the Company becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default or an event which, with the giving of notice or the lapse of time or both, would constitute an Event of Default, an Officer's Certificate setting forth the details of such Event of Default or Default and the action which the Company has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto.

Section 6.08 Change of Control Offer. Except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities:

If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs with respect to the Securities of a series, unless the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities of such series, the Company shall make an offer to each Holder of Securities of that series to purchase all or any part (equal to \$2,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof) of that Holder's Securities at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but not including, the date of purchase (subject to the right of Holders of record on the relevant record date to receive interest, if any, due on the relevant Interest Payment Date); provided that after giving effect to the purchase, any Securities of such series that remain outstanding shall have a denomination of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess of that amount.

Within 30 days following the date upon which the Change of Control Triggering Event has occurred or, at the Company's option, prior to any Change of Control but after the public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control, except to the extent that the Company has exercised its right to redeem the Securities of the relevant series pursuant to any indenture supplemental hereto pursuant to which the Securities of such series were issued as contemplated by Section 3.01, the Company will deliver a notice (a "Change of Control Offer") to each Holder of the Securities of such series (which may be sent through electronic transmission) with a copy to the Trustee describing the transaction or transactions that constitute or may constitute a Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to purchase the Securities of such series on the date specified in the notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days from the date such notice is delivered (other than as may be required by law) (such date, the "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice may, if delivered prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control, state that the Change of Control Offer is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event and/or any other related transaction or event being consummated on or prior to the Change of Control Payment Date specified in the notice.

On each Change of Control Payment Date, the Company will, to the extent lawful:

- (a) accept for payment all Securities or portions of the Securities properly tendered pursuant to the applicable Change of Control Offer;
- (b) deposit with the Paying Agent an amount equal to the change of control payment in respect of all Securities or portions of Securities properly tendered pursuant to the applicable Change of Control Offer; and
- (c) deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee the Securities properly accepted together with an Officer's Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of Securities or portions of Securities being purchased.

The Company shall comply, to the extent applicable, with the requirements of Rule 14(e)-1 of the Exchange Act and any other securities laws or regulations in connection with the purchase of Securities pursuant to a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the terms described in the Securities, the Company will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations by virtue thereof.

Holders of Securities electing to have Securities purchased pursuant to a Change of Control Offer will be required to surrender their Securities, with the form entitled "Option of Holder to Elect Purchase" on the reverse of the Security completed, to the Paying Agent at the address specified in the notice, or transfer their Securities to the Paying Agent by book-entry transfer pursuant to the applicable procedures of the Paying Agent, prior to the close of business on the third Business Day prior to the Change of Control Payment Date.

The Company shall not be required to make a Change of Control Offer if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by the Company and such third party purchases all Securities properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

If Holders of not less than 90% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities of a series validly tender and do not withdraw such Securities in a Change of Control Offer and the Company, or any third party making a Change of Control Offer in lieu of the Company, as described above, purchases all of the Securities of such series validly tendered and not withdrawn by such Holders, the Company will have the right, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice, given not more than 30 days following such purchase pursuant to the Change of Control Offer described above, to redeem all Securities of such series that remain outstanding following such purchase at a redemption price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption (subject to the right of Holders of record on a record date to receive interest on the relevant Interest Payment Date).

The provisions of the Indenture relating to the Company's obligation to make a Change of Control Offer with respect to the Securities upon a Change of Control Triggering Event may be waived or modified in respect of each applicable series of Securities with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series then outstanding.

Section 6.09 Restrictions on Liens. Except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities:

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create or incur any Lien on any shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or Principal Property of the Company or of a Restricted Subsidiary, whether those shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or Principal Property are owned at the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued or acquired afterwards, unless the Company secures or causes the applicable Restricted Subsidiary to secure the Securities outstanding under this Indenture (together with, if the Company shall so determine, any other Indebtedness or other obligations the terms of which (or the terms of any agreement evidencing or relating to which) require that such Indebtedness be so secured) equally and ratably with (or, at the Company's option, prior to) all Indebtedness secured by the particular Lien, so long as the Indebtedness is so secured.

This covenant does not apply in the case of:

- (a) the creation of any Lien on any shares of stock of a Restricted Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired, purchased or leased after the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued (including acquisitions by way of merger or consolidation, and including capital lease or purchase money transactions in connection with any such acquisition) by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, contemporaneously with that acquisition, purchase or lease, or within 18 months thereafter, to secure or provide for the payment or financing of any part of the purchase price, or the assumption of any Lien upon any shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued existing at the time of the acquisition, purchase or lease or the acquisition of any shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property subject to any Lien without the assumption of that Lien, provided that every Lien referred to in this clause (a) will attach only to the shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property so acquired, purchased or leased and fixed improvements (and any accessions or additions thereto, and proceeds thereof) on that Principal Property;
- (b) any Lien on any shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property existing on the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued;
  - (c) any Lien on any shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property in favor of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;
- (d) any Lien on any Principal Property being constructed or improved securing loans to finance the construction or improvements of that property;
- (e) any Lien created by a lease of any Principal Property, which under GAAP as in effect as of the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued would be characterized as an operating lease, whether entered into before or after the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued, including Liens arising under or in connection with Synthetic Leases or any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement thereof to the extent permitted thereby;
- (f) any Lien on shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property incurred in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt governmental obligations, including, without limitation, qualified private activity bonds and similar financings;
- (g) any mechanics', materialmen's, carriers', warehousemen's or other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business with respect to obligations that are not yet overdue for a period of more than 90 days or that are being contested in good faith;
- (h) any Lien on any shares of stock of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies that are not yet overdue for a period of more than 90 days or that are being contested in good faith;

- (i) any Lien on any Principal Property arising in connection with legal proceedings being contested in good faith, including any judgment Lien so long as execution on the Lien is stayed;
- (j) any landlord's Lien on fixtures located on premises leased by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary in the ordinary course of business, and rights under leases, licenses, sub-leases, easements, rights-of-way, zoning and other restrictions, irregularities in title, and other similar Liens not materially impairing the use or value of the property involved;
  - (k) Liens on property incurred in sale and lease-back transactions permitted under Section 6.10 below;
- (l) Liens on property or assets of a person existing at the time such person is merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of a person to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, provided that such Lien was not incurred in anticipation of the merger, consolidation, or sale, lease, other disposition or other such transaction by which such person was merged into or consolidated with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries;
- (m) in the case of (i) any Subsidiary that is not a wholly owned Subsidiary or (ii) the equity interests in any Person that is not a Subsidiary, any encumbrance or restriction, including any first rights of refusal, options, put and call arrangements, related to shares of stock or other equity interests in such Subsidiary or such other Person set forth in the constitutive documents or other applicable agreement of such Subsidiary or such other Person or any related joint venture, shareholders', partnerships or similar agreement;
  - (n) Liens in favor of the Trustee and/or the Holders granted in accordance with the Indenture; and
- (o) any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement for any Lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses, provided that, in the case of a Lien permitted under clauses (a), (b) or (d) above, the amount of Indebtedness secured is not increased nor the Lien extended to any additional assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume Liens in addition to those permitted by this <u>Section 6.09</u>, and refinance, renew, restructure, substitute, extend, modify, or replace those Liens; provided that at the time of and after giving effect to the creation or assumption of such Liens or such refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement thereof, Exempted Debt does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Tangible Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

Section 6.10 Restrictions on Sale and Lease-back Transactions involving Principal Properties. Except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities:

The Company shall not, and shall not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement with any Person pursuant to which the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary leases any Principal Property as an entirety, or any substantial portion of that Principal Property, which property has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, except to the Company or to a Restricted Subsidiary and except for any lease for a period of not more than three years or which may be terminated by the Company or its Restricted Subsidiaries within a period of not more than three years (any such transaction, a "sale and lease-back transaction"), unless:

- (a) such sale and lease-back transaction was entered into prior to the date of original issuance of the first Securities of the series to be issued, and any refinancing, renewal, restructuring, substitution, extension, modification or replacement of such transaction, so long as the affected Principal Property is substantially similar or the same in nature to the Principal Property subject to the sale and lease-back transaction refinanced, renewed, restructured, substituted, extended, modified or replaced;
- (b) the Company or such applicable Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, pursuant to the provisions in Section 6.09 above, to create a Lien on the Principal Property to be leased securing Funded Debt in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to the sale and lease-back transaction without equally and ratably securing the outstanding Securities; or
- the fair value (as determined by the Company in good faith) of the Principal Property to be applied to any (or a combination) of (1) the purchase of other property that will constitute Principal Property having a fair value at least equal to the fair value of the Principal Property sold, or (2) the retirement within 365 days after receipt of the proceeds of Funded Debt incurred or assumed by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, including the Securities; provided that, in lieu of applying all of or any part of such net proceeds to such retirement, the Company may, within 365 days after the sale and lease-back transaction, deliver or cause to be delivered to the Trustee for cancellation debt securities evidencing Funded Debt of the Company (which may include the Securities) or of a Restricted Subsidiary previously authenticated and delivered by the Trustee, and not yet otherwise applied as a credit against an obligation to redeem or retire such debt securities, and an Officer's Certificate stating that Company elects to deliver or cause to be delivered the debt securities in lieu of retiring Funded Debt as set forth herein.

If the Company delivers debt securities and an Officer's Certificate to the Trustee pursuant to the proviso to clause (c) above, the amount of cash that the Company shall apply to the retirement of Funded Debt will be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the then applicable optional redemption prices of the applicable debt securities so delivered or, if there are no such redemption prices, the principal amount of those debt securities. If the applicable debt securities provide for an amount less than the principal amount to be due and payable upon a declaration of the maturity, then the amount of cash will be reduced by the amount of principal of those debt securities that would be due and payable as of the date of the application upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity pursuant to the terms of the Indenture pursuant to which those debt securities were issued.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may enter into sale and lease-back transactions involving any Principal Property in addition to those permitted by this <u>Section 6.10</u>, without any obligation to retire any outstanding debt securities or other Funded Debt; provided that at the time of entering into and giving effect to such sale and lease-back transactions, Exempted Debt does not exceed 15% of Consolidated Tangible Assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## REMEDIES OF TRUSTEE AND SECURITYHOLDERS

Section 7.01 <u>Events of Default</u>. The term "<u>Event of Default</u>" as used in this Indenture with respect to Securities of any series shall mean one of the following described events unless it is either inapplicable to a particular series or it is specifically deleted or modified in the manner contemplated in Section 3.01:

- (a) the failure of the Company to pay any installment of interest on any Security of such series when and as the same shall become payable, which failure shall have continued unremedied for a period of 30 calendar days;
- (b) the failure of the Company to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, on, any Security of such series, when and as the same shall become payable, whether at Maturity as therein expressed, by call for redemption, by declaration as authorized by this Indenture or otherwise;
  - (c) [reserved];
- (d) the failure of the Company, subject to the provisions of Section 6.06, to perform any covenants or agreements contained in this Indenture, including any indenture supplemental hereto pursuant to which the Securities of such series were issued as contemplated by Section 3.01 (other than a covenant or agreement which has been expressly included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of a series of Securities other than that series and other than a covenant or agreement a default in the performance of which is elsewhere in this Section 7.01 specifically addressed), which failure shall not have been remedied for a period of 90 calendar days after written notice shall have been given to the Company by the Trustee or shall have been given to the Company and the Trustee by Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding, specifying such failure, requiring the Company to remedy the same and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder;
- (e) the entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (i) a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other similar law or (ii) a decree or order adjudging the Company bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition of or in respect of the Company under any applicable federal, state or foreign law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator, or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs (or any similar relief granted under any foreign laws), and the continuance of any such decree or order for relief or any such other decree or order unstayed and in effect for a period of 90 consecutive calendar days;

- (f) the commencement by the Company of a voluntary case or proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other similar law or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of the Company in an involuntary case or proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief with respect to the Company under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, or other similar law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator, or other similar official of the Company or of any substantial part of its property pursuant to any such law, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by the Company in furtherance of any such action;
  - (g) a failure to purchase the series of Securities tendered for purchase in respect of a Change of Control Offer as required under Section 6.08;
- (h) a default under any loan, mortgage, indenture, credit agreement or similar instrument under which there is issued or by which there is secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by the Company (or the payment of which is guaranteed by the Company), other than Indebtedness owed to its Subsidiaries, whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists or is created after the original issue date of the Securities of such series, which default:
  - (i) is caused by a failure to pay principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on such Indebtedness prior to the expiration of the grace period provided in such Indebtedness ("payment default"); or
    - (ii) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its maturity;

and, in each case, the principal amount of any such Indebtedness, together with the principal amount of any other such Indebtedness under which there is an outstanding uncured payment default or the maturity of which has been and remains so accelerated, aggregates in excess of \$400,000,000; and

(i) the occurrence of any other Event of Default with respect to Securities of such series as provided in Section 3.01.

Any Event of Default under one series of Securities is not necessarily an Event of Default under any other series of Securities.

## Section 7.02 <u>Acceleration; Rescission and Annulment.</u>

(a) Except as otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities, if any one or more of the above-described Events of Default (other than an Event of Default specified in Section 7.01(e) or 7.01(f)) shall happen with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, then, and in each and every such case, during the continuance of any such Event of Default, the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding may declare the principal (or, if the Securities of that series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) of, and all accrued but unpaid interest on, all the Securities of such series then Outstanding to be due and payable immediately by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) and accrued but unpaid interest shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 7.01(e) or 7.01(f) occurs and is continuing, then in every such case, the principal amount of, and any accrued but unpaid interest on, all of the Securities of that series then Outstanding shall automatically, and without any declaration or any other action on the part of the Trustee or any Holder, become due and payable immediately. Upon payment of such amounts in U.S. Dollars (subject to Section 3.11 and except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.01), all obligations of the Company in respect of the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities of such series shall terminate.

- (b) At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the Securities of any series 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 Article VII, the Event of Default giving rise to such declaration of acceleration shall, without further act, be deemed to have been waived, and such declaration and its consequences shall, without further act, be deemed to have been rescinded and annulled, if:
  - (i) the Company has paid or deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent a sum in the Currency in which such Securities are denominated (subject to Section 3.11 and except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.01) sufficient to pay:
    - (A) all amounts owing to the Trustee and any predecessor trustee hereunder under Section 11.01(a) (provided, however, that all sums payable under this clause (A) shall be paid in U.S. Dollars);
    - (B) all arrears of interest, if any, upon all the Securities of such series (with interest, to the extent that interest thereon shall be legally enforceable, on any overdue installment of interest at the rate borne by such Securities); and
    - (C) the principal of, and premium, if any, on, any Securities of such series that have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon;
  - (ii) every other Default and Event of Default with respect to Securities of that series, other than the non-payment of the principal of Securities of that series which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in Section 7.06.
  - (c) No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.
- (d) For all purposes under this Indenture, if a portion of the principal of any Original Issue Discount Securities shall have been accelerated and declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions hereof, then, from and after such declaration, unless such declaration has been rescinded and annulled, the principal amount of such Original Issue Discount Securities shall be deemed, for all purposes hereunder, to be such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, and payment of such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, together with interest, if any, thereon and all other amounts owing thereunder, shall constitute payment in full of such Original Issue Discount Securities.
- Section 7.03 Other Remedies. If the Company shall fail for a period of 30 calendar days to pay any installment of interest on the Securities of any series or shall fail to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, on, any of the Securities of such series when and as the same shall become due and payable, whether at Maturity, or by call for redemption, by declaration as authorized by this Indenture, or otherwise, then, upon demand of the Trustee, the Company shall pay to the Paying Agent, for the benefit of the Holders of Securities of such series then Outstanding, the whole amount which then shall have become due and payable on all the Securities of such series, with interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (so far as the same may be legally enforceable) on the overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Securities of such series, and all amounts owing the Trustee and any predecessor trustee hereunder under Section 11.01(a).

In case the Company shall fail forthwith to pay such amounts upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, shall be entitled and empowered to institute any action or proceeding at law or in equity for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, and may prosecute any such action or proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce any such judgment or final decree against the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of such series, and collect the moneys adjudged or decreed to be payable out of the property of the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities of such series, wherever situated, in the manner provided by law. Every recovery of judgment in any such action or other proceeding, subject to the payment to the Trustee of all amounts owing the Trustee and any predecessor trustee hereunder under Section 11.01(a), shall be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of such series of Securities which shall be the subject of such action or proceeding. All rights of action upon or under any of the Securities or this Indenture may be enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Securities and without the production of any thereof at any trial or any proceeding relative thereto.

Trustee as Attorney-in-Fact. The Trustee is hereby appointed, and each and every Holder of the Securities, by receiving and Section 7.04 holding the same, shall be conclusively deemed to have appointed the Trustee, the true and lawful attorney-in-fact of such Holder, with authority to make or file (whether or not the Company shall be in Default in respect of the payment of the principal of, or interest on, any of the Securities), in its own name and as trustee of an express trust or otherwise as it shall deem advisable, in any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization or other judicial proceeding relative to the Company or any other obligor upon the Securities or to their respective creditors or property, any and all claims, proofs of claim, proofs of debt, petitions, consents, other papers and documents and amendments of any thereof, as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee and any predecessor trustee hereunder and of the Holders of the Securities allowed in any such proceeding and to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claim, and to execute and deliver any and all other papers and documents and to do and perform any and all other acts and things, as it may deem necessary or advisable in order to enforce in any such proceeding any of the claims of the Trustee and any predecessor trustee hereunder and of any of such Holders in respect of any of the Securities; and any receiver, assignee, trustee, custodian or debtor in any such proceeding is hereby authorized, and each and every Holder of the Securities, by receiving and holding the same, shall be conclusively deemed to have authorized any such receiver, assignee, trustee, custodian or debtor, to make any such payment or delivery only to or on the order of the Trustee, and to pay to the Trustee any amount due it and any predecessor trustee hereunder under Section 11.01(a); provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize or empower the Trustee to consent to or accept or adopt, on behalf of any Holder of Securities, any plan of reorganization or readjustment affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize or empower the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder of any Securities in any such proceeding.

Section 7.05 <u>Priorities</u>. Any moneys or properties collected by the Trustee, or, after an Event of Default, any moneys or other property distributable in respect of the Company's obligations under this Indenture, in either case with respect to a series of Securities under this Article VII shall be applied in the order following, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee for the distribution of such moneys or properties and, in the case of the distribution of such moneys or properties on account of the Securities of any series, upon presentation of the Securities of such series, and stamping thereon the payment, if only partially paid, and upon surrender thereof, if fully paid:

*First*: To the payment of all amounts (including indemnity payments) due to the Trustee, the Paying Agent, the Registrar, and any other agent appointed hereunder and any predecessor trustee, Paying Agent, registrar or agent under Section 11.01(a) and the reasonably incurred expenses and disbursements of its agents, attorneys and counsel.

*Second*: In case the principal of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall not have become due and be unpaid, to the payment of interest on the Securities of such series, in the chronological order of the Maturity of the installments of such interest, with interest (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon the overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by such Securities, such payments to be made ratably to the Persons entitled thereto.

Third: In case the principal of the Outstanding Securities of such series shall have become due, by declaration or otherwise, to the payment of the whole amount then owing and unpaid upon the Securities of such series for principal and premium, if any, and interest, with interest on the overdue principal and premium, if any, and (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon overdue installments of interest at the rate borne by the Securities of such series, and in case such moneys shall be insufficient to pay in full the whole amounts so due and unpaid upon the Securities of such series, then to the payment of such principal and premium, if any, and interest without preference or priority of principal and premium, if any, over interest, or of interest over principal and premium, if any, or of any installment of interest over any other installment of interest, or of any Security of such series over any other Security of such series, ratably to the aggregate of such principal and premium, if any, and accrued and unpaid interest.

*Fourth*: Any surplus then remaining shall be paid to the Company, its successors or assigns, or to whomsoever may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be so entitled.

Section 7.06 Control by Securityholders; Waiver of Past Defaults. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of any series at the time Outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee hereunder, or of exercising any trust or power hereby conferred upon the Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series; provided, however, that, subject to the provisions of Section 11.02, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee being advised by counsel determines that the action so directed may not lawfully be taken or would involve the Trustee in personal liability. Prior to any declaration accelerating the Maturity of the Securities of any series, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of such series of Securities at the time Outstanding may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Securities of such series waive any past Default or Event of Default hereunder and its consequences except a Default in the payment of interest or any premium on or the principal of the Securities of such series or a Default in respect of a covenant or provision that under Section 14.02 cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Securities of such series affected. Upon any such waiver, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of such series shall be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, respectively; provided that no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon. Whenever any Default or Event of Default hereunder shall have been waived as permitted by this Section 7.06, said Default or Event of Default shall for all purposes of the Securities of such series and this Indenture be deemed to have been cured and to be not continuing.

Section 7.07 Limitation on Suits. No Holder of any Security of any series shall have any right to institute any action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity for the execution of any trust hereunder or for the appointment of a receiver or for any other remedy hereunder, in each case with respect to an Event of Default with respect to such series of Securities, unless (i) such Holder previously shall have given to the Trustee written notice of one or more of the Events of Default herein specified with respect to such series of Securities, (ii) the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding shall have requested the Trustee in writing to take action in respect of the matter complained of, (iii) there shall have been offered to the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, and (iv) the Trustee, for 60 calendar days after receipt of such notification, request and offer of indemnity and/or security, shall have failed to institute any such action, suit or proceeding and have not received from the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding a direction inconsistent with such request; and such notification, request and offer of indemnity and/or security are hereby declared in every such case to be conditions precedent to any such action, suit or proceeding by any Holder of any Security of such series; it being understood and intended that no one or more of the Holders of Securities of such series shall have any right in any manner whatsoever by his, her, its or their action to enforce any right hereunder, except in the manner herein provided, and that every action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity shall be instituted, had and maintained in the manner herein provided and for the equal benefit of all Holders of the Outstanding Securities of such series; provided, however, that nothing in this Indenture or in the Securities of such series shall affect or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Securities of such series to the respective Holders of such Securities at the respective due dates in such Securities stated, or affect or impair the right, which is also absolute and unconditional, of such Holders to institute suit to enforce the payment thereof.

Subject to the provisions of the Indenture relating to the duties of the Trustee, if an Event of Default then exists, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture (other than the payment of any amounts on the Securities furnished to it pursuant to the Indenture) at the Company's, any Holder's or any other person's request, order or direction, unless the Company, such Holder or such other person has offered, and, if requested, provided to the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee. The Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law, the Indenture or the Securities, or that, subject to the terms of the Indenture, the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other noteholders (it being understood that the Trustee shall have no obligation to determine if such action is unduly prejudicial to the rights of such noteholders) or may involve the Trustee in liability, unless the Trustee is offered, and if requested, provided security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against any loss, liability or expense to the Trustee that may result from the Trustee's following such direction. No Holder will have any right to institute any proceeding in connection with the Indenture or for any remedy under the Indenture, unless such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to Securities of that series.

Section 7.08 <u>Undertaking for Costs.</u> All parties to this Indenture and each Holder of any Security, by such Holder's acceptance thereof, shall be deemed to have agreed that any court may in its discretion require, in any action, suit or proceeding for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture, or in any action, suit or proceeding against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such action, suit or proceeding of an undertaking to pay the costs of such action, suit or proceeding, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, against any party litigant in such action, suit or proceeding, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; provided, however, that the provisions of this Section 7.08 shall not apply to any action, suit or proceeding instituted by the Trustee, to any action, suit or proceeding instituted by any one or more Holders of Securities holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the Securities of any series Outstanding, or to any action, suit or proceeding instituted by any Holder of Securities of any series for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any of the Securities of such series, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Securities.

Section 7.09 Remedies Cumulative; Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders of Securities of any series is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy or remedies, and each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of the Securities of any series to exercise any right or power accruing upon any Default or Event of Default shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver of any such Default or Event of Default or an acquiescence therein; and every power and remedy given by this Article VII to the Trustee and to the Holders of Securities of any series, respectively, may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by the Trustee or by the Holders of Securities of such series, as the case may be. In case the Trustee or any Holder of Securities of any series shall have proceeded to enforce any right under this Indenture and the proceedings for the enforcement thereof shall have been discontinued or abandoned because of waiver or for any other reason, or shall have been adjudicated adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder of Securities, then and in every such case, subject to any determinations in such proceedings, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of such series shall severally and respectively be restored to their former positions and rights hereunder, and thereafter all rights, remedies and powers of the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of such series shall continue as though no such proceedings had been taken, except as to any matters so waived or adjudicated.

## ARTICLE VIII

## CONCERNING THE SECURITYHOLDERS

Section 8.01 Evidence of Action of Securityholders. Whenever in this Indenture it is provided that the Holders of a specified percentage or a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities or of any series of Securities may take any action (including the making of any demand or request, the giving of any notice, consent or waiver or the taking of any other action), the fact that at the time of taking any such action the Holders of such specified percentage or majority have joined therein may be evidenced by (a) any instrument or any number of instruments of similar tenor executed by Securityholders in person, by an agent or by a proxy appointed in writing, including through an electronic system for tabulating consents operated by the Depositary for such series or otherwise (such action becoming effective, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, when such instruments or evidence of electronic consents are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Company), or (b) by the record of the Holders of Securities voting in favor thereof at any meeting of Securityholders duly called and held in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, or (c) by a combination of such instrument or instruments and any such record of such a meeting of Securityholders.

Section 8.02 <u>Proof of Execution or Holding of Securities</u>. Proof of the execution of any instrument by a Securityholder or his, her or its agent or proxy and proof of the holding by any Person of any of the Securities shall be sufficient if made in the following manner:

- (a) The fact and date of the execution by any Person of any such instrument may be proved (i) by the certificate of any notary public or other officer in any jurisdiction who, by the laws thereof, has power to take acknowledgments or proof of deeds to be recorded within such jurisdiction, that the Person who signed such instrument did acknowledge before such notary public or other officer the execution thereof, or (ii) by the affidavit of a witness of such execution sworn to before any such notary or other officer. Where such execution is by a Person acting in other than his, her or their individual capacity, such certificate or affidavit shall also constitute sufficient proof of his, her or their authority.
- (b) The ownership of Securities of any series shall be proved by the Register of such Securities or by a certificate of the Registrar for such series.
  - (c) The record of any Holders' meeting shall be proved in the manner provided in Section 9.06.
- (d) The Trustee may require such additional proof of any matter referred to in this Section 8.02 as it shall deem appropriate or necessary, so long as the request is a reasonable one.

(e) If the Company shall solicit from the Holders of Securities of any series any action, the Company may, at its option fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders of Securities entitled to take such action, but the Company shall have no obligation to do so. Any such record date shall be fixed at the Company's discretion. If such a record date is fixed, such action may be sought or given before or after the record date, but only the Holders of Securities of record at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders of Securities for the purpose of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of Outstanding Securities of such series have authorized or agreed or consented to such action, and for that purpose the Outstanding Securities of such series shall be computed as of such record date.

## Section 8.03 Persons Deemed Owners.

- (a) The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Person in whose name any Security is registered in the Register as the owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of, and premium, if any, and (subject to Section 3.08) interest, if any, on, such Security and for all other purposes whatsoever, whether or not such Security be overdue, and neither the Company, the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by notice to the contrary. All payments made to any Holder, or upon his, her or its order, shall be valid, and, to the extent of the sum or sums paid, effectual to satisfy and discharge the liability for moneys payable upon such Security.
- (b) None of the Company, the Trustee, any Paying Agent or the Registrar shall have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.
- Section 8.04 <u>Effect of Consents.</u> After an amendment, supplement, waiver or other action becomes effective as to any series of Securities, a consent to it by a Holder of such series of Securities is a continuing consent conclusive and binding upon such Holder and every subsequent Holder of the same Securities or portion thereof, and of any Security issued upon the transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in place thereof, even if notation of the consent is not made on any such Security. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder.

## ARTICLE IX

# SECURITYHOLDERS' MEETINGS

Section 9.01 <u>Purposes of Meetings</u>. A meeting of Securityholders of any or all series may be called at any time and from time to time pursuant to the provisions of this Article IX for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to give any notice to the Company or to the Trustee, or to give any directions to the Trustee, or to consent to the waiving of any Default or Event of Default hereunder and its consequences, or to take any other action authorized to be taken by Securityholders pursuant to any of the provisions of Article VIII:
  - (b) to remove the Trustee and nominate a successor trustee pursuant to the provisions of Article XI;

- (c) to consent to the execution of an Indenture or of indentures supplemental hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 14.02; or
- (d) to take any other action authorized to be taken by or on behalf of the Holders of any specified aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any one or more or all series, as the case may be, under any other provision of this Indenture or under applicable law.
- Section 9.02 <u>Call of Meetings by Trustee</u>. The Trustee may at any time call a meeting of all Securityholders of all series that may be affected by the action proposed to be taken, to take any action specified in Section 9.01, to be held at such time and at such place as the Trustee shall determine. Notice of every meeting of the Securityholders of a series, setting forth the time and the place of such meeting and in general terms the action proposed to be taken at such meeting, shall be mailed to Holders of Securities of such series at their addresses as they shall appear on the Register. Such notice shall be mailed not less than 20 nor more than 90 calendar days prior to the date fixed for the meeting.
- Section 9.03 <u>Call of Meetings by Company or Securityholders</u>. In case at any time the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of a series (or of all series, as the case may be) then Outstanding that may be affected by the action proposed to be taken shall have requested the Trustee to call a meeting of Securityholders of such series (or of all series), by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, and the Trustee shall not have mailed the notice of such meeting within 20 days after receipt of such request, then the Company or such Securityholders may determine the time and the place for such meeting and may call such meeting to take any action authorized in Section 9.01, by mailing notice thereof as provided in Section 9.02.
- Section 9.04 Qualifications for Voting. To be entitled to vote at any meeting of Securityholders, a Person shall (a) be a Holder of one or more Securities affected by the action proposed to be taken at the meeting or (b) be a Person appointed by an instrument in writing as proxy by a Holder of one or more such Securities. The only Persons who shall be entitled to be present or to speak at any meeting of Securityholders shall be the Persons entitled to vote at such meeting and their counsel and any representatives of the Trustee and its counsel and any representatives of the Company and its counsel.

# Section 9.05 <u>Regulation of Meetings</u>.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Indenture, the Trustee may make such reasonable regulations as it may deem advisable for any meeting of Securityholders, in regard to proof of the holding of Securities and of the appointment of proxies, and in regard to the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes, the submission and examination of proxies, certificates and other evidence of the right to vote, and such other matters concerning the conduct of the meeting as it shall deem fit.
- (b) The Trustee shall, by an instrument in writing, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting, unless the meeting shall have been called by the Company or by Securityholders as provided in Section 9.03, in which case the Company or the Securityholders calling the meeting, as the case may be, shall in like manner appoint a temporary chair. A permanent chairman and a permanent secretary of the meeting shall be elected by majority vote of the meeting.

At any meeting of Securityholders of a series, each Securityholder of such series of such Securityholder's proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each \$1,000 principal amount of Securities of such series Outstanding held or represented by him or her; provided, however, that no vote shall be cast or counted at any meeting in respect of any Security challenged as not Outstanding and ruled by the chairman of the meeting to be not Outstanding. The chairman of the meeting shall have no right to vote other than by virtue of Securities of such series held by him or her or instruments in writing as aforesaid duly designating him or her as the Person to vote on behalf of other Securityholders. At any meeting of the Securityholders duly called pursuant to the provisions of Section 9.02 or 9.03, the presence of Persons holding or representing Securities in an aggregate principal amount sufficient to take action upon the business for the transaction of which such meeting was called shall be necessary to constitute a quorum, and any such meeting may be adjourned from time to time by a majority of those present, whether or not constituting a quorum, and the meeting may be held as so adjourned without further notice.

Section 9.06 Voting. The vote upon any resolution submitted to any meeting of Securityholders of a series shall be by written ballots on which shall be subscribed the signatures of the Holders of Securities of such series or of their representatives by proxy and the principal amounts of the Securities of such series held or represented by them. The permanent chairman of the meeting shall appoint two inspectors of votes who shall count all votes cast at the meeting for or against any resolution and who shall make and file with the secretary of the meeting their verified written reports in duplicate of all votes cast at the meeting. A record in duplicate of the proceedings of each meeting of Securityholders shall be prepared by the secretary of the meeting and there shall be attached to said record the original reports of the inspectors of votes on any vote by ballot taken thereat and affidavits by one or more Persons having knowledge of the facts setting forth a copy of the notice of the meeting and showing that said notice was mailed as provided in Section 9.02. The record shall show the principal amounts of the Securities voting in favor of or against any resolution. The record shall be signed and verified by the affidavits of the permanent chairman and secretary of the meeting and one of the duplicates shall be delivered to the Company and the other to the Trustee to be preserved by the Trustee.

Any record so signed and verified shall be conclusive evidence of the matters therein stated.

Section 9.07 No Delay of Rights by Meeting. Nothing contained in this Article IX shall be deemed or construed to authorize or permit, by reason of any call of a meeting of Securityholders of any series or any rights expressly or impliedly conferred hereunder to make such call, any hindrance or delay in the exercise of any right or rights conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Securityholders of such series under any of the provisions of this Indenture or of the Securities of such series.

## ARTICLE X

# REPORTS BY THE COMPANY AND THE TRUSTEE AND SECURITYHOLDERS' LISTS

# Section 10.01 Reports by Trustee.

- (a) So long as any Securities are Outstanding, the Trustee shall transmit to Holders such reports concerning the Trustee and its actions under this Indenture as may be required pursuant to the Trust Indenture Act at the times and in the manner provided therein. If required by Section 313(a) of the TIA, the Trustee shall, within 60 calendar days after each May 15, following the date of this Indenture deliver to Holders a brief report, dated as of such May 15, which complies with the provisions of such Section 313(a), beginning on May 15, 2024. The Trustee also will comply with Section 313(b)(2) of the TIA. The Trustee will also transmit by mail all reports as required by Section 313(c) of the TIA.
- (b) The Trustee shall, at the time of the transmission to the Holders of Securities of any report pursuant to the provisions of this Section 10.01, file a copy of such report with each securities exchange upon which the Securities are listed or each automated quotation system on which the Securities are quoted, if any, and also with the SEC in respect of a Security listed and registered on a national securities exchange or automated quotation system, if any, in accordance with Section 313(d) of the TIA. The Company agrees to notify the Trustee when, as and if the Securities become listed or delisted on any securities exchange or admitted to trading on any automated quotation system and of any delisting thereof.

The Company shall reimburse the Trustee for all expenses incurred in the preparation and transmission of any report pursuant to the provisions of this Section 10.01 and of Section 10.02.

# Section 10.02 Reports by the Company.

- (a) At any time that the Company is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, so long as any Securities issued under this Indenture are outstanding, the Company will file with the Trustee, within 15 days after it has filed the same with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may prescribe) that it may be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than confidential filings, documents subject to confidential treatment and correspondence with the SEC). Documents delivered to the Trustee by electronic means or filed by the Company with the SEC via the EDGAR system (or any successor thereto) will be deemed to be filed with the Trustee as of the time such documents are so delivered or filed via EDGAR (or such successor system), it being understood that the Trustee shall have no obligation to determine whether such filings have been made or be deemed to have knowledge of the information contained therein. The Company shall at all times comply with Section 314(a) of the TIA.
- (b) To the extent not satisfied by the foregoing, the Company will furnish to the Holders of such series of Securities and to prospective investors of the Securities, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, and so long as, the applicable Securities are not freely transferable under the Securities Act.

- (c) To the extent any information is not provided within the time periods specified in this Section 10.02 and such information is subsequently provided, the Company will be deemed to have satisfied its obligations with respect thereto at such time and any Default or Event of Default with respect thereto shall be deemed to have been cured.
- (d) Delivery of such reports, information and documents to the Trustee shall be for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive notice or knowledge of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of the covenants contained in the Indenture (as to which the Trustee will be entitled to conclusively rely upon an Officer's Certificate). It is expressly understood that materials transmitted electronically by the Company to the Trustee or filed pursuant to the SEC's EDGAR system (or any successor electronic filing system) shall be deemed filed with the Trustee and transmitted to Holders for purposes of this Section 10.02.

Section 10.03 Securityholders' Lists. The Company covenants and agrees that it shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee:

- (a) semi-annually, within 15 calendar days after each Record Date, but in any event not less frequently than semi-annually, a list in such form as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Securities of each series to which such Record Date applies, as of such Record Date, and
- (b) at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, within 30 calendar days after receipt by the Company of any such request, a list of similar form and content as of a date not more than 15 calendar days prior to the time such list is furnished;

provided, however, that so long as the Trustee shall be the Registrar, such lists shall not be required to be furnished.

The Trustee will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA §312(a).

If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company will furnish to the Trustee at least seven Business Days before each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of Securities and the Company shall otherwise comply with TIA §312(a).

## ARTICLE XI

## **CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE**

Section 11.01 <u>Rights of Trustees; Compensation and Indemnity.</u> The Trustee accepts the trusts created by this Indenture upon the terms and conditions hereof, including the following, to all of which the parties hereto and the Holders from time to time of the Securities agree:

- (a) The Trustee shall receive such compensation as the Company and the Trustee shall from time to time agree in writing for all services rendered by it hereunder (including in any agent capacity in which it acts). The compensation of the Trustee shall not be limited by any provision of law in regard to the compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee promptly upon its request for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee (including the reasonable expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel), except any such expense, disbursement or advance caused by its own gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined by a competent court of appropriate jurisdiction in a final, non-appealable judgment).
  - (i) The Company also agrees to indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee hereunder and their respective officers, employees and directors for, and to hold each of them harmless against, any and all loss, liability, damage, claim, or expense incurred without its own gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined by a competent court of appropriate jurisdiction in a final, non-appealable judgment), arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of the trust or trusts hereunder and the performance of its duties (including in any agent capacity in which it acts and including its rights under this Section), as well as the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim (whether asserted by the Company, a Holder or any other Person) or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties hereunder, except those caused by its own gross negligence or willful misconduct (as determined by a competent court of appropriate jurisdiction in a final, non-appealable judgment). The Trustee shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity; provided, however, that the failure to so notify the Company shall not affect the obligations of the Company hereunder to indemnity.
  - (ii) The Company shall defend the claim, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee, and the Trustee shall provide reasonable cooperation at the Company's expense in the defense; provided that if the defendants in any such claim include both the Company and the Trustee and the Trustee shall have concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it which are different from or additional to those available to the Company, or the Trustee has concluded that there may be any other actual or potential conflicting interests between the Company and the Trustee, the Trustee shall have the right to select separate counsel and the Company shall be required to pay the fees and expenses of such separate counsel. Any settlement which affects the Trustee may not be entered into without the written consent of the Trustee, unless the Trustee is given a full and unconditional release from liability with respect to the claims covered thereby and such settlement does not include a statement or admission of fault, culpability or failure to act by or on behalf of the Trustee. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

As security for the performance of the obligations of the Company under this Section 11.01(a), the Trustee shall have a lien upon all property and funds held or collected by the Trustee as such, except funds held in trust by the Trustee to pay principal of and interest on any particular Securities. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Indenture to the contrary, the obligations of the Company to compensate and indemnify the Trustee under this Section 11.01(a) shall survive the resignation or removal of the Trustee, any satisfaction and discharge under Article XII, the payment of any Securities and the termination of this Indenture for any reason. In addition to and without prejudice to its other rights hereunder, when the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in clause (e) or (f) of Section 7.01 occurs, the expenses and compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws.

- (b) The Trustee may execute any of the trusts or powers hereof and perform any duty hereunder either directly or by its agents and attorneys and shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any agent or attorney appointed with due care by it hereunder.
- (c) The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for the correctness of the recitals herein or in the Securities (except its certificates of authentication thereon) contained, all of which are made solely by the Company; and the Trustee shall not be responsible or accountable in any manner whatsoever for or with respect to the validity or execution or sufficiency of this Indenture or of the Securities (except its certificates of authentication thereon), and the Trustee makes no representation with respect thereto, except that the Trustee represents that it is duly authorized to execute and deliver this Indenture, authenticate the Securities and perform its obligations hereunder and that the statements made by it in a Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 supplied to the Company are true and accurate, subject to the qualifications set forth therein. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Company of any Securities, or the proceeds of any Securities.
- (d) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection, 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, suffered or omitted by the Trustee hereunder in reliance thereon.
- (e) The Trustee may rely upon the certificate of the Secretary or one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Company as to the adoption of any Board Resolution or resolution of the stockholders of the Company, and any request, direction, order or demand of the Company mentioned herein shall be sufficiently evidenced by, and whenever in the administration of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, suffering or omitting any action hereunder, the Trustee may rely upon, an Officer's Certificate of the Company (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed).
- (f) Subject to Section 11.04, the Trustee or any agent of the Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and, subject to Sections 310(b) and 311 of the TIA, may otherwise deal with the Company with the same rights it would have had if it were not the Trustee or such agent.

- (g) Money held by the Trustee in trust hereunder shall remain uninvested and need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law. The Trustee shall be under no liability for interest on or investment of any money received by it hereunder except as otherwise agreed in writing with the Company.
- (h) Any action taken by the Trustee pursuant to any provision hereof at the request or with the consent of any Person who at the time is the Holder of any Security shall be conclusive and binding in respect of such Security upon all future Holders thereof or of any Security or Securities which may be issued for or in lieu thereof in whole or in part, whether or not such Security shall have noted thereon the fact that such request or consent had been made or given.
- (i) 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, consent, order, approval, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.
- (j) The Trustee shall not be under any obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request, order or direction of any of the Holders of the Securities, pursuant to any provision of this Indenture, unless one or more of the Holders of the Securities shall have offered, and if requested, provided to the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses and liabilities which may be incurred by it therein or thereby.
- (k) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it in good faith and believed by it to be authorized or within its discretion or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (l) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge or be charged with notice of any Default or Event of Default with respect to any Securities unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge by way of written notice thereof or unless the Holders of not less than 25% of the Outstanding Securities notify the Trustee thereof by a written notice to the Trustee that is received by the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office and such notice references such Securities, the Company, and this Indenture.
- (m) 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, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of Indebtedness or other paper or document; provided, however, that the Trustee may, but shall not be required to, make further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit at the expense of the Company and shall incur no liability of any kind by reason of such inquiry or investigation.
- (n) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including, without limitation, its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and to each agent, custodian and other person employed to act hereunder.

- (o) In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for special, indirect, punitive, or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit), whether or not foreseeable, and irrespective of whether the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action. The provisions of this Section 11.01(o) shall survive the termination or discharge of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.
- (p) The Trustee may request that the Company deliver an Officer's Certificate setting forth the names of individuals and/or titles of officers authorized at such time to take specified actions pursuant to this Indenture, which Officer's Certificate may be signed by any person authorized to sign an Officer's Certificate, including any person specified as so authorized in any such certificate previously delivered and not superseded.
  - (q) The permissive right of the Trustee to take or refrain from taking action hereunder shall not be construed as a duty.
- (r) The Trustee is not required to give any bond or surety with respect to the performance of its duties or the exercise of its powers under this Indenture.
- (s) The Trustee may refrain from taking any action in any jurisdiction if taking such action in that jurisdiction would, in the reasonable opinion of the Trustee based on written legal advice received from qualified legal counsel in the relevant jurisdiction, be contrary to any law of that jurisdiction or, to the extent applicable, the State of New York. Furthermore, the Trustee may refrain from taking such action if, in the reasonable opinion of the Trustee based on such legal advice, it would otherwise render the Trustee liable to any person in that jurisdiction or the State of New York and there has not been offered to the Trustee security and/or indemnity satisfactory to it against the liabilities to be incurred therein or thereby, or the Trustee would not have the legal capacity to take such action in that jurisdiction by virtue of applicable law in that jurisdiction or the State of New York or by virtue of a written order of any court or other competent authority in that jurisdiction that the Trustee does not have such legal capacity.
  - (t) The Trustee will comply with the provisions of Section 313(b)(2) of the TIA to the extent applicable.

## Section 11.02 <u>Duties of Trustee</u>.

- (a) If one or more of the Events of Default specified in Section 7.01 with respect to the Securities of any series shall have occurred, then, during the continuance thereof, the Trustee shall, with respect to such Securities, exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture, and shall 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.
- (b) Unless and until an Event of Default specified in Section 7.01 with respect to the Securities of any series shall have occurred which at the time is continuing,
  - (i) the Trustee undertakes to perform such duties and only such duties with respect to the Securities of that series as are specifically set out in this Indenture, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee, whose duties and obligations shall be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture; and

- (ii) the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, in the absence of bad faith on the part of the Trustee, upon certificates and opinions furnished to it pursuant to the express provisions of this Indenture; provided that, in the case of any such certificates or opinions which, by the provisions of this Indenture, 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 conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts, statements, opinions or conclusions stated therein).
- (c) None of the provisions of this Indenture shall be construed as relieving the Trustee from liability for its own grossly negligent action, grossly negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that, anything in this Indenture contained to the contrary notwithstanding,
  - (i) the Trustee shall not be liable to any Holder of Securities or to any other Person for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, unless it shall be proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts;
  - (ii) the Trustee shall not be liable to any Holder of Securities or to any other Person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in good faith, in accordance with the direction of Securityholders given as provided in Section 7.06, relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to it or exercising any trust or power conferred upon it by this Indenture;
  - (iii) none of the provisions of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise to incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity and/or security against such risk or liability is not assured to it; and
    - (iv) this subsection (c) shall not be construed to limit the effect of subsection (b) of this Section 11.02.
- (d) 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 11.02.

Section 11.03 Notice of Defaults. Within 90 calendar days after the occurrence thereof and if known to the Trustee, the Trustee shall give to the Holders of the Securities of a series notice of each Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series known to the Trustee, by transmitting such notice to Holders at their addresses as the same shall then appear on the Register, unless such Default shall have been cured or waived before the giving of such notice (the term "Default" being hereby defined to be the events specified in Section 7.01, which are, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, Events of Default as defined in said Section). Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, any of the Securities of such series when and as the same shall become payable, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice, if and so long as a Responsible Officer or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Securities of such series (it being understood that the Trustee does not have an affirmative duty to ascertain whether or not any such notice is in the interests of such Holders).

# Section 11.04 Eligibility; Disqualification.

- (a) The Trustee shall at all times satisfy the requirements of Section 310(a)(1), (2) and (5) of the TIA. The Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least US\$50 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition, and shall have a Corporate Trust Office. If at any time the Trustee shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 11.04, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect hereinafter specified in this Article.
- (b) The Trustee shall comply with Section 310(b) of the TIA; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from the operation of Section 310(b)(i) of the TIA any indenture or indentures under which other securities or certificates of interest or participation in other securities of the Company are Outstanding if the requirements for such exclusion set forth in Section 310(b)(i) of the TIA are met. If the Trustee has or shall acquire a conflicting interest within the meaning of Section 310(b) of the TIA, the Trustee shall either eliminate such interest or resign, to the extent and in the manner provided by, and subject to the provisions of, the Trust Indenture Act and this Indenture. If Section 310(b) of the TIA is amended any time after the date of this Indenture to change the circumstances under which a Trustee shall be deemed to have a conflicting interest with respect to the Securities of any series or to change any of the definitions in connection therewith, this Section 11.04 shall be automatically amended to incorporate such changes.

Section 11.05 Resignation and Notice; Removal. The Trustee, or any successor to it hereafter appointed, may at any time resign and be discharged of the trusts hereby created with respect to any one or more or all series of Securities by giving to the Company notice in writing. Such resignation shall take effect upon the appointment of a successor Trustee and the acceptance of such appointment by such successor Trustee. Any Trustee hereunder may be removed with respect to any series of Securities at any time by the filing with such Trustee and the delivery to the Company of an instrument or instruments in writing signed by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding, specifying such removal and the date when it shall become effective.

If at any time:

(1) the Trustee shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 310(b) of the TIA after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a *bona fide* Holder of a Security for at least six months, or

- (2) the Trustee shall cease to be eligible under Section 11.04 and shall fail to resign after written request therefor by the Company or by any Holder who has been a *bona fide* Holder of a Security for at least six months, or
- (3) the Trustee shall become incapable of acting or shall be adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent or a receiver 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, (i) the Company by written notice to the Trustee may remove the Trustee and appoint a successor Trustee with respect to all Securities, or (ii) subject to Section 315(e) of the TIA, any Securityholder who has been a *bona fide* Holder of a Security for at least six months may, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated, petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee with respect to all Securities and the appointment of a successor Trustee or Trustees.

Upon its resignation or removal, any Trustee shall be entitled to the payment of reasonable compensation for the services rendered hereunder by such Trustee and to the payment of all reasonable expenses incurred hereunder and all moneys then due to it hereunder. The Trustee's rights to indemnification and its lien provided in Section 11.01(a) shall survive its resignation or removal, the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture and the termination of this Indenture for any reason.

## Section 11.06 Successor Trustee by Appointment.

In case at any time the Trustee shall resign, or shall be removed (unless the Trustee shall be removed as provided for in Section 11.04(b), in which event the vacancy shall be filled as provided for in Section 11.04(b)), or shall become incapable of acting, or shall be adjudged bankrupt or insolvent, or if a receiver of the Trustee or of its property shall be appointed, or if 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 with respect to the Securities of one or more series, a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series (it being understood that any such successor Trustee may be appointed with respect to the Securities of one or more or all of such series and that at any time there shall be only one Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series) may be appointed by the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that or those series then Outstanding, by an instrument or instruments in writing signed in duplicate by such Holders and filed, one original thereof with the Company and the other with the successor Trustee; provided that, until a successor Trustee shall have been so appointed by the Holders of Securities of that or those series as herein authorized, the Company, or, in case all or substantially all the assets of the Company shall be in the possession of one or more custodians or receivers lawfully appointed, or of trustees in bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings (including a trustee or trustees appointed under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code), or of assignees for the benefit of creditors, such receivers, custodians, trustees or assignees, as the case may be, by an instrument in writing, shall appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series. Subject to the provisions of Sections 11.04 and 11.05, upon the appointment as above provided of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series, the Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series shall cease to be Trustee hereunder. After any such appointment other than by the Holders of Securities of that or those series, the Person making such appointment shall forthwith cause notice thereof to be mailed to the Holders of Securities of such series at their addresses as the same shall then appear on the Register but any successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series so appointed shall, immediately and without further act, be superseded by a successor Trustee appointed by the Holders of Securities of such series in the manner above prescribed, if such appointment be made prior to the expiration of one year from the date of the mailing of such notice by the Company, or by such receivers, trustees or assignees.

- (b) If any Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall resign or be removed and a successor Trustee shall not have been appointed by the Company or by the Holders of the Securities of such series or, if any successor Trustee so appointed shall not have accepted its appointment within 30 calendar days after such appointment shall have been made, the resigning Trustee may, on behalf of and at the expense of the Company may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee. If in any other case a successor Trustee shall not be appointed pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 11.06 within three months after such appointment might have been made hereunder, the Holder of any Security of the applicable series or any retiring Trustee at the expense of the Company may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Trustee. Such court may thereupon, in any such case, after such notice, if any, as such court may deem proper and prescribe, appoint a successor Trustee.
- Any successor Trustee appointed hereunder with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to its predecessor Trustee and to the Company, or to the receivers, trustees, assignees or court appointing it, as the case may be, an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the authority, rights, powers, trusts, immunities, duties and obligations with respect to such series of such predecessor Trustee with like effect as if originally named as Trustee hereunder, and such predecessor Trustee, upon payment of its charges and disbursements then unpaid, shall thereupon become obligated to pay over, and such successor Trustee shall be entitled to receive, all moneys and properties held by such predecessor Trustee as Trustee hereunder, subject nevertheless to its lien provided for in Section 11.01(a). Nevertheless, on the written request of the Company or of the successor Trustee or of the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding, such predecessor Trustee, upon payment of its said charges and disbursements, shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Trustee upon the trusts herein expressed all the rights, powers and trusts of such predecessor Trustee and shall assign, transfer and deliver to the successor Trustee all moneys and properties held by such predecessor Trustee, subject nevertheless to its lien provided for in Section 11.01(a); and, upon request of any such successor Trustee and the Company shall make, execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all instruments in writing for more fully and effectually vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such authority, rights, powers, trusts, immunities, duties and obligations.

Section 11.07 Successor Trustee by Merger. Any Person into which the Trustee or any successor to it in the trusts created by this Indenture shall be merged or converted, or any Person with which it or any successor to it shall be consolidated, or any Person resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee or any such successor to it shall be a party, or any Person to which the Trustee or any successor to it shall sell or otherwise transfer all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor Trustee under this Indenture without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto; provided that such Person shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article. In case at the time such successor to the Trustee shall succeed to the trusts created by this Indenture with respect to one or more series of Securities, any of such Securities shall have been authenticated but not delivered by the Trustee then in office, any successor to such Trustee may adopt the certificate of authentication of any predecessor Trustee, and deliver such Securities of authenticated; and in case at that time any of the Securities shall not have been authenticated, any successor to such Trustee may authenticate such Securities either in the name of any predecessor Trustee hereunder or in the name of the successor Trustee; and in all such cases such certificates shall have the full force which it is anywhere in the Securities or in this Indenture provided that the certificate of the Trustee shall have; provided, however, that the right to adopt the certificate of authentication or any predecessor Trustee or authenticate Securities in the name of any predecessor Trustee shall apply only to its successor or successors by merger, conversion or consolidation.

Section 11.08 <u>Right to Rely on Opinion of Counsel and/or Officer's Certificate</u>. Whenever in the administration of the provisions of this Indenture the Trustee shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking or suffering any action hereunder, such matter (unless other evidence in respect thereof be herein specifically prescribed) may, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee, be deemed to be conclusively proved and established by an Opinion of Counsel and/or Officer's Certificate with respect thereto delivered to the Trustee, and such Opinion of Counsel and/or Officer's Certificate, in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the Trustee, shall be full warrant to the Trustee for any action taken, suffered or omitted by it under the provisions of this Indenture upon the faith thereof.

Section 11.09 Appointment of Authenticating Agent. The Trustee may appoint an agent (the "Authenticating Agent") reasonably acceptable to the Company to authenticate the Securities, and the Trustee shall give written notice of such appointment to all Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent shall serve. Unless limited by the terms of such appointment, any such Authenticating Agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by the Authenticating Agent. Securities so authenticated shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture and shall be valid and obligatory for all purposes as if authenticated by the Trustee hereunder.

Each Authenticating Agent shall at all times be a corporation or national association organized and doing business and in good standing under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia, authorized under such laws to act as Authenticating Agent, having a combined capital and surplus of not less than US\$50 million and subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authority. If such corporation publishes reports of condition at least annually, pursuant to law or to the requirements of said supervising or examining authority, then for the purposes of this Article XI, the combined capital and surplus of such corporation shall be deemed to be its combined capital and surplus as set forth in its most recent report of condition so published. If at any time an Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Article XI, it shall resign immediately in the manner and with the effect specified in this Article XI.

Any Person into which an Authenticating 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 such Authenticating Agent shall be a party, or any Person succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate agency or corporate trust business of an Authenticating Agent, shall continue to be an Authenticating Agent, provided such Person shall be otherwise eligible under this Article XI, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of the Trustee or the Authenticating Agent.

An Authenticating Agent may resign at any time by giving written notice thereof to the Trustee and to the Company. The Trustee may at any time terminate the agency of an Authenticating Agent by giving written notice thereof to such Authenticating Agent and to the Company. Upon receiving such a notice of resignation or upon such a termination, or in case at any time such Authenticating Agent shall cease to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of this Section 11.09, the Trustee may appoint a successor Authenticating Agent which shall be acceptable to the Company and shall give written notice of such appointment to all Holders of Securities of the series with respect to which such Authenticating Agent shall serve. Any successor Authenticating Agent upon acceptance of its appointment hereunder shall become vested with all the rights, powers and duties of its predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as an Authenticating Agent. No successor Authenticating Agent shall be appointed unless eligible under the provisions of this Section 11.09.

The Company agrees to pay to each Authenticating Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for its services under this Section 11.09.

Section 11.10 <u>Communications by Securityholders with Other Securityholders</u>. Holders of Securities may communicate pursuant to Section 312(b) of the TIA with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of Section 312(c) of the TIA with respect to such communications.

Section 11.11 <u>Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.</u> The Trustee is subject to TIA §311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA §311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA §311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

## **ARTICLE XII**

# **SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE**

Section 12.01 <u>Applicability of Article</u>. If, pursuant to Section 3.01, provision is made for the defeasance of Securities of a series and if the Securities of such series are denominated and payable only in U.S. Dollars (except as provided pursuant to Section 3.01), then the provisions of this Article shall be applicable except as otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01 for Securities of such series.

Section 12.02 <u>Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture</u>. This Indenture, with respect to the Securities of any series (if all series issued under this Indenture are not to be affected), shall, upon Company Order, cease to be of further effect (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of such Securities herein expressly provided for, rights to receive payments of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on, such Securities and certain rights of the Trustee) and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute such instruments reasonably requested by the Company acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when,

- (a) either:
- (i) all Securities of such series theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than (A) Securities that have been destroyed, lost or stolen and that have been replaced or paid as provided in Section 3.07 and (B) Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust as provided in Section 6.03) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
  - (ii) all Securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation,
    - (A) have become due and payable, or
    - (B) shall become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, or
  - (C) are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Company,

and in the case of (A), (B) or (C) above, the Company has deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee or Paying Agent as trust funds in trust for the purpose an amount in the Currency in which such Securities are denominated (except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 3.01) sufficient to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on such Securities for principal and premium, if any, and interest to the date of such deposit (in the case of Securities that have become due and payable) or to the Stated Maturity or Redemption Date, as the case may be; provided, however, in the event a petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable state bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law, is filed with respect to the Company within 91 days after the deposit and the Trustee is required to return the moneys then on deposit with the Trustee to the Company, the obligations of the Company under this Indenture with respect to such Securities shall not be deemed terminated or discharged;

(b) the Company has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable hereunder by the Company; and

- (c) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to such series have been complied with. Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, the obligations of the Company to the Trustee under Section 11.01 and, if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (a)(i) of this Section 12.02, the obligations of the Trustee under Section 12.07 and Section 6.03(d) shall survive such satisfaction and discharge.
- Section 12.03 <u>Defeasance upon Deposit of Moneys or Government Obligations</u>. At the Company's option, either (a) the Company shall be deemed to have been Discharged from its obligations with respect to Securities of any series on the first day after the applicable conditions set forth below have been satisfied or (b) the Company shall cease to be under any obligation to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Sections 6.04, 6.08, 6.09 and 6.10 with respect to Securities of any series (and, if so specified pursuant to Section 3.01, any other restrictive covenant added for the benefit of such series pursuant to Section 3.01) at any time after the applicable conditions set forth below have been satisfied:
- (a) The Company shall have deposited or caused to be deposited irrevocably with the Trustee as trust funds in trust, specifically pledged as security for, and dedicated solely to, the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series (i) money in an amount, or (ii) Government Obligations that through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms shall provide, not later than one day before the due date of any payment, money in an amount, or (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii), sufficient to pay and discharge each installment of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the Outstanding Securities of such series on the dates such installments of interest or principal and premium are due;
- (b) No Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit, other than an Event of Default (if any) resulting from the borrowing of funds and the grant or related liens to be applied to such deposit;
- (c) The Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel (subject to customary assumptions and exclusions) to the effect that Holders of the Securities of such series shall not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the Company's exercise of its option under this Section 12.03 and shall be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such action had not been exercised and, in the case of the Securities of such series being Discharged, must confirm that either (i) the Company has received a ruling to that effect from or published by the Internal Revenue Service or (ii) since the date of the Indenture there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law; and
- (d) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that all conditions precedent herein provided for relating to the Discharge of defeasance with respect to such series have been complied with.

"<u>Discharged</u>" means that the Company shall be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by, and obligations under, the Securities of such series and to have satisfied all the obligations under this Indenture relating to the Securities of such series (and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute such instruments reasonably requested by the Trustee acknowledging the same), except (A) the rights of Holders of Securities of such series to receive, from the trust fund described in clause (a) above, payment of the principal of, and premium, if any, or interest on, such Securities when such payments are due, (B) the Company's obligations with respect to Securities of such series under Sections 3.04, 3.06, 3.07, 6.02, 6.03, 12.06 and 12.07 and (C) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Company's obligations with respect thereto.

Section 12.04 <u>Repayment to Company</u>. The Trustee and any Paying Agent shall promptly pay to the Company (or to its designee) upon Company Order any excess moneys or Government Obligations held by them at any time, including any such moneys or Government Obligations held by the Trustee. The provisions of Section 6.03(d) shall apply to any moneys or Government Obligations held by the Trustee or any Paying Agent under this Article that remains unclaimed for two years after the Maturity of any series of Securities for which moneys or Government Obligations have been deposited pursuant to Section 12.03.

Section 12.05 <u>Indemnity for Government Obligations</u>. The Company shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the deposited Government Obligations or the principal or interest received on such Government Obligations.

Section 12.06 [Reserved].

Section 12.07 <u>Application of Trust Money.</u>

- (a) Neither the Trustee nor any other paying agent shall be required to pay interest on any moneys deposited pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture, except such as it shall agree with the Company in writing to pay thereon. Any moneys so deposited for the payment of the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the Securities of any series and remaining unclaimed for two years after the date of the Maturity of the Securities of such series or the date fixed for the redemption of all the Securities of such series at the time Outstanding, as the case may be, shall be repaid by the Trustee or such other paying agent to the Company upon its written request and thereafter, anything in this Indenture to the contrary notwithstanding, any rights of the Holders of Securities of such series in respect of which such moneys shall have been deposited shall be enforceable only against the Company, and all liability of the Trustee or such other paying agent with respect to such moneys shall thereafter cease.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of clause (a) above, any moneys or Government Obligations which at any time shall be deposited by the Company or on its behalf with the Trustee or any other paying agent for the purpose of paying the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, any of the Securities shall be and are hereby assigned, transferred and set over to the Trustee or such other paying agent in trust for the respective Holders of the Securities for the purpose for which such moneys or Government Obligations shall have been deposited; provided that such moneys or Government Obligations need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

Section 12.08 <u>Deposits of Non-U.S. Currencies</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article, if the Securities of any series are payable in a Currency other than U.S. Dollars, the Currency or the nature of the government obligations to be deposited with the Trustee under the foregoing provisions of this Article shall be as set forth in the Officer's Certificate or established in the supplemental indenture under which the Securities of such series are issued.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### **IMMUNITY OF CERTAIN PERSONS**

Section 13.01 No Personal Liability. No past, present or future director, officer, employee, incorporator or stockholder of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities, this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of Securities by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Securities. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Section 14.01 <u>Without Consent of Securityholders</u>. Except as otherwise provided as contemplated by Section 3.01 with respect to any series of Securities, the Company and the Trustee, at any time and from time to time, may enter into one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in form satisfactory to the Trustee, for any one or more of or all the following purposes:

- (a) cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) conform the text of this Indenture or the Securities to any provision under the heading "Description of Debt Securities," or similar heading, in the offering memorandum, prospectus or similar document in respect of the Securities;
- (c) add further covenants, restrictions, conditions or provisions relating to the Company for the protection of the Holders and Events of Default for the benefit of Holders or to surrender any right or power conferred upon the Company;
- (d) establish the form and terms of Securities of any series as permitted under <u>Section 3.01</u>, or provide for the issuance of additional Securities, and provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities; provided that, the uncertificated Securities are issued in registered form for purposes of Section 163(f) of the US Internal Revenue Code;
- (e) provide for the assumption of our obligations in the case of a merger or consolidation and our discharge upon such assumption, provided that the provisions described under the Section 6.04 are complied with;

- (f) add covenants or make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of the Securities;
- (g) add guarantees or co-obligors with respect to the Securities;
- (h) secure the Securities including to add collateral and matters related thereto including entering into intercreditor arrangements, in each case when permitted or required under the Indenture and the Securities, and to release and discharge any lien when permitted or required under the Indenture and the Securities;
  - (i) add or appoint a successor or separate trustee (including to effect any changes pursuant to Sections 11.05, 11.06 or 11.07);
  - (j) make any change that does not adversely affect in any material respect the interests of any Holder;
- (k) modify or amend any of the provisions of the Indenture relating to the transfer and legending of Securities; provided that (a) compliance with the Indenture as so amended would not result in Securities being transferred in violation of the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law and (b) such amendment does not adversely affect the rights of Holders to transfer Securities; or
  - (l) obtain or maintain the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

Subject to Section 14.02, upon the written request of the Company and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Sections 14.06 and 16.01 hereof, the Trustee will join with the Company in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture or other amendment unless such amended or supplemental indenture or other amendment affects the Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture or other amendment.

Trustee is authorized to join with the Company in the execution of any such supplemental indenture, to make the further agreements and stipulations which may be therein contained and to accept the conveyance, transfer, assignment, mortgage or pledge of any property or assets thereunder.

Any supplemental indenture authorized by the provisions of this <u>Section 14.01</u> may be executed by the Company and the Trustee without the consent of the Holders of any of the Securities at the time Outstanding, notwithstanding any of the provisions of <u>Section 14.02</u>.

Section 14.02 With Consent of Securityholders; Limitations. With the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Outstanding Securities affected by such supplemental indenture voting separately, the Company and the Trustee may, from time to time and at any time, amend or supplement this Indenture and the Securities for the purpose of adding any provisions hereto or thereto, changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders (including consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Securities) and any existing Default, Event of Default or compliance with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities may be waived with the consent of the Holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities (including consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Securities); provided that (x) if any such amendment or waiver will only affect one series of Securities (or less than all series of Securities) then Outstanding under this Indenture, then only the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding (including consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Securities) shall be required and (y) if any such amendment or waiver by its terms will affect a series of Securities in a manner that is different from and materially adverse relative to the manner in which such amendment or waiver affects other series of Securities, then the consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Securities of such series then Outstanding (including consents obtained before or after a Change of Control or in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Securities) shall be required; provided, however, without the consent of each Holder of Outstanding Securities of each such series of Securities issued under this Indenture that is affected thereby (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Securities held by Affiliates), an amendment, supplement or waiver may not, with respect to any Securities issued under this Indenture and held by a non-consenting affected Holder:

- (a) reduce the principal amount of such Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment or for any waiver of compliance with, or Defaults under, this Indenture and consequences of such defaults;
- (b) reduce the interest rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Security (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to any redemption);
  - (c) reduce the principal of or change the Stated Maturity of any Security;
- (d) waive a Default or Event of Default with respect to the nonpayment of principal, premium or interest (except pursuant to a rescission of acceleration of the Securities by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Securities outstanding and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (e) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption or repurchase of any Security or change the time at which any Security may be redeemed or repurchased, in each case as set forth in the applicable supplemental indenture and in Section 4.03 hereof (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to such redemption);
- (f) change the currency in which the principal amount of, and premium, if any, or interest on, any outstanding Security is denominated or payable;
  - (g) impair the right of any Holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's Securities;

- (h) reduce the percentage of the Holders of Outstanding Securities of a series necessary to modify or amend this Indenture or to waive compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture; or
- (i) modify any of the amendment and waiver provisions or any provisions of Section 6.06 or Section 14.02 relating to the waiver of past Defaults or the rights of Holders to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, the Securities, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to provide that certain other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities affected thereby.

A Security does not cease to be Outstanding because the Company or any Affiliate of the Company holds the Security; <u>provided</u> that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite majority of Outstanding Securities of a series have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver under this Indenture with respect to any series of Securities, Securities of such series owned by the Company or any Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding if such ownership is known by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee (unless the Company or such Affiliate owns all of the Securities of such series).

The consent of the Holders is not necessary under this Indenture to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment. It is sufficient if such consent approves the substance of the proposed amendment. After an amendment, supplement or waiver under the Indenture becomes effective, the Company is required to mail to Holders a notice briefly describing such amendment, supplement or waiver. However, the failure to give such notice to all Holders, or any defect therein, shall not impair or affect the validity of the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 14.03 Effect of Execution of Supplemental Indenture. Upon the execution of any supplemental indenture pursuant to the provisions of this Article XIV, this Indenture shall be deemed to be modified and amended in accordance therewith and, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, the respective rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities under this Indenture of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of all of the Securities or of the Securities of any series affected, as the case may be, shall thereafter be determined, exercised and enforced hereunder subject in all respects to such modifications and amendments, and all the terms and conditions of any such supplemental indenture shall be and be deemed to be part of the terms and conditions of this Indenture for any and all purposes.

Section 14.04 Revocation and Effect of Consent and Waivers. Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Security and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent, supplement or waiver is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder of a Security or subsequent Holder of a Security may revoke the consent, supplement or waiver as to such Holder's Security or portion of its Security if the Trustee receives written notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms and thereafter binds every Holder. The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to give their consent or take any other action described in this Section 14.04 or required or permitted to be taken pursuant to this Indenture. If a record date is fixed, then notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, those Persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those Persons, shall be entitled to give such consent or to revoke any consent previously given or to take any such action, whether or not such Persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date.

Section 14.05 <u>Notation on or Exchange of Securities</u>. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Security thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for all Securities may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of a Company Order, authenticate new Securities that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Security will not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

Section 14.06 <u>Trustee to Sign Amendments</u>. The Trustee shall sign any amended or supplemental indenture authorized pursuant to this Article XIV if the amendment or supplement does not adversely affect the rights, duties, liabilities or immunities of the Trustee. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to receive and (subject to Sections 11.01 and 11.02 hereof) shall be fully protected in conclusively relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 16.01 hereof, an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture and is valid, binding and enforceable against the Company or any guarantor, as the case may be, in accordance with its terms.

ARTICLE XV

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ARTICLE XVI

#### **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 16.01 Certificates and Opinions as to Conditions Precedent.

(a) Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under any of the provisions of this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with and an Opinion of Counsel stating that in the opinion of such counsel all such conditions precedent have been complied with, except that in the case of any such application or demand as to which the furnishing of such document is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular application or request, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished.

- (b) Each certificate or opinion provided for in this Indenture and delivered to the Trustee with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than the certificates provided pursuant to Section 6.05 of this Indenture) must comply with the provisions of Section 314(e) of the TIA and shall include (i) a statement that the Person giving such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition; (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based; (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such Person to express an informed view or opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.
- Any certificate, statement or opinion of an officer of the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to legal matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, counsel, unless such officer knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the matters upon which his, her or their certificate, statement or opinion is based are erroneous. Any certificate, statement or opinion of counsel may be based, insofar as it relates to factual matters, upon a certificate, statement or opinion of, or representations by, an officer or officers of the Company stating that the information with respect to such factual matters is in the possession of the Company, unless such counsel knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate, statement or opinion or representations with respect to such matters are erroneous.
- (d) Any certificate, statement or opinion of an officer of the Company or of counsel to the Company may be based, insofar as it relates to accounting matters, upon a certificate or opinion of, or representations by, an accountant or firm of accountants, unless such officer or counsel, as the case may be, knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know, that the certificate or opinion or representations with respect to the accounting matters upon which his, her or their certificate, statement or opinion may be based are erroneous. Any certificate or opinion of any firm of independent registered public accountants filed with the Trustee shall contain a statement that such firm is independent.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.

Section 16.02 <u>Trust Indenture Act Controls</u>. If and to the extent that any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by, or with a provision included in this Indenture which is required to be included in this Indenture by any of the provisions of Sections 310 to 318, inclusive, of, the TIA, such imposed duties or incorporated provision shall control.

Section 16.03 Notices to the Company and Trustee. Any notice or demand authorized or permitted by this Indenture to be made upon, given or furnished to, or filed with, the Company or the Trustee shall be sufficiently made, given, furnished or filed for all purposes if it shall be in writing and delivered in person, via facsimile, via electronic mail, via regular mail or via overnight courier and addressed to:

- (a) the Company, at 201 E. 4th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, Attention: Treasurer, E-mail: david.wiedwald@concentrix.com, Facsimile: (513) 723-7734, with a copy to the Corporate Secretary, or at such other address or facsimile number as may have been furnished in writing to the Trustee by the Company.
- (b) the Trustee, at U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, One California Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, California 94111, Attention: D. Jason (Concentrix), E-mail: david.jason@usbank.com.

Any such notice, demand or other document shall be in the English language. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, no such notice or demand shall be effective as to the Trustee unless it is actually received by the Trustee at its Corporate Trust Office.

The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Section 16.04 <u>Notices to Securityholders; Waiver</u>. Any notice required or permitted to be given to Securityholders shall be sufficiently given (unless otherwise herein expressly provided), if to Holders, if given in writing and delivered in person, via facsimile, via electronic mail or via first class mail, postage prepaid, to such Holders at their addresses as the same shall appear on the Register.

- (a) In the event of suspension of regular mail service or by reason of any other cause it shall be impracticable to give notice by mail, then such notification as shall be given with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute sufficient notice for every purpose hereunder.
- (b) Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the 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 on such waiver. In any case where notice to Holders is given by mail, neither the failure to mail such notice nor any defect in any notice so mailed to any particular Holder shall affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice that is delivered in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given. In any case where notice to Holders is given by publication, any defect in any notice so published as to any particular Holder shall not affect the sufficiency of such notice with respect to other Holders, and any notice that is published in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or any Note, where this Indenture or any Note provides for notice of any event (including any notice of redemption or purchase) to a holder of a Global Security (whether by mail or otherwise), such notice shall be sufficiently given if given to the Depositary for such Note (or its designee) pursuant to the standing instructions from such Depositary.

Section 16.05 <u>Legal Holiday</u>. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 3.01, in any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Maturity of any Security of any series shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment for the Securities of that series, then payment of principal and premium, if any, or interest need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Maturity and no interest shall accrue on such payment for the period from and after such Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or Maturity, as the case may be, to such Business Day if such payment is made or duly provided for on such Business Day.

Section 16.06 Effects of Headings and Table of Contents. The Article and Section headings herein and the Table of Contents are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 16.07 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. All covenants and agreements in this Indenture by the parties hereto shall bind their respective successors and assigns and inure to the benefit of their permitted successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 16.08 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision hereof shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable under applicable law, then the remaining provisions hereof shall be construed as though such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision were not contained herein.

Section 16.09 <u>Benefits of Indenture</u>. Nothing in this Indenture expressed and nothing that may be implied from any of the provisions hereof is intended, or shall be construed, to confer upon, or to give to, any Person other than the parties hereto and their successors and the Holders of the Securities any benefit or any right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Indenture or any covenant, condition, stipulation, promise or agreement hereof, and all covenants, conditions, stipulations, promises and agreements in this Indenture contained shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and of the Holders of the Securities.

Section 16.10 <u>Counterparts; Electronic Signatures</u>. This Indenture may be executed several counterparts which may be delivered in original form, facsimile, electronic mail (including any electronic signature covered by the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act of 2000, Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, the Electronic Signatures and Records Act or other applicable law (e.g., via DocuSign, AdobeSign or other electronic signature provider specified in writing by the Company to the Trustee) or other electronic transmission (i.e., a "pdf" or "tif")), each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same instrument. The Company agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of using digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

Section 16.11 Governing Law; Waiver of Trial by Jury. This Indenture and the Securities shall be deemed to be contracts made under the law of the State of New York, and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of said State (without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof).

EACH PARTY HERETO, AND EACH HOLDER OF A SECURITY BY ACCEPTANCE THEREOF, HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INDENTURE.

Section 16.12 Force Majeure. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, epidemics or pandemics, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes or acts of God, and interruptions, loss or malfunctions of utilities, communications, wire or computer (software and hardware) services; it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable efforts which are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 16.13 <u>U.S.A. Patriot Act</u>. The parties hereto acknowledge that in accordance with Section 326 of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, the Trustee, like all financial institutions and 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 Trustee. The parties to this Indenture agree that they will provide the Trustee with such information as it may request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

Section 16.14 <u>Trust Indenture Act Controls</u>. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 318(c) of the TIA, the imposed duties will control. Except as permitted by Section 3.01, if and to the extent that any provision of the Securities limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision of this Indenture, such provision of this Indenture shall control.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the date first written above.

CONCENTRIX CORPORATION,
as Issuer

By:
Name:
Title:

[Signature Page to Indenture]

| By:                           |  |
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| Name:                         |  |
| Title:                        |  |
| [Signature Page to Indenture] |  |

as Trustee

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

FORM OF SECURITY

FACE OF NOTE

[Insert applicable legends.]

#### CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

% Note Due

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$ CUSIP: No.:

CONCENTRIX CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the "Company", which term includes any successor thereto under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof), for value received, hereby promises to pay to , or registered assigns, at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, which shall initially be the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, the principal sum of dollars (or such other principal amount as shall be set forth in the Schedule of Increases or Decreases in Note attached hereto) on , in the coin or currency of the United States, and to pay interest, semi-annually on of each year, beginning on , on said principal sum at said and , as the case may office or agency, in like coin or currency, at the rate per annum specified in the title of this Note, from the or the be, next preceding the date of this Note to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, unless the date hereof is a date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for, in which case from the date of this Note, or unless no interest has been paid or duly provided for on this Note, in which case from , until payment of said principal sum has been made or duly provided for; provided that payment of interest may be made at the option of the Company by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear on the Register or by wire transfer as provided in the Indenture. The interest so payable on any shall, subject to certain exceptions provided in the Indenture referred to on the or reverse hereof, be paid to the person in whose name this Note is registered at the close of business on the or the , as the case may be, next preceding such , whether or not such day is a Business Day.

Reference is made to the further provisions of this Note set forth on the reverse hereof. Such further provisions shall for all purposes have the same effect as though fully set forth at this place.

This Note shall not be valid or become obligatory for any purpose until the certificate of authentication hereon shall have been manually signed by the Trustee under the Indenture referred to on the reverse hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CONCENTRIX CORPORATION has caused this Note to be duly executed.

## CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

| By:  |       |
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| Name:  |       |
| Title:   |       |
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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

| Date of authentication: |   |
|-------------------------|---|
|                         | U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee |
|                         | $D_{xy}$  |

Authorized Signatory

[Signature Page to Global Note (20[ullet] Notes) ([ullet])]

#### REVERSE OF NOTE

#### CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

% Note Due

This Note is one of a duly authorized issue of securities of the Company (hereinafter called the "Securities") of the series hereinafter specified, all issued or to be issued under and pursuant to an Indenture, dated as of [•] (the "Base Indenture"), duly executed and delivered by the Company to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee (the "Trustee," which term includes any successor trustee), as amended and supplemented, including , 20 (the Base Indenture as so amended and supplemented, the "Indenture"), by and Supplemental Indenture, dated as of among the Company and the Trustee, to which the Indenture reference is hereby made for a description of the rights, limitations of rights, obligations, duties and immunities thereunder of the Trustee, the Company and the Holders of the Securities. The Securities may be issued in one or more series, which different series may be issued in various aggregate principal amounts, may mature at different times, may bear interest (if any) at different rates, may be subject to different redemption provisions (if any), may be subject to different sinking, purchase or analogous funds (if any) and may otherwise vary as in the Indenture provided. This Note is one of a series designated as the % Notes Due of the Company, in an original aggregate principal ; provided, however, that the Company, without notice to or consent of the Holders, may issue additional Securities of this series and thereby increase such principal amount in the future, on the same terms and conditions (except for issue date, issue price and, if applicable, the date from which interest accrues and the first Interest Payment Date). Any additional Securities shall be issued under a separate CUSIP number unless: (i) the additional notes and the outstanding notes of the original series are treated as part of the same "issue" of debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (ii) such additional notes have no more than a de minimis amount of original issue discount for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (iii) such issuance would constitute a "qualified reopening" for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Company shall pay interest on overdue principal, premium, if any, and, to the extent lawful, on overdue installments of interest at the rate per annum borne by this Note. If a payment date is not a Business Day as defined in the Indenture at a Place of Payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

In case an Event of Default (as defined in the Indenture) with respect to the % Notes Due shall have occurred and be continuing, the principal hereof and the interest accrued hereon, if any, may be declared, and upon such declaration shall become, due and payable, in the manner, with the effect and subject to the conditions provided in the Indenture.

The Indenture contains provisions that provide that the Company and the Trustee may enter into an indenture or indentures supplemental thereto for the purpose of amending any provisions of the Indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders of the Securities to be affected with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the Outstanding Securities affected by such amendment voting separately; provided that, without the consent of each Holder of the Securities of each series affected thereby, an amendment may not: (a) reduce the principal amount of such Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment or for any waiver of compliance with or Defaults under, the Indenture and consequences of such defaults; (b) reduce the interest rate of or extend the time for payment of interest on any Security (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to any redemption); (c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Security; (d) waive a Default or Event of Default with respect to the nonpayment of principal, premium or interest (except pursuant to a rescission of acceleration of the Securities by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of such Securities outstanding and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration); (e) reduce the premium payable upon the redemption or repurchase of any Security or change the time at which any Security may be redeemed or repurchased, in each case as set forth in the applicable supplemental indenture and in Section 4.03 of the Base Indenture (other than any change to the notice periods with respect to such redemption); (f) change the currency in which the principal amount of, and premium, if any, or interest on, any outstanding Security is denominated or payable; (g) impair the right of any Holder to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or with respect to such Holder's Securities; (h) reduce the percentage of the Holders of Outstanding Securities of a series necessary to modify or amend the Indenture or to waive compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture; or (i) modify any of the amendment and waiver provisions or any provisions of Section 6.06 or Section 14.02 of the Base Indenture relating to the waiver of past Defaults or the rights of Holders to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, the Securities, except to increase the required percentage to effect such action or to provide that certain other provisions may not be modified or waived without the consent of all of the Holders of the Securities affected thereby.

It is also provided in the Indenture that, subject to certain conditions and exceptions, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of a series of Securities at the time Outstanding may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Securities of such series waive any past Default or Event of Default hereunder and its consequences except a Default in the payment of interest or any premium on, or the principal of, the Securities of such series or a Default in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of such series. Upon any such waiver, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders of the Securities of such series shall be restored to their former positions and rights under the Indenture, respectively; <u>provided</u> that no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

No reference herein to the Indenture and no provision of this Note or of the Indenture shall alter or impair the obligation of the Company, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest on this Note in the manner, at the place, at the respective times, at the rate and in the coin or currency herein prescribed.

The Notes will be issued initially in fully registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$2,000 and multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof, and are transferable and exchangeable at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, which shall initially be the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and in the manner and subject to the limitations provided in the Indenture.

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Upon due presentment for registration of transfer of this Note at the office or agency of the Company maintained for such purpose, which shall initially be the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations for an equal aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor, subject to the limitations provided in the Indenture, without charge except for any tax or other governmental charge imposed in connection therewith.

[This Note shall not be redeemable at the option of the Company prior to maturity.] [This Note is redeemable prior to maturity.]

The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may deem and treat the registered Holder hereof as the absolute owner of this Note (whether or not this Note shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notation of ownership or other writing hereon), for the purpose of receiving payment of, or on account of, the principal hereof and, subject to the provisions hereof, interest hereon, and for all other purposes, and neither the Company nor the Trustee nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

No recourse under or upon any obligation, covenant or agreement contained in the Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto or in any Note, or because of any Indebtedness evidenced thereby, shall be had against any incorporator as such, or against any past, present or future stockholder, officer or director, as such, of the Company or of any successor, either directly or through the Company or any successor, under any rule of law, statute or constitutional provision or by the enforcement of any assessment or by any penalty or otherwise, all such liability being expressly waived and released by the acceptance hereof and as part of the consideration for the issue hereof.

Terms used herein that are defined in the Indenture shall have the respective meanings assigned thereto in the Indenture. Except as permitted by Section 3.01 of the Base Indenture, if and to the extent that any provision of this Note limits, qualifies or conflicts with a provision of the Indenture, such provision of the Indenture shall control.

The laws of the State of New York (without regard to conflicts of laws principles thereof) shall govern this Note.

#### ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) unto

NOTICE: The signature to this assignment must correspond with the name as written upon the face of the within Note in every particular without alteration or enlargement or any change whatsoever.

## SIGNATURE GUARANTEE

[Signatures must be guaranteed by an "eligible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be determined by the Registrar in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.]

## SCHEDULE OF INCREASES OR DECREASES IN NOTE\*

 $\label{thm:continuity} The \ initial \ principal \ amount \ of \ this \ Note \ is \ \$ \qquad \quad . \ The \ following \ increases \ or \ decreases \ in \ a \ part \ of \ this \ Note \ have \ been \ made:$ 

| Date                      | Amount of decrease in principal amount of this | Amount of increase in principal amount of this Note | Principal<br>amount of this<br>Note following<br>such decrease<br>(or increase) | Signature of<br>authorized<br>signatory of<br>Trustee |
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| * Insert in Global Notes. |  |   |   |   |

## OPTION OF HOLDER TO ELECT PURCHASE

| If you want to elect to have this Note pur                       | rchased by the Company pursuant to Section 6.08 of the Indenture, check the box:   |
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| If you want to elect to have only part of t principal amount: \$ | this Note purchased by the Company pursuant to Section 6.08 of the Indenture, state the amount in  |
| Dated:   | Your<br>Signature:   |
|  | (Sign exactly as your name appears on the other side of this Note.)  |
| Signature  |  |
| Guarantee:   |  |
| (Signature must be guaranteed)                                   |  |
| membership or participation in the Securities Tr                 | religible guarantor institution" meeting the requirements of the Registrar, which requirements include ransfer Agents Medallion Program ("STAMP") or such other "signature guarantee program" as may be a substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. |
|  | Exhibit A-11   |

#### FORM OF COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

This Compliance Certificate is delivered pursuant to Section 6.05 of the Indenture, dated as of [●], as amended, supplemented or modified from time to time (the "**Indenture**"), between Concentrix Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the "**Trustee**"). Capitalized terms defined in the Indenture are used herein as therein defined.

The undersigned (in his, her or their official capacity and not personal capacity) hereby certifies to the Trustee as follows:

- 1. I am the duly elected, qualified and acting [title] or [title], as the case may be, of the Company.
- 2. I have reviewed and am familiar with the contents of this Compliance Certificate.
- 3. I have reviewed the terms of the Indenture.
- 4. A review has been conducted of the activities of the Company's performance under the Indenture, in each case since [the Issue Date/date of last Compliance Certificate], and since [the Issue Date/date of last Compliance Certificate] the Company has been in compliance with all conditions and covenants under the Indenture]/[if there has been a Default in the fulfillment of any obligation under the Indenture, specify each such Default and the nature and status thereof.]

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Compliance Certificate as of the date set forth below.

## CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

| By:              |  |  |
|------------------|--|--|
| Name:            |  |  |
| Title:           |  |  |
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| Date: [●], 20[●] |  |  |

[Signature Page to Form of Compliance Certificate]



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#### CONCENTRIX CORPORATION

THE COMPANY WILL FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH SHAREHOLDER WHO SO REQUESTS, A SUMMARY OF THE POWERS, DESIGNATIONS, PREFERENCES AND RELATIVE, PARTICIPATING, OPTIONAL OR OTHER SPECIAL RIGHTS OF EACH CLASS OF STOCK OF THE COMPANY AND THE QUALIFICATIONS, LIMITATIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF SUCH PREFERENCES AND RIGHTS, AND THE VARIATIONS IN RIGHTS, PREFERENCES AND LIMITATIONS DETERMINED FOR EACH SERIES, WHICH ARE FIXED BY THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE COMPANY, AS AMENDED, AND THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY, AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DETERMINE VARIATIONS FOR FUTURE SERIES. SUCH REQUEST MAY BE MADE TO THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY OR TO THE TRANSFER AGENT. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY REQUIRE THE OWNER OF A LOST OR DESTROYED STOCK CERTIFICATE, OR HIS LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, TO GIVE THE COMPANY A BOND TO INDEMNIFY IT AND ITS TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS AGAINST ANY CLAIM THAT MAY BE MADE AGAINST THEM ON ACCOUNT OF THE ALLEGED LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ANY SUCH CERTIFICATE.

|                     | ng abbreviations, when used in the inscription of applicable laws or regulations:          | on the face of this certifica | ate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full   |
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| For value receiv    | ved,hereby   | sell, assign and transfer     | unto  |
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| of the Common       | Stock represented by the within Certificate, a   | and do hereby irrevocably     | constitute and appoint  |
|                     |  | 160 16                        | Attorney  |
| to transfer the s   | said stock on the books of the within-named C  | company with full power of    | of substitution in the premises.  |
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## PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP 31 West 52nd Street New York, New York, 10019

July 17, 2023

Concentrix Corporation 39899 Balentine Drive Newark, California 94560

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel for Concentrix Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act") relating to the registration of an indeterminate initial offering amount of the following securities of the Company: (a) debt securities ("Debt Securities"), (b) shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share ("Common Stock") and (c) shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share ("Preferred Stock"), in one or more series. The Debt Securities, Common Stock and Preferred Stock are collectively referred to herein as the "Securities."

The Debt Securities will be issued under an Indenture in substantially the form of Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement to be entered into between the Company and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (the "Trustee"), together with an Officer's Certificate or a Supplemental Indenture in the form to be filed or incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Registration Statement setting forth the terms of a specific series of the Debt Securities (such Indenture, as so modified or supplemented, the "Indenture").

We have reviewed the Registration Statement and such other documents, records, certificates and other materials, and have reviewed and are familiar with such corporate proceedings and satisfied ourselves as to such other matters, as we have considered relevant or necessary as a basis for our opinions set forth in this letter. In such review, we have assumed the accuracy and completeness of all agreements, documents, records, certificates and other materials submitted to us, the conformity with the originals of all such materials submitted to us as copies (whether or not certified and including facsimiles), the authenticity of the originals of such materials and all materials submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures and the legal capacity of all natural persons.

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On the basis of the assumptions and subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

- 1. With respect to any of the Debt Securities, when (a) the Indenture has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, (b) the board of directors of the Company, or a duly authorized committee of such board of directors (such board of directors or committee being referred to herein as the "Board") has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance and establish the terms of such Debt Securities, the terms of the offering and related matters, (c) such Debt Securities have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with the terms of the Indenture, and (d) such Debt Securities have been issued and sold in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and in accordance with the Indenture, such Debt Securities (including any Debt Securities duly issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Security in accordance with the terms of such other Security or the instrument governing such other Security providing for such conversion, exchange or exercise as approved by the Board) will constitute the valid and legally binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
- 2. With respect to the Common Stock, when the Board has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance and establish the terms of the offering of shares of the Common Stock and related matters and when such shares have been issued and sold by the Company in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and in accordance with such Board action, such shares of Common Stock (including any Common Stock duly issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Security in accordance with the terms of such other Security or the instrument governing such other Security providing for such conversion, exchange or exercise as approved by the Board) will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 3. With respect to the Preferred Stock, when the Board has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the issuance and establish the terms of any particular series of Preferred Stock, the offering thereof and related matters, including the filing of a certificate of designations conforming to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware regarding such series of Preferred Stock with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and when shares of such series of Preferred Stock have been issued and sold by the Company in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and in accordance with such Board action, such shares of such series of Preferred Stock (including any shares of such series of Preferred Stock duly issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any other Security in accordance with the terms of such other Security or the instrument governing such other Security providing for such conversion, exchange or exercise as approved by the Board) will be duly authorized, legally issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Our opinion set forth in paragraph 1 above is subject to and limited by the effect of (a) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance and transfer, receivership, conservatorship, arrangement, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to the rights of creditors generally, (b) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (c) requirements of reasonableness, good faith, materiality and fair dealing and the discretion of the court before which any matter may be brought.

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In connection with our opinions set forth above, we have assumed that (a) at or prior to the time of the delivery of any of the Securities the Registration Statement, including any amendments thereto, will be effective under the Act and a supplement to the Prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement applicable to the offer and sale of such Securities will have been prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Act, (b) at or prior to the time of the issuance of any of the Securities, the Board shall not have rescinded or otherwise modified the authorization of such Securities, (c) in the case of the issuance of shares of the Common Stock or the Preferred Stock, the Company will have a sufficient number of authorized but unissued shares thereof under the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company at the time of such issuance, and (d) neither the establishment of any terms of any of the Securities after the date hereof nor the issuance and delivery of, or the performance of the Company's obligations under, such Securities will (i) require any authorization, consent, approval or license of or exemption from, or registration or filing with, or report or notice to, any governmental unit, agency, commission, department or other authority (a "Governmental Approval") or (ii) violate or conflict with, result in a breach of, or constitute a default under, (A) any agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its affiliates is a party or by which the Company or any of its affiliates or any of their respective properties may be bound, (B) any Governmental Approval that may be applicable to the Company or any of its affiliates or any of their respective properties, (C) any order, decision, judgment or decree that may be applicable to the Company or any of its affiliates or any of their respective properties or (D) any applicable law (other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the law of the State of New York in each case as in effect on the date hereof).

Our opinions set forth in this letter are limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the law of the State of New York, in each case as in effect on the date hereof.

We hereby consent to the filing of this letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement and in the Prospectus forming a part thereof and any supplement thereto. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the use of our report dated January 27, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Concentrix Corporation, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio July 17, 2023

Exhibit 23.3

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated June 16, 2023 relating to the consolidated financial statements of Marnix Lux SA as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the years then ended, appearing in the Current Report on Form 8-K of Concentrix Corporation filed on July 17, 2023. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Associés

Paris-La-Défense

France

July 17, 2023

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/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit

Neuilly-sur-Seine, France

July 17, 2023

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM T-1

## STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2)

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

(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

| A National Banking Association                                 | 91-1821036                           |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
|  |                                      |
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| 800 Nicollet Mall                        |            |
|--|------------|
| Minneapolis, Minnesota                   | 55402      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

David A. Jason
U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association
One California Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
(415) 677-3622
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

## **Concentrix Corporation**

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

| Delaware   | 27-1605762                           |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
|  |                                      |
|  |                                      |
| 39899 Balentine Drive  |                                      |
| Newark, California   | 94560                                |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices)                       | (Zip Code)                           |

**Debt Securities** (Title of the Indenture Securities)

#### FORM T-1

- **Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.
  - (a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

    Comptroller of the Currency
    Washington, D.C.
  - $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{(b)} & \textit{Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.} \end{tabular}$

Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.* 

None

- **Items 3-15** Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.
- **Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.* 
  - 1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 1.
  - 2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
  - 3. A copy of the authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, attached as Exhibit 2.
  - 4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 3.
  - 5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
  - 6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 4.
  - 7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of March 31, 2023, published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 5.
  - 8. Not applicable.
  - 9. Not applicable.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of San Francisco, State of California on the 17th of July, 2023.

By: /s/ David A. Jason
David A. Jason
Vice President

#### Exhibit 1

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF U. S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

For the purpose of organizing an association (the "Association") to perform any lawful activities of national banks, the undersigned enter into the following Articles of Association:

FIRST. The title of this Association shall be U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association.

**SECOND.** The main office of the Association shall be in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon. The business of the Association will be limited to fiduciary powers and the support of activities incidental to the exercise of those powers. The Association may not expand or alter its business beyond that stated in this article without the prior approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

**THIRD.** The board of directors of the Association shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty-five persons, the exact number to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors or by resolution of a majority of the shareholders at any annual or special meeting thereof. Each director shall own common or preferred stock of the Association or of a holding company owning the Association, with an aggregate par, fair market, or equity value of not less than \$1,000, as of either (i) the date of purchase, (ii) the date the person became a director, or (iii) the date of that person's most recent election to the board of directors, whichever is more recent. Any combination of common or preferred stock of the Association or holding company may be used.

Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by action of a majority of the remaining directors between meetings of shareholders. The board of directors may increase the number of directors up to the maximum permitted by law. Terms of directors, including directors selected to fill vacancies, shall expire at the next regular meeting of shareholders at which directors are elected, unless the directors resign or are removed from office. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until there is a decrease in the number of directors and his or her position is eliminated.

Honorary or advisory members of the board of directors, without voting power or power of final decision in matters concerning the business of the Association, may be appointed by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors, or by resolution of shareholders at any annual or special meeting. Honorary or advisory directors shall not be counted to determined the number of directors of the Association or the presence of a quorum in connection with any board action, and shall not be required to own qualifying shares.

**FOURTH.** There shall be an annual meeting of the shareholders to elect directors and transact whatever other business may be brought before the meeting. It shall be held at the main office or any other convenient place the board of directors may designate, on the day of each year specified therefor in the Bylaws, or if that day falls on a legal holiday in the state in which the

Association is located, on the next following banking day. If no election is held on the day fixed or in the event of a legal holiday on the following banking day, an election may be held on any subsequent day within 60 days of the day fixed, to be designated by the board of directors, or, if the directors fail to fix the day, by shareholders representing two-thirds of the shares issued and outstanding. In all cases, at least 10 days' advance notice of the meeting shall be given to the shareholders by first-class mail.

In all elections of directors, the number of votes each common shareholder may cast will be determined by multiplying the number of shares he or she owns by the number of directors to be elected. Those votes may be cumulated and cast for a single candidate or may be distributed among two or more candidates in the manner selected by the shareholder. On all other questions, each common shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him or her.

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors, its chairperson, or to the Association, which resignation shall be effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

A director may be removed by the shareholders at a meeting called to remove him or her, when notice of the meeting stating that the purpose or one of the purposes is to remove him or her is provided, if there is a failure to fulfill one of the affirmative requirements for qualification, or for cause; provided, however, that a director may not be removed if the number of votes sufficient to elect him or her under cumulative voting is voted against his or her removal.

**FIFTH.** The authorized amount of capital stock of the Association shall be 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of ten dollars (\$10) each; but said capital stock may be increased or decreased from time to time, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States. The Association shall have only one class of capital stock.

No holder of shares of the capital stock of any class of the Association shall have any preemptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares of any class of stock of the Association, whether now or hereafter authorized, or to any obligations convertible into stock of the Association, issued, or sold, nor any right of subscription to any thereof other than such, if any, as the board of directors, in its discretion, may from time to time determine and at such price as the board of directors may from time to time fix.

Transfers of the Association's stock are subject to the prior written approval of a federal depository institution regulatory agency. If no other agency approval is required, the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency must be obtained prior to any such transfers.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, (1) all matters requiring shareholder action, including amendments to the Articles of Association must be approved by shareholders owning a majority voting interest in the outstanding voting stock, and

(2) each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote per share.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, all shares of voting stock shall be voted together as a class, on any matters requiring shareholder approval.

Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting is the close of business on the day before the first notice is mailed or otherwise sent to the shareholders, provided that in no event may a record date be more than 70 days before the meeting.

The Association, at any time and from time to time, may authorize and issue debt obligations, whether subordinated, without the approval of the shareholders. Obligations classified as debt, whether subordinated, which may be issued by the Association without the approval of shareholders, do not carry voting rights on any issue, including an increase or decrease in the aggregate number of the securities, or the exchange or reclassification of all or part of securities into securities of another class or series.

**SIXTH.** The board of directors shall appoint one of its members president of this Association and one of its members chairperson of the board and shall have the power to appoint one or more vice presidents, a secretary who shall keep minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings and be responsible for authenticating the records of the Association, and such other officers and employees as may be required to transact the business of this Association. A duly appointed officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers if authorized by the board of directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### The board of directors shall have the power to:

- (1) Define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (2) Delegate the performance of its duties, but not the responsibility for its duties, to the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (3) Fix the compensation and enter employment contracts with its officers and employees upon reasonable terms and conditions consistent with applicable law.
- (4) Dismiss officers and employees.
- (5) Require bonds from officers and employees and to fix the penalty thereof.
- (6) Ratify written policies authorized by the Association's management or committees of the board.
- (7) Regulate the manner any increase or decrease of the capital of the Association shall be made; provided that nothing herein shall restrict the power of shareholders to increase or decrease the capital of the Association in accordance with law, and nothing shall raise or lower from two-thirds the percentage required for shareholder approval to increase or reduce the capital.

- (8) Manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association.
- (9) Adopt initial Bylaws, not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Association, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the Association.
- (10) Amend or repeal Bylaws, except to the extent that the Articles of Association reserve this power in whole or in part to the shareholders.
- (11) Make contracts
- (12) Generally perform all acts that are legal for a board of directors to perform.

**SEVENTH.** The board of directors shall have the power to change the location of the main office to any authorized branch within the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, without the approval of the shareholders, or with a vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of the Association for a location outside such limits and upon receipt of a certificate of approval from the Comptroller of the Currency, to any other location within or outside the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, but not more than thirty miles beyond such limits. The board of directors shall have the power to establish or change the location of any office or offices of the Association to any other location permitted under applicable law, without approval of shareholders, subject to approval by the Comptroller of the Currency.

**EIGHTH.** The corporate existence of this Association shall continue until termination according to the laws of the United States.

**NINTH.** The board of directors of the Association, or any shareholder owning, in the aggregate, not less than 25 percent of the stock of the Association, may call a special meeting of shareholders at any time. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws or the laws of the United States, or waived by shareholders, a notice of the time, place, and purpose of every annual and special meeting of the shareholders shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed at least 10, and no more than 60, days prior to the date of the meeting to each shareholder of record at his/her address as shown upon the books of the Association. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, any action requiring approval of shareholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting.

**TENTH.** These Articles of Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the shareholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Association, unless the vote of the holders of a greater amount of stock is required by law, and in that case by the vote of the holders of such greater amount; provided, that the scope of the Association's activities and services may not be expanded without the prior written approval of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Association's board of directors may propose one or more amendments to the Articles of Association for submission to the shareholders.

| In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this <u>11<sup>th</sup></u> of June, 1997. |
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Washington, DC 20219

#### CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND FIDUCIARY POWERS

- I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:
- 1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.
- 2. "U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association," Portland, Oregon (Charter No. 23412), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking and exercise fiduciary powers on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, April 18, 2023, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Acting Comptroller of the Currency



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#### Exhibit 3

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

#### **AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS**

### ARTICLE I Meetings of Shareholders

Section 1.1. <u>Annual Meeting</u>. The annual meeting of the shareholders, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other proper business, shall be held at a time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. Notice of such meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date thereof, to each shareholder of the Association, unless the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") determines that an emergency circumstance exists. In accordance with applicable law, the sole shareholder of the Association is permitted to waive notice of the meeting. If, for any reason, an election of directors is not made on the designated day, the election shall be held on some subsequent day, as soon thereafter as practicable, with prior notice thereof. Failure to hold an annual meeting as required by these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action or work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association.

Section 1.2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Except as otherwise specially provided by law, special meetings of the shareholders may be called for any purpose, at any time by a majority of the board of directors (the "Board"), or by any shareholder or group of shareholders owning at least ten percent of the outstanding stock.

Every such special meeting, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be called upon not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior notice stating the purpose of the meeting.

- Section 1.3. <u>Nominations for Directors</u>. Nominations for election to the Board may be made by the Board or by any shareholder.
- Section 1.4. <u>Proxies</u>. Shareholders may vote at any meeting of the shareholders by proxies duly authorized in writing. Proxies shall be valid only for one meeting and any adjournments of such meeting and shall be filed with the records of the meeting.
- Section 1.5. <u>Record Date</u>. The record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice and to vote at any meeting will be thirty days before the date of such meeting, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

- Section 1.6. <u>Quorum and Voting</u>. A majority of the outstanding capital stock, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of shareholders, unless otherwise provided by law, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. A majority of the votes cast shall decide every question or matter submitted to the shareholders at any meeting, unless otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Association.
- Section 1.7. <u>Inspectors</u>. The Board may, and in the event of its failure so to do, the Chairman of the Board may appoint Inspectors of Election who shall determine the presence of quorum, the validity of proxies, and the results of all elections and all other matters voted upon by shareholders at all annual and special meetings of shareholders.
- Section 1.8. <u>Waiver and Consent</u>. The shareholders may act without notice or a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all shareholders.
- Section 1.9. <u>Remote Meetings</u>. The Board shall have the right to determine that a shareholder meeting not be held at a place, but instead be held solely by means of remote communication in the manner and to the extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

### ARTICLE II Directors

- Section 2.1. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The Board shall have the power to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association. Except as expressly limited by law, all corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in and may be exercised by the Board.
- Section 2.2. <u>Term of Office</u>. The directors of this Association shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal.
- Section 2.3. <u>Powers</u>. In addition to the foregoing, the Board shall have and may exercise all of the powers granted to or conferred upon it by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws and by law.

Section 2.4. Number. As provided in the Articles of Association, the Board of this Association shall consist of no less than five nor more than twenty-five members, unless the OCC has exempted the Association from the twenty-five- member limit. The Board shall consist of a number of members to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of the Board or the shareholders at any meeting thereof, in accordance with the Articles of Association. Between meetings of the shareholders held for the purpose of electing directors, the Board by a majority vote of the full Board may increase the size of the Board but not to more than a total of twenty-five directors, and fill any vacancy so created in the Board; provided that the Board may increase the number of directors only by up to two directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was fifteen or fewer, and by up to four directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was sixteen or more. Each director shall own a qualifying equity interest in the Association or a company that has control of the Association in each case as required by applicable law. Each director shall own such qualifying equity interest in his or her own right and meet any minimum threshold ownership required by applicable law.

Section 2.5. <u>Organization Meeting</u>. The newly elected Board shall meet for the purpose of organizing the new Board and electing and appointing such officers of the Association as may be appropriate. Such meeting shall be held on the day of the election or as soon thereafter as practicable, and, in any event, within thirty days thereafter, at such time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. If, at the time fixed for such meeting, there shall not be a quorum present, the directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained.

Section 2.6. <u>Regular Meetings</u>. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held, without notice, as the Chairman or President may designate and deem suitable.

Section 2.7. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Association, or upon the request of a majority of the entire Board. Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given to the directors at their usual places of business, or at such other addresses as shall have been furnished by them for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twelve hours (three hours if meeting is to be conducted by conference telephone) before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or electronically delivered. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.

Section 2.8. <u>Quorum and Necessary Vote</u>. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board, except when otherwise provided by law; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles or Bylaws of this Association, once a quorum is established, any act by a majority of those directors present and voting shall be the act of the Board.

Section 2.9. <u>Written Consent</u>. Except as otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations, the Board may act without a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all directors, to be filed with the Secretary of the Association as part of the corporate records.

Section 2.10. <u>Remote Meetings</u>. Members of the Board, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone, video or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 2.11. <u>Vacancies</u>. When any vacancy occurs among the directors, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a director to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

### ARTICLE III Committees

Section 3.1. <u>Advisory Board of Directors</u>. The Board may appoint persons, who need not be directors, to serve as advisory directors on an advisory board of directors established with respect to the business affairs of either this Association alone or the business affairs of a group of affiliated organizations of which this Association is one. Advisory directors shall have such powers and duties as may be determined by the Board, provided, that the Board's responsibility for the business and affairs of this Association shall in no respect be delegated or diminished.

Section 3.2. <u>Trust Audit Committee</u>. At least once during each calendar year, the Association shall arrange for a suitable audit (by internal or external auditors) of all significant fiduciary activities under the direction of its trust audit committee, a function that will be fulfilled by the Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association. The Association shall note the results of the audit (including significant actions taken as a result of the audit) in the minutes of the Board. In lieu of annual audits, the Association may adopt a continuous audit system in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 9.9(b).

The Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association, fulfilling the function of the trust audit committee:

- (1) Must not include any officers of the Association or an affiliate who participate significantly in the administration of the Association's fiduciary activities; and
- (2) Must consist of a majority of members who are not also members of any committee to which the Board has delegated power to manage and control the fiduciary activities of the Association.
- Section 3.3. <u>Executive Committee</u>. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of at least three directors and which shall have, and may exercise, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all the powers of the Board between meetings of the Board or otherwise when the Board is not meeting.
- Section 3.4. <u>Trust Management Committee</u>. The Board of this Association shall appoint a Trust Management Committee to provide oversight of the fiduciary activities of the Association. The Trust Management Committee shall determine policies governing fiduciary activities. The Trust Management Committee or such sub-committees, officers or others as may be duly designated by the Trust Management Committee shall oversee the processes related to fiduciary activities to assure conformity with fiduciary policies it establishes, including ratifying the acceptance and the closing out or relinquishment of all trusts. The Trust Management Committee will provide regular reports of its activities to the Board.
- Section 3.5. Other Committees. The Board may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more persons who need not be directors, for such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine; however, the Board will not delegate to any committee any powers or responsibilities that it is prohibited from delegating under any law or regulation. In addition, either the Chairman or the President may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more officers, employees, agents or other persons, for such purposes and with such powers as either the Chairman or the President deems appropriate and proper. Whether appointed by the Board, the Chairman, or the President, any such committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Board.

Section 3.6. <u>Meetings, Minutes and Rules</u>. An advisory board of directors and/or committee shall meet as necessary in consideration of the purpose of the advisory board of directors or committee, and shall maintain minutes in sufficient detail to indicate actions taken or recommendations made; unless required by the members, discussions, votes or other specific details need not be reported. An advisory board of directors or a committee may, in consideration of its purpose, adopt its own rules for the exercise of any of its functions or authority.

### ARTICLE IV Officers

Section 4.1. <u>Chairman of the Board</u>. The Board may appoint one of its members to be Chairman of the Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairman shall supervise the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board; shall have general executive powers, as well as the specific powers conferred by these Bylaws; and shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred upon or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.2. <u>President</u>. The Board may appoint one of its members to be President of the Association. In the absence of the Chairman, the President shall preside at any meeting of the Board. The President shall have general executive powers, and shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the office of President, or imposed by these Bylaws. The President shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.3. <u>Vice President</u>. The Board may appoint one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board and to perform the duties of the President on those occasions when the President is absent, including presiding at any meeting of the Board in the absence of both the Chairman and President.

Section 4.4. Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, or other designated officer who shall be Secretary of the Board and of the Association, and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices required by these Bylaws to be given; shall be custodian of the corporate seal, records, documents and papers of the Association; shall provide for the keeping of proper records of all transactions of the Association; shall, upon request, authenticate any records of the Association; shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the Secretary, or imposed by these Bylaws; and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries with such powers and duties as the Board, the President or the Secretary shall from time to time determine.

Section 4.5. Other Officers. The Board may appoint, and may authorize the Chairman, the President or any other officer to appoint, any officer as from time to time may appear to the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other officer to be required or desirable to transact the business of the Association. Such officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as pertain to their several offices, or as may be conferred upon or assigned to them by these Bylaws, the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other authorized officer. Any person may hold two offices.

Section 4.6. <u>Tenure of Office</u>. The Chairman or the President and all other officers shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office, subject to the right of the Board or authorized officer to discharge any officer at any time.

### ARTICLE V Stock

Section 5.1. The Board may authorize the issuance of stock either in certificated or in uncertificated form. Certificates for shares of stock shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. If the Board issues certificated stock, the certificate shall be signed by the President, Secretary or any other such officer as the Board so determines. Shares of stock shall be transferable on the books of the Association, and a transfer book shall be kept in which all transfers of stock shall be recorded. Every person becoming a shareholder by such transfer shall, in proportion to such person's shares, succeed to all rights of the prior holder of such shares. Each certificate of stock shall recite on its face that the stock represented thereby is transferable only upon the books of the Association properly endorsed. The Board may impose conditions upon the transfer of the stock reasonably calculated to simplify the work of the Association for stock transfers, voting at shareholder meetings, and related matters, and to protect it against fraudulent transfers.

### ARTICLE VI Corporate Seal

Section 6.1. The Association shall have no corporate seal; provided, however, that if the use of a seal is required by, or is otherwise convenient or advisable pursuant to, the laws or regulations of any jurisdiction, the following seal may be used, and the Chairman, the President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary shall have the authority to affix such seal:

### ARTICLE VII Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 7.1. Execution of Instruments. All agreements, checks, drafts, orders, indentures, notes, mortgages, deeds, conveyances, transfers, endorsements, assignments, certificates, declarations, receipts, discharges, releases, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies and other instruments or documents may be signed, countersigned, executed, acknowledged, endorsed, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Association, whether in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise, by any officer of the Association, or such employee or agent as may be designated from time to time by the Board by resolution, or by the Chairman or the President by written instrument, which resolution or instrument shall be certified as in effect by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association. The provisions of this section are supplementary to any other provision of the Articles of Association or Bylaws.

Section 7.2. <u>Records</u>. The Articles of Association, the Bylaws as revised or amended from time to time and the proceedings of all meetings of the shareholders, the Board, and standing committees of the Board, shall be recorded in appropriate minute books provided for the purpose. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Secretary, or other officer appointed to act as Secretary of the meeting.

Section 7.3. <u>Trust Files</u>. There shall be maintained in the Association files all fiduciary records necessary to assure that its fiduciary responsibilities have been properly undertaken and discharged.

Section 7.4. <u>Trust Investments</u>. Funds held in a fiduciary capacity shall be invested according to the instrument establishing the fiduciary relationship and according to law. Where such instrument does not specify the character and class of investments to be made and does not vest in the Association a discretion in the matter, funds held pursuant to such instrument shall be invested in investments in which corporate fiduciaries may invest under law.

Section 7.5. <u>Notice</u>. Whenever notice is required by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws or law, such notice shall be by mail, postage prepaid, e- mail, in person, or by any other means by which such notice can reasonably be expected to be received, using the address of the person to receive such notice, or such other personal data, as may appear on the records of the Association. Except where specified otherwise in these Bylaws, prior notice shall be proper if given not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the event for which notice is given.

### ARTICLE VIII Indemnification

Section 8.1. The Association shall indemnify such persons for such liabilities in such manner under such circumstances and to such extent as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as now enacted or hereafter amended. The Board may authorize the purchase and maintenance of insurance and/or the execution of individual agreements for the purpose of such indemnification, and the Association shall advance all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding to all persons entitled to indemnification under this Section 8.1. Such insurance shall be consistent with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and shall exclude coverage of liability for a formal order assessing civil money penalties against an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

Section 8.2. Notwithstanding Section 8.1, however, (a) any indemnification payments to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), for an administrative proceeding or civil action initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be reasonable and consistent with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. § 1828(k) and the implementing regulations thereunder; and (b) any indemnification payments and advancement of costs and expenses to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), in cases involving an administrative proceeding or civil action not initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be in accordance with Delaware General Corporation Law and consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

### ARTICLE IX Bylaws: Interpretation and Amendment

Section 9.1. These Bylaws shall be interpreted in accordance with and subject to appropriate provisions of law, and may be added to, altered, amended, or repealed, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Section 9.2. A copy of the Bylaws and all amendments shall at all times be kept in a convenient place at the principal office of the Association, and shall be open for inspection to all shareholders during Association hours.

### ARTICLE X Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 10.1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December following.

Section 10.2. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Association designates the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time, as the governing law for its corporate governance procedures, to the extent not inconsistent with Federal banking statutes and regulations or bank safety and soundness.

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(February 8, 2021)

### Exhibit 4

### **CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: July 17, 2023

By: /s/ David A. Jason

David A. Jason Vice President

## Exhibit 5 U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association Statement of Financial Condition as of 03/31/2023

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|  | 03/31/2023  |  |  |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| Assets   |             |  |  |
| Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions | \$ 839,082  |  |  |
| Securities   | 4,425       |  |  |
| Federal Funds                                      | 0           |  |  |
| Loans & Lease Financing Receivables                | 0           |  |  |
| Fixed Assets                                       | 1,939       |  |  |
| Intangible Assets                                  | 580,455     |  |  |
| Other Assets                                       | 126,317     |  |  |
| Total Assets                                       | \$1,552,218 |  |  |
|  |             |  |  |
| Liabilities  | 40          |  |  |
| Deposits   | \$0         |  |  |
| Fed Funds  | 0           |  |  |
| Treasury Demand Notes                              | 0           |  |  |
| Trading Liabilities                                | 0           |  |  |
| Other Borrowed Money                               | 0           |  |  |
| Acceptances Subordinated Notes and Debentures      | 0           |  |  |
| Other Liabilities                                  | 95,562      |  |  |
| Total Liabilities                                  |             |  |  |
| Total Liabilities                                  | \$95,562    |  |  |
| Equity   |             |  |  |
| Common and Preferred Stock                         | 200         |  |  |
| Surplus  | 1,171,635   |  |  |
| Undivided Profits                                  | 284,821     |  |  |
| Minority Interest in Subsidiaries                  | 0           |  |  |
| Total Equity Capital                               | \$1,456,656 |  |  |
| Total Liabilities and Equity Capital               | \$1,552,218 |  |  |

### **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

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### **Concentrix Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

|                                | Security<br>Type                    | Security<br>Class Title                                | Fee<br>Calculation<br>or Carry<br>Forward<br>Rule | Amount<br>Registered | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Offering<br>Price Per<br>Unit | Maximum<br>Aggregate<br>Offering Price | Fee Rate | Amount of<br>Registration<br>Fee | Carry<br>Forward<br>Form Type | Carry<br>Forward<br>File<br>Number | Carry<br>Forward<br>Initial<br>effective<br>date | Filing Fee<br>Previously<br>Paid In<br>Connection<br>with Unsold<br>Securities to<br>be Carried<br>Forward |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|--|--|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Newly Registered Securities    |                                     |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
| Fees to Be<br>Paid             | Debt                                | Debt Securities  | 457(r)  |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Equity                              | Common<br>Stock, \$0.0001<br>par value per<br>share    | 457(r)  |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Equity                              | Preferred<br>Stock, \$0.0001<br>par value per<br>share | 457(r)  |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Unallocated<br>(Universal)<br>Shelf |  | 457(r)  |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
| Fees<br>Previously<br>Paid     |                                     |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
| Carry Forward Securities       |                                     |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
| Carry<br>Forward<br>Securities |                                     |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Total Offering Amounts              |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Total Fees Previously Paid          |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Total Fee Offsets                   |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |
|                                | Net Fee Due                         |  |   |                      |  |  |          |                                  |                               |                                    |  |  |

In reliance on and in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), the Registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee. This registration statement registers an indeterminate aggregate initial offering price or number of securities of each identified class as may from time to time be offered at indeterminate prices. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act, the shares of common stock and preferred stock being offered hereunder include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock as may be issuable with respect to the shares of common stock and preferred stock being offered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.