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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 6, 2021

**WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

814-00967  
(Commission  
File Number)

45-4247759  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

1450 Brickell Avenue, 31st Floor  
Miami, Florida  
(Address of principal executive offices)

33131  
(Zip Code)

(305) 381-6999  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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

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

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	WHF	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market)
6.50% Notes due 2025	WHFBZ	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market)

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

Emerging growth company

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

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 6, 2021, WhiteHorse Finance, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a Note Purchase Agreement (the “Note Purchase Agreement”) governing the issuance of \$25,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of unsecured notes (the “Notes”) to a qualified institutional investor in a private placement. The Notes have a fixed interest rate of 4.25% and are due on December 6, 2028, unless redeemed, purchased or prepaid prior to such date by the Company or its affiliates in accordance with their terms. Interest on the Notes will be due semiannually. This interest rate is subject to increase (up to 5.25%) in the event that, subject to certain exceptions, the Notes cease to have an investment grade rating. In addition, the Company is obligated to offer to repay the Notes at par if certain change in control events occur. The Notes are general unsecured obligations of the Company that rank *pari passu* with all outstanding and future unsecured unsubordinated indebtedness issued by the Company. The Notes were delivered and paid for on December 6, 2021. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from this offering to refinance and/or redeem existing debt and/or for general corporate purposes.

The Note Purchase Agreement contains customary terms and conditions for unsecured notes issued in a private placement, including, without limitation, affirmative and negative covenants such as information reporting, maintenance of the Company’s status as a business development company within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, minimum shareholders’ equity, minimum asset coverage ratio, maximum debt to equity ratio and prohibitions on certain fundamental changes of the Company or any subsidiary guarantor. The Note Purchase Agreement also contains customary events of default and notice periods, including, without limitation, nonpayment, incorrect representation in any material respect, breach of covenant, cross-default under other indebtedness of the Company or certain significant subsidiaries, certain judgements and orders, and certain events of bankruptcy.

The Notes were offered in reliance on Section 4(a)(2) of Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). The Notes have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold in the United States except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, as applicable.

The description above is only a summary of the material provisions of the Note Purchase Agreement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the Note Purchase Agreement which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this current report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference thereto.

The Company issued a press release on December 6, 2021 to announce the Company’s entry into of the Notes Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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

The disclosure set forth above under Item 1.01 is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits****(d) Exhibits**

[10.1\\*](#) [Note Purchase Agreement, dated December 6, 2021, by and between WhiteHorse Finance, Inc. and the Purchaser signatory thereto.](#)

[99.1](#) [Press Release, dated December 6, 2021, of WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.](#)

\* Exhibits and schedules to this Exhibit have been omitted in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K. The registrant agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of all omitted exhibits and schedules to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request.

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

Dated: December 6, 2021

**WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.**

By: /s/ Joyson C. Thomas

Joyson C. Thomas

*Chief Financial Officer*

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WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.

\$25,000,000

4.25% Senior Notes due December 6, 2028

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NOTE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

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Dated December 6, 2021

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WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.

Note Purchase Agreement

**WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.**  
1450 Brickell Avenue, 31st Floor  
Miami, Florida 33131

4.25% Senior Notes due December 6, 2028

December 6, 2021

TO EACH OF THE PURCHASERS LISTED IN  
THE PURCHASER SCHEDULE HERETO:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WhiteHorse Finance, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), agrees with each of the Purchasers as follows:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF NOTES; INTEREST RATE.**

**Section 1.1. Authorization of Notes.** The Company will authorize the issue and sale of \$25,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 4.25% Senior Notes due December 6, 2028 (the “**Notes**”). The Notes shall be substantially in the form set out in Schedule 1. Certain capitalized and other terms used in this Agreement are defined in Schedule A and, for purposes of this Agreement, the rules of construction set forth in Section 22.4 shall govern.

**Section 1.2. Changes in Interest Rate.** (a) If at any time a Below Investment Grade Event occurs, then:

(i) as of the date of the occurrence of the Below Investment Grade Event to and until the date on which such Below Investment Grade Event is no longer continuing (as evidenced by the receipt and delivery to the holders of the Notes of any Rating necessary to cure such Below Investment Grade Event), the Notes shall bear interest at the Adjusted Interest Rate; and

(ii) the Company shall promptly, and in any event within twenty (20) Business Days after a Below Investment Grade Event has occurred, notify the holders of the Notes in writing, sent in the manner provided in Section 18, that a Below Investment Grade Event has occurred, which written notice shall be accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the Required Holders to such effect and confirming the effective date of the Below Investment Grade Event and that the Adjusted Interest Rate will be payable in respect of the Notes in consequence thereof.

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(b) Each holder of a Note shall, at the Company's expense, use reasonable efforts to cooperate with any reasonable request made by the Company in connection with any rating appeal or application.

(c) The fees and expenses of any NRSRO and all other costs incurred in connection with obtaining, affirming or appealing a Rating pursuant to this Section 1.2 shall be borne by the Company.

(d) As used herein, "**Adjusted Interest Rate**" with respect to the Notes shall be 5.25% per annum.

(e) As used herein, a "**Below Investment Grade Event**" shall occur if

(i) at any time the Company has obtained a Rating of the Notes from only one NRSRO, the then most recent Rating from such NRSRO that is in full force and effect (not having been withdrawn) is less than Investment Grade; or

(ii) at any time the Company has obtained a Rating of the Notes from two NRSROs, the then lower of the most recent Ratings from the NRSROs that are in full force and effect (not having been withdrawn) is less than Investment Grade; or

(iii) at any time the Company has obtained a Rating of the Notes from three or more NRSROs, the then second lowest of the most recent Ratings from the NRSROs that is in full force and effect (not having been withdrawn) is less than Investment Grade; or

(iv) at any time the Company shall have failed to receive and deliver to the holders of the Notes a Rating of the Notes from at least one NRSRO as required pursuant to Section 9.8.

(f) Following the occurrence of an Event of Default, the Notes shall bear interest at the Default Rate.

**Section 1.3. Issue Price; Original Issue Discount.** The Company and the Purchasers agree that the Notes shall be issued with original issue discount, for purposes of Sections 1272, 1273, and 1275 of the Code. Upon the request of any holder of a Note, the Company will promptly make available to such holder, (i) the issue price of the Notes held by such holder, (ii) the amount of original issue discount in respect thereof, (iii) the issue date of such Note, (iv) the yield to maturity of such Note, (v) the comparable yield of such Note, and (vi) the projected payment schedule of such Note, in each case as determined under the original issue discount rules under the Code. Any such request shall be directed to the Company at the address provided in Section 18.

## **SECTION 2. SALE AND PURCHASE OF NOTES.**

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Company will issue and sell to each Purchaser, and each Purchaser will purchase from the Company, at the Closing provided for in Section 3, Notes in the principal amount specified opposite such Purchaser's name in the Purchaser Schedule at the purchase price of 99% of the principal amount thereof. The Purchasers' obligations hereunder are several and not joint obligations and no Purchaser shall have any liability to any Person for the performance or non-performance of any obligation by any other Purchaser hereunder.

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## **SECTION 3. CLOSING.**

This Agreement shall be executed and delivered in advance of the Closing at the offices of Chapman and Cutler LLP, 111 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, on December 6, 2021. The sale and purchase of the Notes to be purchased by each Purchaser shall occur at the offices of Chapman and Cutler LLP, 111 West Monroe, Chicago, IL 60603, at 9:00 a.m. Chicago time, at a closing (the "**Closing**") on December 6, 2021. At the Closing the Company will deliver to each Purchaser the Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser in the form of a single Note (or such greater number of Notes in denominations of at least \$100,000 as such Purchaser may request) dated the date of the Closing and registered in such Purchaser's name (or in the name of its nominee), against delivery by such Purchaser to the Company or its order of immediately available funds in the amount of the purchase price therefor by wire transfer of immediately available funds for the account of the Company to Account No. 7163198400 at The Bank of New York Mellon, Swift Code IRVTUS3NAMS, ABA No. 021000018. If at the Closing the Company shall fail to tender such Notes to any Purchaser as provided above in this Section 3, or any of the conditions specified in Section 4 shall not have been fulfilled to such Purchaser's satisfaction,

such Purchaser shall, at its election, be relieved of all further obligations under this Agreement, without thereby waiving any rights such Purchaser may have by reason of such failure by the Company to tender such Notes or any of the conditions specified in Section 4 not having been fulfilled to such Purchaser's satisfaction.

#### **SECTION 4. CONDITIONS TO CLOSING.**

Each Purchaser's obligation to purchase and pay for the Notes to be sold to such Purchaser at the Closing is subject to the fulfillment to such Purchaser's satisfaction, prior to or at the Closing, of the following conditions:

**Section 4.1. Representations and Warranties.** The representations and warranties of the Company in this Agreement shall be correct as of the date of this Agreement and at the time of the Closing.

**Section 4.2. Performance; No Default.** The Company shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions contained in this Agreement required to be performed or complied with by it prior to or at the Closing. Before and after giving effect to the issue and sale of the Notes (and the application of the proceeds thereof as contemplated by Section 5.14), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and no Control Event and no Change in Control shall have occurred.

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#### **Section 4.3. Compliance Certificates.**

(a) *Officer's Certificate.* The Company shall have delivered to such Purchaser an Officer's Certificate, dated the date of the Closing, certifying that the conditions specified in Sections 4.1, 4.2 and 4.9 have been fulfilled.

(b) *Secretary's Certificate.* The Company shall have delivered to such Purchaser a certificate of its Secretary or Assistant Secretary, dated the date of the Closing, certifying as to (i) the resolutions attached thereto and other corporate proceedings relating to the authorization, execution and delivery of the Notes and this Agreement and (ii) the Company's organizational documents as then in effect.

**Section 4.4. Opinions of Counsel.** Such Purchaser shall have received opinions, dated the date of the Closing, (a) from Dechert LLP, counsel for the Company, in the form set forth on Schedule 4.4(a) (and the Company hereby instructs its counsel to deliver such opinion to the Purchasers) and (b) from Chapman and Cutler LLP, the Purchasers' special counsel in connection with such transactions, substantially in the form set forth in Schedule 4.4(b) and covering such other matters incident to such transactions as such Purchaser may reasonably request.

**Section 4.5. Purchase Permitted by Applicable Law, Etc.** On the date of the Closing such Purchaser's purchase of Notes shall (a) be permitted by the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction to which such Purchaser is subject, without recourse to provisions (such as section 1405(a)(8) of the New York Insurance Law) permitting limited investments by insurance companies without restriction as to the character of the particular investment, (b) not violate any applicable law or regulation (including Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) and (c) not subject such Purchaser to any tax, penalty or liability under or pursuant to any applicable law or regulation, which law or regulation was not in effect on the date hereof. If requested by such Purchaser, such Purchaser shall have received an Officer's Certificate certifying as to such matters of fact as such Purchaser may reasonably specify to enable such Purchaser to determine whether such purchase is so permitted.

**Section 4.6. Sale of Other Notes.** Contemporaneously with the Closing the Company shall sell to each other Purchaser and each other Purchaser shall purchase the Notes to be purchased by it at the Closing as specified in the Purchaser Schedule.

**Section 4.7. Payment of Special Counsel Fees.** Without limiting Section 15.1, the Company shall have paid on or before the Closing the reasonable fees, charges and disbursements of the Purchasers' special counsel referred to in Section 4.4 to the extent reflected in a statement of such counsel rendered to the Company at least one Business Day prior to the Closing.

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**Section 4.8. Private Placement Number.** A Private Placement Number issued by Standard & Poor's CUSIP Service Bureau (in cooperation with the SVO) shall have been obtained for the Notes.

**Section 4.9. Changes in Corporate Structure.** The Company shall not have changed its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, as applicable, or been a party to any merger or consolidation or succeeded to all or any substantial part of the liabilities of any other entity, at any time following the date of the most recent financial statements referred to in Schedule 5.5.

**Section 4.10. Funding Instructions.** At least three Business Days prior to the date of the Closing, each Purchaser shall have received written instructions signed by a Responsible Officer on letterhead of the Company confirming the information specified in Section 3, including (a) the name and address of the transferee bank, (b) such transferee bank's ABA number and (c) the account name and number into which the purchase price for the Notes is to be deposited.

**Section 4.11. Rating.** The Notes shall have received a Rating of "BBB-" or better by Egan Jones.

**Section 4.12. Consent of Holders of Other Indebtedness.** On or prior to the date of the Closing, any consents or approvals required to be obtained from any holder or holders of any outstanding Indebtedness of the Company or its Subsidiaries and any amendments of agreements pursuant to which any Indebtedness may have been issued which shall be necessary to permit the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby shall have been obtained (and shall be in full force and effect on the date of the Closing) and shall be satisfactory to such Purchaser and its special counsel.

**Section 4.13. Proceedings and Documents.** All corporate and other proceedings in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and all documents and instruments incident to such transactions shall be satisfactory to such Purchaser and its special counsel, and such Purchaser and its special counsel shall have received all such counterpart originals or certified or other copies of such documents as such Purchaser or such special counsel may reasonably request.

## **SECTION 5. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY.**

The Company represents and warrants to each Purchaser that as of the date of this Agreement and the Closing.

**Section 5.1. Organization; Power and Authority.** The Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has the corporate power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease, to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact, to execute and deliver this Agreement and the Notes and to perform the provisions hereof and thereof.

**Section 5.2. Authorization, Etc.** This Agreement and the Notes have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on the part of the Company, and this Agreement constitutes, and upon execution and delivery thereof each Note will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iii) implied covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

**Section 5.3. Disclosure.** The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2021, the three months ended June 30, 2021 and the three months ended September 30, 2021 (collectively, the "**Company Periodic Reports**"), do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, except to the extent updated or corrected in a subsequent Company Periodic Report or other filing by the Company with the SEC. The Company Periodic Reports fairly describe, in all material respects, the general nature of the business and principal properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries. This Agreement, the financial statements listed in Schedule 5.5 and the documents, certificates or other writings delivered to the Purchasers by or on behalf of the Company on or prior to November 12, 2021 in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and identified in Schedule 5.3 (this Agreement, the Company Periodic Reports and such documents, certificates or other writings and such financial statements delivered to each Purchaser being referred to, collectively, as the "**Disclosure Documents**"),

taken as a whole, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading in light of the circumstances under which they were made. Except as disclosed in the Disclosure Documents, since December 31, 2020, there has been no change in the financial condition, operations, business, properties or prospects of the Company or any Subsidiary, except changes that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There is no fact known to the Company that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been set forth herein or in the Disclosure Documents.

**Section 5.4. Organization and Ownership of Shares of Subsidiaries; Affiliates.** (a) Schedule 5.4 contains (except as noted therein) complete and correct lists of (i) the Company's Subsidiaries, showing, as to each Subsidiary, the name thereof, the jurisdiction of its organization, the percentage of shares of each class of its capital stock or similar equity interests outstanding owned by the Company and each other Subsidiary and whether such Subsidiary is a Subsidiary Guarantor, (ii) the Company's Affiliates, other than Subsidiaries, (iii) the External Manager and its Affiliates, and (iv) the Company's directors and senior officers.

(b) All of the outstanding shares of capital stock or similar equity interests of each Subsidiary shown in Schedule 5.4 as being owned by the Company and its Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable and are owned by the Company or another Subsidiary free and clear of any Lien that is prohibited by this Agreement.

(c) Each Subsidiary is a corporation or other legal entity duly organized, validly existing and, where applicable, in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization, and is duly qualified as a foreign corporation or other legal entity and, where applicable, is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which such qualification is required by law, other than those jurisdictions as to which the failure to be so qualified or in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Each such Subsidiary has the corporate or other power and authority to own or hold under lease the properties it purports to own or hold under lease and to transact the business it transacts and proposes to transact.

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(d) No Subsidiary is subject to any Material legal, regulatory, contractual or other restriction (other than the agreements listed on Schedule 5.4 and customary limitations imposed by corporate law or similar statutes) restricting the ability of such Subsidiary to pay dividends out of profits or make any other similar distributions of profits to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries that owns outstanding shares of capital stock or similar equity interests of such Subsidiary.

**Section 5.5. Financial Statements; Material Liabilities.** The Company has delivered to each Purchaser copies of the financial statements of the Company and its Subsidiaries listed on Schedule 5.5. All of such financial statements (including in each case the related schedules and notes) fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of the respective dates specified in such Schedule and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the respective periods so specified and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the periods involved except as set forth in the notes thereto (subject, in the case of any interim financial statements, to normal year-end adjustments).

**Section 5.6. Compliance with Laws, Other Instruments, Etc.** The execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement and the Notes will not (i) contravene, result in any breach of, or constitute a default under, or result in the creation of any Lien in respect of any property of the Company or any Subsidiary under, (A) the corporate charter, by-laws or shareholders agreement of the Company or any Subsidiary or (B) any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan, purchase or credit agreement, lease or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any Subsidiary is bound or by which the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective properties may be bound or affected, (ii) conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary or (iii) violate any provision of any statute or other rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority applicable to the Company or any Subsidiary, except where any of the foregoing (other than clause (i)(A) above), individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 5.7. Governmental Authorizations, Etc.** No consent, approval or authorization of, or registration, filing or declaration with, any Governmental Authority is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by the Company of this Agreement or the Notes, other than any filing required under the Exchange Act or the rules or regulations promulgated thereunder on Form 8-K, Form 10-Q or Form 10-K, any notice required or permitted under Rule 135c of the Securities Act or any filing required under Rule 482 or Rule 497 under the Investment Company Act.

**Section 5.8. Litigation; Observance of Agreements, Statutes and Orders.** (a) There are no actions, suits, investigations or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company or any Subsidiary or any property of the Company or any Subsidiary in any court or before any arbitrator of any kind or before or by any Governmental Authority that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is (i) in default under any agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound, (ii) in violation of any order, judgment, decree or ruling of any court, arbitrator or Governmental Authority or (iii) in violation of any applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation of any Governmental Authority (including Environmental Laws, the USA PATRIOT Act or any of the other laws and regulations that are referred to in Section 5.16), which default or violation would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 5.9. Taxes.** The Company and its Subsidiaries have filed all federal and state and other Material tax returns that are required to have been filed in any jurisdiction, and have paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes and assessments levied upon them or their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent such taxes and assessments have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent, except for any taxes and assessments (i) where the failure to file or pay, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the amount, applicability or validity of which is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which the Company or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, has established adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP. The Company knows of no basis for any other tax or assessment that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company reasonably believes that the charges, accruals and reserves on the books of the Company and its Subsidiaries in respect of U.S. federal, state or other taxes for all fiscal periods are adequate in all material respects.

**Section 5.10. Title to Property; Leases.** The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and sufficient title to their respective properties that individually or in the aggregate are Material, including all such properties reflected in the most recent audited balance sheet referred to in Section 5.5 or purported to have been acquired by the Company or any Subsidiary after such date (except as sold or otherwise disposed of in the ordinary course of business), in each case free and clear of Liens prohibited by this Agreement. All leases that individually or in the aggregate are Material are valid and subsisting and are in full force and effect in all material respects.

**Section 5.11. Licenses, Permits, Etc.** (a) The Company and its Subsidiaries own or possess all licenses, permits, franchises, authorizations, patents, copyrights, proprietary software, service marks, trademarks and trade names, or rights thereto, that individually or in the aggregate are Material, without known conflict with the rights of others, except for any such conflicts that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) To the knowledge of the Company, no product or service of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries infringes in any material respect any license, permit, franchise, authorization, patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned by any other Person, except for any such infringements that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) To the knowledge of the Company, there is no violation by any Person of any right of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to any license, permit, franchise, authorization, patent, copyright, proprietary software, service mark, trademark, trade name or other right owned or used by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, except for any such violations that, individually in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 5.12. Compliance with Employee Benefit Plans.** Except as would not be reasonably expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:

(a) The Company and each ERISA Affiliate have operated and administered each Plan in compliance with all applicable laws. Neither the Company nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans (as defined in section 3 of ERISA), and no event,



transaction or condition has occurred or exists that could, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in the incurrence of any such liability by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, or in the imposition of any Lien on any of the rights, properties or assets of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate, in either case pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or to section 430(k) of the Code or to any such penalty or excise tax provisions under the Code or federal law or section 4068 of ERISA or by the granting of a security interest in connection with the amendment of a Plan.

(b) The present value of the aggregate benefit liabilities under each of the Plans (other than Multiemployer Plans), determined as of the end of such Plan's most recently ended plan year on the basis of the actuarial assumptions specified for funding purposes in such Plan's most recent actuarial valuation report, did not exceed the aggregate current value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities. The present value of the accrued benefit liabilities (whether or not vested) under each Non-U.S. Plan that is funded, determined as of the end of the Company's most recently ended fiscal year on the basis of reasonable actuarial assumptions, did not exceed the current value of the assets of such Non-U.S. Plan allocable to such benefit liabilities. The term "**benefit liabilities**" has the meaning specified in section 4001 of ERISA and the terms "**current value**" and "**present value**" have the meaning specified in section 3 of ERISA.

(c) The Company and its ERISA Affiliates have not incurred (i) withdrawal liabilities (and are not subject to contingent withdrawal liabilities) under section 4201 or 4204 of ERISA in respect of Multiemployer Plans or (ii) any obligation in connection with the termination of or withdrawal from any Non-U.S. Plan.

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(d) The expected postretirement benefit obligation (determined as of the last day of the Company's most recently ended fiscal year in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 715-60, without regard to liabilities attributable to continuation coverage mandated by section 4980B of the Code) of the Company and its Subsidiaries is not Material.

(e) The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the issuance and sale of the Notes hereunder will not involve any transaction that is subject to the prohibitions of section 406 of ERISA or in connection with which a tax could be imposed pursuant to section 4975(c)(1)(A)-(D) of the Code. The representation by the Company to each Purchaser in the first sentence of this Section 5.12(e) is made in reliance upon and subject to the accuracy of such Purchaser's representation in Section 6.2 as to the sources of the funds to be used to pay the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser.

(f) All Non-U.S. Plans have been established, operated, administered and maintained in compliance with all laws, regulations and orders applicable thereto. All premiums, contributions and any other amounts required by applicable Non-U.S. Plan documents or applicable laws to be paid or accrued by the Company and its Subsidiaries have been paid or accrued as required.

**Section 5.13. Private Offering by the Company.** Other than the offering and issuance of the 4.00% Senior Notes due 2026 on November 24, 2021, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has offered, within six months prior to the date of this Agreement, the Notes or any similar Securities for sale to, or solicited any offer to buy the Notes or any similar Securities from, or otherwise approached or negotiated in respect thereof with, any Person other than the Purchasers, each of which has been offered the Notes at a private sale for investment. Neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf has taken, or will take, any action that would subject the issuance or sale of the Notes to the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act or to the registration requirements of any Securities or blue sky laws of any applicable jurisdiction, other than, in the case of "Blue Sky" regulations, mandatory notice or other filings.

**Section 5.14. Use of Proceeds; Margin Regulations.** The Company will apply the proceeds of the sale of the Notes hereunder to refinance and/or redeem existing debt and for general corporate purposes. No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of buying or carrying any margin stock within the meaning of Regulation U of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 CFR 221), or for the purpose of buying or carrying or trading in any Securities under such circumstances as to involve the Company in a violation of Regulation X of said Board (12 CFR 224) or to involve any broker or dealer in a violation of Regulation T of said Board (12 CFR 220). Margin stock does not constitute more than 10% of the value of the consolidated assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Company does not have any present intention that margin stock will constitute more than 10% of the value of such assets. As used in this Section, the terms "**margin stock**" and "**purpose of buying or carrying**" shall have the meanings assigned to them in said Regulation U.

**Section 5.15. Existing Indebtedness; Future Liens.** (a) Except as described therein, Schedule 5.15 sets forth a complete and correct list of all outstanding Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries as of September 30, 2021 (including descriptions of the obligors and obligees, principal amounts outstanding, any collateral therefor and any Guaranty thereof), since which date there has been no Material change in the amounts, interest rates, sinking funds, installment payments or maturities of the Indebtedness of the Company or its Subsidiaries. Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is in default, and no waiver of default is currently in effect, in the payment of any principal or interest on any Indebtedness of the Company or such Subsidiary and no event or condition exists with respect to any Indebtedness of the Company or any Subsidiary that would permit (or that with notice or the lapse of time, or both, would permit) one or more Persons to cause such Indebtedness to become due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment.

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(b) Except as disclosed in Schedule 5.15, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has agreed or consented to cause or permit any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness or to cause or permit in the future (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to be subject to a Lien that secures Indebtedness.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is a party to, or otherwise subject to any provision contained in, any instrument evidencing Indebtedness of the Company or such Subsidiary, any agreement relating thereto or any other agreement (including its charter or any other organizational document) which limits the amount of, or otherwise imposes restrictions on the incurring of, Indebtedness of the Company, except as disclosed in Schedule 5.15.

**Section 5.16. Foreign Assets Control Regulations, Etc.** (a) Neither the Company nor any Controlled Entity (i) is a Blocked Person, (ii) has been notified that its name appears or may in the future appear on a State Sanctions List or (iii) is a target of sanctions that have been imposed by the United Nations or the European Union.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Controlled Entity (i) has violated, been found in violation of, or been charged or convicted under, any applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws or (ii) to the Company's knowledge, is under investigation by any Governmental Authority for possible violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws or Anti-Corruption Laws.

(c) No part of the proceeds from the sale of the Notes hereunder:

(i) constitutes or will constitute funds obtained on behalf of any Blocked Person or will otherwise be used by the Company or any Controlled Entity, directly or indirectly, (A) in connection with any investment in, or any transactions or dealings with, any Blocked Person, (B) for any purpose that would cause any Purchaser to be in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (C) otherwise in violation of any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws;

(ii) will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Money Laundering Laws; or

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(iii) will be used, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of making any improper payments, including bribes, to any Governmental Official or commercial counterparty in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in each case which would be in violation of, or cause any Purchaser to be in violation of, any applicable Anti-Corruption Laws.

(d) The Company has established procedures and controls which it reasonably believes are adequate (and otherwise comply with applicable law) to ensure that the Company and each Controlled Entity is and will continue to be in compliance with all applicable U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws, Anti-Money Laundering Laws and Anti-Corruption Laws.



**Section 5.17. Status under Certain Statutes.** Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary is subject to regulation under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005, the ICC Termination Act of 1995 or the Federal Power Act.

**Section 5.18. Environmental Matters.** (a) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any claim or has received any written notice of any claim and no proceeding has been instituted asserting any claim against the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any of their respective real properties or other assets now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them, alleging any damage to the environment or violation of any Environmental Laws, except, in each case, such as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has knowledge of any facts which would give rise to any claim, public or private, of violation of Environmental Laws or damage to the environment emanating from, occurring on or in any way related to real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them or to other assets or their use, except, in each case, such as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has stored any Hazardous Materials on real properties now or formerly owned, leased or operated by any of them in a manner which has violated any Environmental Law that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has disposed of any Hazardous Materials in a manner which has violated any Environmental Law that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) All buildings on all real properties now owned, leased or operated by the Company or any Subsidiary are in compliance with applicable Environmental Laws, except where failure to comply would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 5.19. Investment Company Act.**

(a) *Status as Business Development Company and RIC.* The Company has elected to be regulated as a “business development company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act and intends to qualify annually as a RIC.

(b) *Compliance with Investment Company Act.* The business and other activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries, including the issuance of the Notes hereunder, the application of the proceeds and repayment thereof by the Company, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement do not result in a violation or breach in any material respect of the provisions of the Investment Company Act or any rules, regulations or orders issued by the SEC thereunder, in each case that are applicable to the Company and its Subsidiaries.

**SECTION 6. REPRESENTATIONS OF THE PURCHASERS.**

**Section 6.1. Purchase for Investment.**

(a) Each Purchaser severally represents that it is purchasing the Notes for its own account or for one or more separate accounts maintained by such Purchaser or for the account of one or more pension or trust funds and not with a view to the distribution thereof, *provided* that the disposition of such Purchaser’s or their property shall at all times be within such Purchaser’s or their control. Each Purchaser understands that the Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and may be resold only if registered pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Act or if an exemption from registration is available, except under circumstances where neither such registration nor such an exemption is required by law, and that the Company is not required to register the Notes.

(b) Each Purchaser understands and agrees that it will not transfer the Notes or any part or portion thereof held by it (i) to any Person who is not an Institutional Investor or who is a Competitor or (ii) in violation of applicable law.

**Section 6.2. Source of Funds.** Each Purchaser severally represents that at least one of the following statements is an accurate representation as to each source of funds (a “**Source**”) to be used by such Purchaser to pay the purchase price of the Notes to be purchased by such Purchaser hereunder:

(a) the Source is an “insurance company general account” (as the term is defined in the United States Department of Labor’s Prohibited Transaction Exemption (“PTE”) 95-60) in respect of which the reserves and liabilities (as defined by the annual statement for life insurance companies approved by the NAIC (the “NAIC Annual Statement”)) for the general account contract(s) held by or on behalf of any employee benefit plan together with the amount of the reserves and liabilities for the general account contract(s) held by or on behalf of any other employee benefit plans maintained by the same employer (or affiliate thereof as defined in PTE 95-60) or by the same employee organization in the general account do not exceed 10% of the total reserves and liabilities of the general account (exclusive of separate account liabilities) plus surplus as set forth in the NAIC Annual Statement filed with such Purchaser’s state of domicile; or

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(b) the Source is a separate account that is maintained solely in connection with such Purchaser’s fixed contractual obligations under which the amounts payable, or credited, to any employee benefit plan (or its related trust) that has any interest in such separate account (or to any participant or beneficiary of such plan (including any annuitant)) are not affected in any manner by the investment performance of the separate account; or

(c) the Source is either (i) an insurance company pooled separate account, within the meaning of PTE 90-1 or (ii) a bank collective investment fund, within the meaning of the PTE 91-38 and, except as disclosed by such Purchaser to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (c), no employee benefit plan or group of plans maintained by the same employer or employee organization beneficially owns more than 10% of all assets allocated to such pooled separate account or collective investment fund; or

(d) the Source constitutes assets of an “investment fund” (within the meaning of Part VI of PTE 84-14 (the “QPAM Exemption”)) managed by a “qualified professional asset manager” or “QPAM” (within the meaning of Part VI of the QPAM Exemption), no employee benefit plan’s assets that are managed by the QPAM in such investment fund, when combined with the assets of all other employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer or by an affiliate (within the meaning of Part VI(c)(1) of the QPAM Exemption) of such employer or by the same employee organization and managed by such QPAM, represent more than 20% of the total client assets managed by such QPAM, the conditions of Part I(c) and (g) of the QPAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the QPAM nor a person controlling or controlled by the QPAM maintains an ownership interest in the Company that would cause the QPAM and the Company to be “related” within the meaning of Part VI(h) of the QPAM Exemption and (i) the identity of such QPAM and (ii) the names of any employee benefit plans whose assets in the investment fund, when combined with the assets of all other employee benefit plans established or maintained by the same employer or by an affiliate (within the meaning of Part VI(c)(1) of the QPAM Exemption) of such employer or by the same employee organization, represent 10% or more of the assets of such investment fund, have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (d); or

(e) the Source constitutes assets of a “plan(s)” (within the meaning of Part IV(h) of PTE 96-23 (the “INHAM Exemption”)) managed by an “in-house asset manager” or “INHAM” (within the meaning of Part IV(a) of the INHAM Exemption), the conditions of Part I(a), (g) and (h) of the INHAM Exemption are satisfied, neither the INHAM nor a person controlling or controlled by the INHAM (applying the definition of “control” in Part IV(d)(3) of the INHAM Exemption) owns a 10% or more interest in the Company and (i) the identity of such INHAM and (ii) the name(s) of the employee benefit plan(s) whose assets constitute the Source have been disclosed to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (e); or

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(f) the Source is a governmental plan; or

(g) the Source is one or more employee benefit plans, or a separate account or trust fund comprised of one or more employee benefit plans, each of which has been identified to the Company in writing pursuant to this clause (g); or

(h) the Source does not include assets of any employee benefit plan, other than a plan exempt from the coverage of ERISA.

As used in this Section 6.2, the terms “**employee benefit plan**,” “**governmental plan**,” and “**separate account**” shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in section 3 of ERISA.

**Section 6.3. Investment Experience; Access to Information.** Each Purchaser (for itself and for each account for which such Purchaser is acquiring the Notes) severally represents that such Person (a) is an “accredited investor” as defined in Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3) or (7) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act and an “Institutional Account” as defined in FINRA Rule 4512(c), (b) either alone or together with its representatives has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of this investment and make an informed decision to so invest and has so evaluated and analyzed the risks and merits of such investment, (c) has the ability to bear the economic risks of this investment and can afford a complete loss of such investment, (d) understands the terms of and risks associated with the purchase of the Notes, including, without limitation, a lack of liquidity, pricing availability and risks associated with the industry in which the Company operates, (e) has had the opportunity to review (i) the Disclosure Documents and (ii) such other disclosure regarding the Company, its business and its financial condition as such Purchaser has determined to be necessary in connection with the purchase of the Notes, (f) has had an opportunity to ask such questions and make such inquiries concerning the Company, its business and its financial condition as such Purchaser has deemed appropriate in connection with its purchase of the Notes and to receive satisfactory answers to such questions and inquiries, and (g) is purchasing the Notes without a view to distribution thereof within the meaning of the Securities Act and agrees not to reoffer or resell the Notes except pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act or pursuant to an effective registration statement thereunder (it being understood, however, that the disposition of such Person’s property shall at all times be within such Person’s control).

**Section 6.4. Authorization.** Each Purchaser severally represents that (a) it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and (b) this Agreement, when executed and delivered by such Purchaser, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of such Purchaser, enforceable in accordance with their terms, except as limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance and any other laws of general application affecting enforcement of creditors’ rights generally, and as limited by laws relating to the availability of specific performance, injunctive relief or other equitable remedies.

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## **SECTION 7. INFORMATION AS TO COMPANY.**

**Section 7.1. Financial and Business Information.** The Company shall deliver to each Purchaser and each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor:

(a) *Quarterly Statements* — within 45 days (or if shorter, 15 days greater than the period applicable to the filing of the Company’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the “**Form 10-Q**”) with the SEC, regardless of whether the Company is subject to the filing requirements thereof) after the end of each quarterly fiscal period in each fiscal year of the Company (other than the last quarterly fiscal period of each such fiscal year), duplicate copies of,

(i) a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter, and

(ii) consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders’ equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries, for such quarter and (in the case of the second and third quarters) for the portion of the fiscal year ending with such quarter,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding periods in the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP applicable to quarterly financial statements generally, and certified by a Senior Financial Officer as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported on and their results of operations and cash flows, subject to changes resulting from year-end adjustments;

(b) *Annual Statements* — within 90 days (or if shorter, 15 days greater than the period applicable to the filing of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (the “**Form 10-K**”) with the SEC regardless of whether the Company is subject to the filing requirements thereof) after the end of each fiscal year of the Company, duplicate copies of

(i) a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such year, and

(ii) consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows of the Company and its Subsidiaries for such year,

setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, all in reasonable detail, prepared in accordance with GAAP, and accompanied by an opinion thereon (without a "going concern" or similar qualification or exception and without any qualification or exception as to the scope of the audit on which such opinion is based) of independent public accountants of recognized national standing, which opinion shall state that such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the companies being reported upon and their results of operations and cash flows and have been prepared in conformity with GAAP, and that the examination of such accountants in connection with such financial statements has been made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and that such audit provides a reasonable basis for such opinion in the circumstances;

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(c) *SEC and Other Reports* — promptly after their becoming available, one copy of (i) each financial statement, report, notice, proxy statement or similar document sent by the Company or any Subsidiary to its public Securities holders generally, and (ii) each regular or periodic report, each registration statement (without exhibits except as expressly requested by such holder), and each prospectus and all amendments thereto filed by the Company or any Subsidiary with the SEC and of all press releases and other statements made available generally by the Company or any Subsidiary to the public concerning developments that are Material;

(d) *Notice of Default or Event of Default* — promptly, and in any event within 10 days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of the existence of any Default or Event of Default or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default hereunder or that any Person has given any notice or taken any action with respect to a claimed default of the type referred to in Section 11(f), a written notice specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto;

(e) *Employee Benefits Matters* — promptly, and in any event within 10 days after a Responsible Officer becoming aware of any of the following, a written notice setting forth the nature thereof and the action, if any, that the Company or an ERISA Affiliate proposes to take with respect thereto:

(i) with respect to any Plan, any reportable event, as defined in section 4043(c) of ERISA and the regulations thereunder, for which notice thereof has not been waived pursuant to such regulations as in effect on the date hereof;

(ii) the taking by the PBGC of steps to institute, or the threatening by the PBGC of the institution of, proceedings under section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Plan, or the receipt by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate of a notice from a Multiemployer Plan that such action has been taken by the PBGC with respect to such Multiemployer Plan;

(iii) any event, transaction or condition that could result in the incurrence of any liability by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans, or in the imposition of any Lien on any of the rights, properties or assets of the Company or any ERISA Affiliate pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or such penalty or excise tax provisions, if such liability or Lien, taken together with any other such liabilities or Liens then existing, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; or

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(iv) receipt of notice of the imposition of a Material financial penalty (which for this purpose shall mean any tax, penalty or other liability, whether by way of indemnity or otherwise) with respect to one or more Non-U.S. Plans;

(f) *Notices from Governmental Authority* – promptly, and in any event within 30 days of receipt thereof, copies of any notice to the Company or any Subsidiary from any Governmental Authority relating to any order, ruling, statute or other law or regulation that would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(g) *Resignation or Replacement of Auditors* – within 10 days following the date on which the Company’s auditors resign or the Company elects to change auditors, as the case may be, notification thereof, together with such further information as the Required Holders may request;

(h) *Other Material Developments* – with reasonable promptness, any other development that results in, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Material Adverse Effect; and

(i) *Requested Information* – with reasonable promptness, such other data and information relating to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or relating to the ability of the Company to perform its obligations hereunder and under the Notes as from time to time may be reasonably requested by any such Purchaser or holder of a Note.

**Section 7.2. Officer’s Certificate.** Each set of financial statements delivered to a Purchaser or a holder of a Note pursuant to Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b) shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer:

(a) *Covenant Compliance* — setting forth the information from such financial statements that is required in order to establish whether the Company was in compliance with the requirements of Section 10.6 during the quarterly or annual period covered by the financial statements then being furnished (including with respect to each such provision that involves mathematical calculations, the information from such financial statements that is required to perform such calculations) and detailed calculations of the maximum or minimum amount, ratio or percentage, as the case may be, permissible under the terms of such Section, and the calculation of the amount, ratio or percentage then in existence. In the event that the Company or any Subsidiary has made an election to measure any financial liability using fair value (which election is being disregarded for purposes of determining compliance with this Agreement pursuant to Section 22.2) as to the period covered by any such financial statement, such Senior Financial Officer’s certificate as to such period shall include a reconciliation from GAAP with respect to such election;

(b) *Event of Default* — certifying that such Senior Financial Officer has reviewed the relevant terms hereof and has made, or caused to be made, under his or her supervision, a review of the transactions and conditions of the Company and its Subsidiaries from the beginning of the quarterly or annual period covered by the statements then being furnished to the date of the certificate and that such review shall not have disclosed the existence during such period of any condition or event that constitutes a Default or an Event of Default or, if any such condition or event existed or exists (including any such event or condition resulting from the failure of the Company or any Subsidiary to comply with any Environmental Law), specifying the nature and period of existence thereof and what action the Company shall have taken or proposes to take with respect thereto; and

(c) *Subsidiary Guarantors* — setting forth a list of all Subsidiaries that are Subsidiary Guarantors and certifying that each Subsidiary that is required to be a Subsidiary Guarantor pursuant to Section 9.7 is a Subsidiary Guarantor, in each case, as of the date of such certificate of Senior Financial Officer.

**Section 7.3. Access.** The Company shall permit the representatives of each Purchaser and each holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor:

(a) *No Default* — if no Default or Event of Default then exists and is continuing, to participate in a conference call with the Company’s officers to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries and (with the consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld) its independent public accountants, *provided*, that the access rights set forth in this Section 7.3(a) may only be exercised twice per calendar year by a holder of the Notes; and

(b) *Default* — if a Default or an Event of Default then exists and is continuing, at the expense of the Company and upon reasonable prior notice to the Company, to access the books of account, records, reports and other papers of the Company



or any Subsidiary, to make copies and extracts therefrom, and to discuss their respective affairs, finances and accounts with their respective officers and independent public accountants (and by this provision the Company authorizes said accountants to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries), all at such times and as often as may be reasonably requested.

**Section 7.4. Electronic Delivery.** Financial statements, opinions of independent certified public accountants, other information and Officer's Certificates that are required to be delivered by the Company pursuant to Sections 7.1(a), (b) or (c) and Section 7.2 shall be deemed to have been delivered if the Company satisfies any of the following requirements with respect thereto:

(a) such financial statements satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or (b) and related Officer's Certificate satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 and any other information required under Section 7.1(c) are delivered to each Purchaser and holder of a Note by e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in such holder's Purchaser Schedule or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company;

(b) the Company shall have filed such Form 10-Q or Form 10-K, satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b), as the case may be, with the SEC on EDGAR and shall have made such form and the related Officer's Certificate satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 available on its home page on the internet, which is located at <http://www.whitehorsefinance.com> as of the date of this Agreement, or shall have delivered such certificate to each holder of a Note by e-mail at the e-mail address set forth in such holder's Purchaser Schedule or as communicated from time to time in a separate writing delivered to the Company;

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(c) such financial statements satisfying the requirements of Section 7.1(a) or Section 7.1(b) and related Officer's Certificate(s) satisfying the requirements of Section 7.2 and any other information required under Section 7.1(c) are timely posted by or on behalf of the Company on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each holder of Notes has free access; or

(d) the Company shall have filed any of the items referred to in Section 7.1(c) with the SEC on EDGAR and shall have made such items available on its home page on the internet or on IntraLinks or on any other similar website to which each holder of Notes has free access;

*provided however*, that in the case of any of clauses (b), (c) or (d), the Company shall have given each holder of a Note prior written notice, which may be by e-mail, included in the Officer's Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 7.2 or in accordance with Section 18, of such posting or filing in connection with each delivery, *provided further*, that upon request of any holder to receive paper copies of such forms, financial statements, other information and Officer's Certificates or to receive them by e-mail, the Company will promptly e-mail them or deliver such paper copies, as the case may be, to such holder.

## **SECTION 8. PAYMENT AND PREPAYMENT OF THE NOTES.**

**Section 8.1. Maturity.** As provided therein, the entire unpaid principal balance of each Note shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date thereof.

**Section 8.2. Optional Prepayments with Make-Whole Amount.** The Company may, at its option, upon notice as provided below, prepay at any time all, or from time to time any part of, the Notes, in an amount not less than 5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding in the case of a partial prepayment, at 100% of the principal amount so prepaid, and the Make-Whole Amount determined for the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount; *provided*, that at any time on or after March 6, 2028, the Company may, at its option, upon notice as provided below, prepay all or any part of the Notes at 100% of the principal amount so prepaid, together with accrued interest to the prepayment date, but without Make-Whole Amount or other premium. The Company will give each holder of Notes written notice of each optional prepayment under this Section 8.2 not less than 10 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for such prepayment unless the Company and the Required Holders agree to another time period pursuant to Section 17. Each such notice shall specify such date (which shall be a Business Day), the aggregate principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid on such date, the principal amount of each Note held by such holder to be prepaid (determined in accordance with Section 8.3), and the interest to be paid on the prepayment date with respect to such principal amount being prepaid, and shall be accompanied by a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer as to the estimated Make-Whole Amount due in connection with such prepayment (calculated as

if the date of such notice were the date of the prepayment), setting forth the details of such computation. Two Business Days prior to such prepayment, the Company shall deliver to each holder of Notes a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer specifying the calculation of such Make-Whole Amount as of the specified prepayment date.

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**Section 8.3. Allocation of Partial Prepayments.** In the case of each partial prepayment of the Notes pursuant to Section 8.2, the principal amount of the Notes to be prepaid shall be allocated among all of the Notes at the time outstanding in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof not theretofore called for prepayment. All partial prepayments pursuant to Section 8.8 shall be applied only to the Notes of the holders who have accepted the offer of prepayment and shall be allocated among all such Notes in proportion, as nearly as practicable, to the respective unpaid principal amounts thereof and not theretofore called for prepayment.

**Section 8.4. Maturity; Surrender, Etc.** In the case of each prepayment of Notes pursuant to this Section 8, the principal amount of each Note to be prepaid shall mature and become due and payable on the date fixed for such prepayment, together with interest on such principal amount accrued to such date and the applicable Make-Whole Amount, if any. From and after such date, unless the Company shall fail to pay such principal amount when so due and payable, together with the interest and Make-Whole Amount, if any, as aforesaid, interest on such principal amount shall cease to accrue. Any Note paid or prepaid in full shall be surrendered to the Company and cancelled and shall not be reissued, and no Note shall be issued in lieu of any prepaid principal amount of any Note.

**Section 8.5. Purchase of Notes.** The Company will not and will not permit any Affiliate to purchase, redeem, prepay or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any of the outstanding Notes except (a) upon the payment or prepayment of the Notes in accordance with this Agreement and the Notes or (b) pursuant to an offer to purchase made by the Company or an Affiliate pro rata to the holders of all Notes at the time outstanding upon the same terms and conditions. Any such offer shall provide each holder with sufficient information to enable it to make an informed decision with respect to such offer, and shall remain open for at least 10 Business Days. If the holders of more than 25% of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding accept such offer, the Company shall promptly notify the remaining holders of such fact and the expiration date for the acceptance by holders of Notes of such offer shall be extended by the number of days necessary to give each holder at least five Business Days from its receipt of such notice to accept such offer. The Company will promptly cancel all Notes acquired by it or any Affiliate pursuant to any payment, prepayment or purchase of Notes pursuant to this Agreement and no Notes may be issued in substitution or exchange for any such Notes.

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**Section 8.6. Make-Whole Amount.** The term “**Make-Whole Amount**” means, with respect to any Note, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the Discounted Value of the Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to the Called Principal of such Note over the amount of such Called Principal, *provided* that the Make-Whole Amount may in no event be less than zero. For the purposes of determining the Make-Whole Amount, the following terms have the following meanings:

“**Called Principal**” means, with respect to any Note, the principal of such Note that is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

“**Discounted Value**” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the amount obtained by discounting all Remaining Scheduled Payments with respect to such Called Principal from their respective scheduled due dates to the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in accordance with accepted financial practice and at a discount factor (applied on the same periodic basis as that on which interest on the Notes is payable) equal to the Reinvestment Yield with respect to such Called Principal.

“**Reinvestment Yield**” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (a) 0.35% plus (b) the yield to maturity implied by the “Ask Yield(s)” reported as of 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, on the display designated as “Page PX1” (or such other display as may replace Page PX1) on Bloomberg Financial Markets for the most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities (“**Reported**”) having a maturity equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement

Date. If there are no such U.S. Treasury securities Reported having a maturity equal to such Remaining Average Life, then such implied yield to maturity will be determined by (i) converting U.S. Treasury bill quotations to bond equivalent yields in accordance with accepted financial practice and (ii) interpolating linearly between the “Ask Yields” Reported for the applicable most recently issued actively traded on-the-run U.S. Treasury securities with the maturities (1) closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

If such yields are not Reported or the yields Reported as of such time are not ascertainable (including by way of interpolation), then “**Reinvestment Yield**” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the sum of (x) 0.35% plus (y) the yield to maturity implied by the U.S. Treasury constant maturity yields reported, for the latest day for which such yields have been so reported as of the second Business Day preceding the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal, in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (or any comparable successor publication) for the U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to the Remaining Average Life of such Called Principal as of such Settlement Date. If there is no such U.S. Treasury constant maturity having a term equal to such Remaining Average Life, such implied yield to maturity will be determined by interpolating linearly between (1) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and greater than such Remaining Average Life and (2) the U.S. Treasury constant maturity so reported with the term closest to and less than such Remaining Average Life. The Reinvestment Yield shall be rounded to the number of decimal places as appears in the interest rate of the applicable Note.

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“**Remaining Average Life**” means, with respect to any Called Principal, the number of years obtained by dividing (i) such Called Principal into (ii) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the principal component of each Remaining Scheduled Payment with respect to such Called Principal by (b) the number of years, computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months and calculated to two decimal places, that will elapse between the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal and the scheduled due date of such Remaining Scheduled Payment.

“**Remaining Scheduled Payments**” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, all payments of such Called Principal and interest thereon that would be due after the Settlement Date with respect to such Called Principal if no payment of such Called Principal were made prior to its scheduled due date, *provided* that if such Settlement Date is not a date on which interest payments are due to be made under the Notes, then the amount of the next succeeding scheduled interest payment will be reduced by the amount of interest accrued to such Settlement Date and required to be paid on such Settlement Date pursuant to Section 8.2 or Section 12.1.

“**Settlement Date**” means, with respect to the Called Principal of any Note, the date on which such Called Principal is to be prepaid pursuant to Section 8.2 or has become or is declared to be immediately due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1, as the context requires.

**Section 8.7. Payments Due on Non-Business Days.** Anything in this Agreement or the Notes to the contrary notwithstanding, (x) except as set forth in clause (y), any payment of interest on any Note that is due on a date that is not a Business Day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day without including the additional days elapsed in the computation of the interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day; and (y) any payment of principal of, Make-Whole Amount on any Note (including principal due on the Maturity Date of such Note) that is due on a date that is not a Business Day shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and shall include the additional days elapsed in the computation of interest payable on such next succeeding Business Day.

#### **Section 8.8. Change in Control.**

(a) *Notice of Change in Control.* The Company (i) may, following the occurrence of any Control Event, and (ii) will, within thirty Business Days after any Responsible Officer has knowledge of the occurrence of any Change in Control, give written notice of such Change in Control or Control Event to each holder of Notes. Such notice shall contain and constitute an offer to prepay Notes as described in subparagraph (b) of this Section 8.8 and shall be accompanied by the certificate described in subparagraph (e) of this Section 8.8.

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(b) *Offer to Prepay Notes.* The offer to prepay Notes contemplated by subparagraph (a) of this Section 8.8 shall be an offer to prepay, in accordance with and subject to this Section 8.8, all, but not less than all, the Notes held by each holder (in this case only, “holder” in respect of any Note registered in the name of a nominee for a disclosed beneficial owner shall mean such beneficial owner) on a date specified in such offer (the “Section 8.8 Proposed Prepayment Date”). Such date shall be not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days after the date of such offer (if the Section 8.8 Proposed Prepayment Date shall not be specified in such offer, the Section 8.8 Proposed Prepayment Date shall be the first Business Day after the 45th day after the date of such offer).

(c) *Acceptance/Rejection.* A holder of Notes may accept the offer to prepay made pursuant to this Section 8.8 by causing a notice of such acceptance to be delivered to the Company not later than 15 Business Days after receipt by such holder of the most recent offer of prepayment. A failure by a holder of Notes to respond to an offer to prepay made pursuant to this Section 8.8 shall be deemed to constitute rejection of such offer by such holder.

(d) *Prepayment.* Prepayment of the Notes to be prepaid pursuant to this Section 8.8 shall be at 100% of the principal amount of such Notes, together with interest on such Notes accrued to, but excluding, the date of prepayment, but without Make-Whole Amount or other premium..

(e) *Officer’s Certificate.* Each offer to prepay the Notes pursuant to this Section 8.8 shall be accompanied by a certificate, executed by a Senior Financial Officer of the Company and dated the date of such offer, specifying: (i) the Section 8.8 Proposed Prepayment Date; (ii) that such offer is made pursuant to this Section 8.8; (iii) the principal amount of each Note offered to be prepaid; (iv) the interest that would be due on each Note offered to be prepaid, accrued to, but excluding, the Section 8.8 Proposed Prepayment Date; (v) that the conditions of this Section 8.8 have been fulfilled; and (vi) in reasonable detail, the nature and date of the Change in Control or Control Event, as the case may be.

## SECTION 9. AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS.

From the date of this Agreement until the Closing and thereafter, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, the Company covenants that:

**Section 9.1. Compliance with Laws.** Without limiting Section 10.4, the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, comply with all laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations to which each of them is subject (including ERISA, Environmental Laws, the USA PATRIOT Act and the other laws and regulations that are referred to in Section 5.16) and will obtain and maintain in effect all licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations necessary to the ownership of their respective properties or to the conduct of their respective businesses, in each case to the extent necessary to ensure that non-compliance with such laws, ordinances or governmental rules or regulations or failures to obtain or maintain in effect such licenses, certificates, permits, franchises and other governmental authorizations would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 9.2. Insurance.** The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain, with financially sound and reputable insurers, insurance with respect to their respective properties and businesses against such casualties and contingencies, of such types, on such terms and in such amounts (including deductibles, co-insurance and self-insurance, if adequate reserves are maintained with respect thereto) as is customary in the case of entities of established reputations engaged in the same or a similar business and similarly situated.

**Section 9.3. Maintenance of Properties.** The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain and keep, or cause to be maintained and kept, their respective properties in good repair, working order and condition (other than ordinary wear and tear), so that the business carried on in connection therewith may be properly conducted at all times, *provided* that this Section 9.3 shall not prevent the Company or any Subsidiary from discontinuing the operation and the maintenance of any of its properties if such discontinuance is desirable in the conduct of its business and the Company has concluded that such discontinuance would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 9.4. Payment of Taxes and Claims.** The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, file all federal and state and other Material tax returns required to be filed in any jurisdiction and to pay and discharge all taxes shown to be due and payable on such returns and all other taxes, assessments, governmental charges, or levies imposed on them or any of their properties, assets, income or franchises, to the extent the same have become due and payable and before they have become delinquent and all claims for which sums have become due and payable that have or might become a Lien on properties or assets of the Company or any Subsidiary, *provided* that neither the Company nor any Subsidiary need pay any such tax, assessment, charge, levy or claim if (i) the amount, applicability or validity thereof is contested by the Company or such Subsidiary on a timely basis in good faith and in appropriate proceedings, and the Company or a Subsidiary has established adequate reserves therefor in accordance with GAAP on the books of the Company or such Subsidiary or (ii) the nonpayment of all such taxes, assessments, charges, levies and claims would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 9.5. Corporate Existence, Etc.** Subject to Section 10.2, the Company will at all times preserve and keep its corporate existence in full force and effect. Subject to Section 10.2, the Company will at all times preserve and keep in full force and effect the corporate existence of each of its Subsidiaries (unless merged into the Company or a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary) and all rights and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries unless, in the good faith judgment of the Company, the termination of or failure to preserve and keep in full force and effect such corporate existence, right or franchise would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

**Section 9.6. Books and Records.** The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, maintain proper books of record and account in conformity with GAAP and all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having legal or regulatory jurisdiction over the Company or such Subsidiary, as the case may be. The Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, keep books, records and accounts which, in reasonable detail, accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets. The Company and its Subsidiaries have devised a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurances that their respective books, records, and accounts accurately reflect all transactions and dispositions of assets and the Company will, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to, continue to maintain such system.

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**Section 9.7. Subsidiary Guarantors.** (a) Except for any existing Indebtedness of the Company under the Secured Credit Facility and any Replacement Facilities, the Company will cause each of its Subsidiaries that guarantees or otherwise becomes liable at any time, whether as a borrower or an additional or co-borrower or otherwise, for or in respect of any Indebtedness under any Material Credit Facility for which the Company is a borrower or guarantor to concurrently therewith:

(i) enter into an agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Required Holders providing for the guaranty by such Subsidiary, on a joint and several basis with all other such Subsidiaries, of (x) the prompt payment in full when due of all amounts payable by the Company pursuant to the Notes (whether for principal, interest, Make-Whole Amount or otherwise) and this Agreement, including all indemnities, fees and expenses payable by the Company thereunder and (y) the prompt, full and faithful performance, observance and discharge by the Company of each and every covenant, agreement, undertaking and provision required pursuant to the Notes or this Agreement to be performed, observed or discharged by it (a “**Subsidiary Guaranty**”); and

(ii) deliver the following to each holder of a Note:

(A) an executed counterpart of such Subsidiary Guaranty or a joinder thereto;

(B) a certificate signed by an authorized responsible officer of such Subsidiary containing representations and warranties on behalf of such Subsidiary to the same effect, *mutatis mutandis*, as those contained in Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.19(b) of this Agreement (but with respect to such Subsidiary and such Subsidiary Guaranty rather than the Company);

(C) all documents as may be reasonably requested by the Required Holders to evidence the due organization, continuing existence and, where applicable, good standing of such Subsidiary and the due authorization by all requisite action on the part of such Subsidiary of the execution and delivery of such Subsidiary Guaranty and the performance by such Subsidiary of its obligations thereunder; and

(D) upon request of the Required Holders, a customary opinion of counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders covering such matters relating to such Subsidiary and such Subsidiary Guaranty as the Required Holders may reasonably request.

(b) At the election of the Company and by written notice to each holder of Notes, any Subsidiary Guarantor that has provided a Subsidiary Guaranty under subparagraph (a) of this Section 9.7 may be discharged from all of its obligations and liabilities under its Subsidiary Guaranty and shall be automatically released from its obligations thereunder without the need for the execution or delivery of any other document by the holders, *provided* that (i) if such Subsidiary Guarantor is a guarantor or is otherwise liable for or in respect of any Material Credit Facility, then such Subsidiary Guarantor has been released and discharged (or will be released and discharged concurrently with the release of such Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guaranty) under such Material Credit Facility, (ii) at the time of, and after giving effect to, such release and discharge, no Default or Event of Default shall be existing, (iii) no amount is then due and payable under such Subsidiary Guaranty, (iv) if in connection with such Subsidiary Guarantor being released and discharged under any Material Credit Facility, any fee or other form of consideration is given to any holder of Indebtedness under such Material Credit Facility for such release, the holders of the Notes shall receive equivalent consideration substantially concurrently therewith and (v) each holder shall have received a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying as to the matters set forth in clauses (i) through (iv).

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**Section 9.8. Rating Confirmation.** The Company covenants and agrees that, at its sole cost and expense, it shall cause to be maintained at all times a Rating of the Notes from at least one NRSRO that indicates that it will monitor the rating on an ongoing basis. No later than (i) June 30 of each year (beginning June 30, 2022) and (ii) promptly after any change in the Rating, the Company further covenants and agrees it shall provide a notice with evidence of such Rating (or any change thereto) to each of the holders of the Notes sent in the manner provided in Section 18 with respect to all then current Ratings.

**Section 9.9. Status of RIC and BDC.** The Company shall at all times, subject to applicable grace periods set forth in the Code, maintain its status as a RIC, and as a “business development company” under the Investment Company Act.

**Section 9.10. Priority of Obligations.** The Company will ensure that its payment obligations under this Agreement and the Notes, and the payment obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guaranty, will at all times rank at least *pari passu*, without preference or priority, with all other unsecured and unsubordinated Indebtedness of the Company and such Subsidiary Guarantor, as applicable.

Notwithstanding the terms of Section 11, it will not be a Default or an Event of Default if the Company fails to comply with any provision of Section 9 on or after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing; however, if such a failure occurs, then any of the Purchasers may elect not to purchase the Notes on the date of Closing that is specified in Section 3.

## **SECTION 10. NEGATIVE COVENANTS.**

From the date of this Agreement until the Closing and thereafter, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding, the Company covenants that:

**Section 10.1. Transactions with Affiliates.** The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, enter into directly or indirectly any transaction or group of related transactions (including the purchase, lease, sale or exchange of properties of any kind or the rendering of any service) with any Affiliate (other than the Company or another Subsidiary), except (i) in the ordinary course and pursuant to the reasonable requirements of the Company’s or such Subsidiary’s business and upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Company or such Subsidiary than would be obtainable in a comparable arm’s-length transaction with a Person not an Affiliate, (ii) transactions otherwise permitted under the Agreement, (iii) transactions permitted under the Secured Credit Facility or any Replacement Facilities, (iv) transactions with Affiliates that are set forth on Schedule 10.1, (v) a transaction that has been (A) approved by a majority of the independent directors of the Board of Directors of the Company and (B) consented to by the Required Holders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), (vi) any co-investment with Affiliates of the Company or the External Manager that is permitted under any established SEC guidance, no-action letter or order or exemptive relief order or (vii) transactions with WHF STRS Ohio Senior Loan Fund LLC in the ordinary course.

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**Section 10.2. Merger, Consolidation, Etc.** The Company will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to, consolidate with or merge with any other Person or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of its assets in a single transaction or series of transactions to any Person unless:

(a) in the case of any such transaction involving the Company, the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of the Company as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be a solvent corporation or limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia), and, if the Company is not such corporation or limited liability company, (i) such corporation or limited liability company shall have executed and delivered to each holder of any Notes its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of this Agreement and the Notes and (ii) such corporation or limited liability company shall have caused to be delivered to each holder of any Notes an opinion of nationally recognized independent counsel, or other independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders, to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof;

(b) in the case of any such transaction involving a Subsidiary Guarantor, the successor formed by such consolidation or the survivor of such merger or the Person that acquires by conveyance, transfer or lease all or substantially all of the assets of such Subsidiary Guarantor as an entirety, as the case may be, shall be (1) the Company, such Subsidiary Guarantor or another Subsidiary Guarantor; or (2) a solvent corporation or limited liability company (other than the Company or another Subsidiary Guarantor) that is organized and existing under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (including the District of Columbia) and, if such Subsidiary Guarantor is not such corporation or limited liability company, (A) such corporation or limited liability company shall have executed and delivered to each holder of Notes its assumption of the due and punctual performance and observance of each covenant and condition of the Subsidiary Guaranty of such Subsidiary Guarantor and (B) the Company shall have caused to be delivered to each holder of Notes an opinion of nationally recognized independent counsel, or other independent counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders, to the effect that all agreements or instruments effecting such assumption are enforceable in accordance with their terms and comply with the terms hereof;

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(c) each Subsidiary Guarantor under any Subsidiary Guaranty that is outstanding at the time such transaction or each transaction in such a series of transactions occurs reaffirms its obligations under such Subsidiary Guaranty in writing at such time pursuant to documentation that is reasonably acceptable to the Required Holders; and

(d) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to such transaction or each transaction in any such series of transactions, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

No such conveyance, transfer or lease of substantially all of the assets of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor shall have the effect of releasing the Company or such Subsidiary Guarantor, as the case may be, or any successor corporation or limited liability company that shall theretofore have become such in the manner prescribed in this Section 10.2, from its liability under (x) this Agreement or the Notes (in the case of the Company) or (y) the Subsidiary Guaranty (in the case of any Subsidiary Guarantor), unless, in the case of the conveyance, transfer or lease of substantially all of the assets of a Subsidiary Guarantor, such Subsidiary Guarantor is released from its Subsidiary Guaranty in accordance with Section 9.7(b) in connection with or immediately following such conveyance, transfer or lease.

**Section 10.3. Line of Business.** The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary to engage in any business if, as a result, the general nature of the business in which the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, would then be engaged would be substantially changed from the general nature of the business in which the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, are engaged on the date of this Agreement as described in the Disclosure Documents.

**Section 10.4. Economic Sanctions, Etc.** The Company will not, and will not permit any Controlled Entity to (a) become (including by virtue of being owned or controlled by a Blocked Person), own or control a Blocked Person or (b) directly or indirectly have any investment in or engage in any dealing or transaction (including any investment, dealing or transaction involving the proceeds of the Notes) with any Person if such investment, dealing or transaction (i) would cause any Purchaser or holder or any affiliate of such

Purchaser or holder to be in violation of, or subject to sanctions under, any law or regulation applicable to such holder, or (ii) is prohibited by or subject to sanctions under any U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

**Section 10.5. Liens.** The Company will not and will not permit any Subsidiary Guarantor to directly or indirectly create, incur, assume or permit to exist (upon the happening of a contingency or otherwise) any Lien on or with respect to any property or asset (including, without limitation, any document or instrument in respect of goods or accounts receivable) of the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor, whether now owned or held or hereafter acquired, or any income or profits therefrom, or assign or otherwise convey any right to receive income or profits, except (a) Liens which secure obligations under the Secured Credit Facility or any Replacement Facilities, (b) Liens permitted under the Secured Credit Facility or any Replacement Facilities, (c) Liens on Equity Interests in any SBIC Subsidiary created in favor of the SBA or its designee, (d) leases, licenses, subleases or sublicenses granted to others in the ordinary course of business which do not (i) interfere in any material respect with the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries or (ii) secure any Indebtedness, or (e) other Liens which rank at least *pari passu* with all such Liens securing obligations under the Secured Credit Facility or any Replacement Facilities, *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, such other Liens under this clause (f), or any Indebtedness secured thereby, shall not include, or be subject to, any “first in/last out” or other priority or preference in the right of payment.

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### **Section 10.6. Financial Covenants.**

(a) *Minimum Shareholders' Equity.* The Company will not permit Shareholders' Equity at the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Company to be less than \$199,650,000, *plus* 50% of the net proceeds of the sale of Equity Interests by the Company after December 6, 2021 (other than proceeds of sales of Equity Interests by and among the Company and its Subsidiaries).

(b) *Asset Coverage Ratio.* The Company will not permit the Asset Coverage Ratio (i) as of December 6, 2021, immediately after giving effect to the sale of the Notes or (ii) as of the last Business Day of any fiscal quarter of the Company to be less than the Investment Company Act Asset Coverage.

(c) *Debt to Equity Ratio.* The Company will not permit the Debt to Equity Ratio, immediately after giving pro forma effect to the creation, issuance, assumption, guarantee or incurrence of Indebtedness and the application of the proceeds thereof, to be greater than 1.6 to 1.0.

(d) *Maximum Secured Debt.* The Company will not permit the Secured Debt Ratio at any time to exceed 0.75 to 1.00.

**Section 10.7. Most Favored Lender Status.** (a) If the Company (i) is as of the date of this Agreement a party to a credit facility, loan agreement or other like financial instrument under which the Company may incur Unsecured Debt in excess of \$25,000,000 (an “**Existing Credit Facility**”), or (ii) after the date of this Agreement enters into any amendment or other modification of any Existing Credit Facility (an “**Amended Credit Facility**”) or (iii) enters into any new credit facility, whether with commercial banks or other Institutional Investors pursuant to a credit agreement, note purchase agreement, convertible note indenture or debenture, or other like agreement after the date of this Agreement under which the Company may incur Unsecured Debt in excess of \$25,000,000 (in any such case, a “**New Credit Facility**”), that in any such case has on the date of this Agreement, or after the date of this Agreement results in, one or more additional or more restrictive MFL Provisions (whether constituting a financial covenant or an event of default) imposed on the Company than those contained in this Agreement being contained in any such Existing Credit Facility, Amended Credit Facility or New Credit Facility, as the case may be (such additional or more restrictive MFL Provision or event of default, as the case may be, together with all definitions relating thereto, in the case of an Existing Credit Facility, including as amended by an Amended Credit Facility, the “**Existing Facility Additional Provision(s)**” and in the case of a New Credit Facility, the “**New Facility Additional Provision(s)**”), then the terms of this Agreement, without any further action on the part of the Company or any of the holders of the Notes, will unconditionally be deemed on the effective date of such Amended Credit Facility or New Credit Facility, as the case may be, or the date hereof in the case of an Existing Credit Facility to be automatically amended to include the Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or such New Facility Additional Provision(s), as the case may be, and imposed on the same party hereunder that is subject to such provision under the Existing Credit Facility, the Amended Credit Facility, or the New Credit Facility, as applicable, and any event of default in respect of any such additional or more restrictive MFL Provision(s) so included herein shall be deemed to be an Event of Default under Section 11(c) (after giving effect to any grace or cure provisions under such Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or such New Facility Additional Provision(s) or event of default), subject to all applicable terms and provisions of this Agreement, including, without limitation, all rights and remedies exercisable by the holders of the Notes hereunder; *provided* that, for the avoidance of doubt, any conversion feature in any New Credit Facility pursuant to which the principal amount of, or any premium and/or accrued but unpaid interest on, any debt security



convertible by its terms into capital stock of the Company shall not be deemed to be a New Facility Additional Provision for purposes of this Section 10.7.

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(b) If after the date of execution of any Amended Credit Facility or a New Credit Facility, as the case may be, any one or more of the Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or the New Facility Additional Provision(s) is excluded, terminated, loosened, tightened, amended or otherwise modified under the corresponding Amended Credit Facility or New Credit Facility, as applicable, then and in such event any such Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or New Facility Additional Provision(s) theretofore included in this Agreement pursuant to the requirements of this Section 10.7 shall then and thereupon automatically and without any further action by any Person be so excluded, terminated, loosened, tightened or otherwise amended or modified under this Section 10.7 to the same extent as the exclusion, termination, loosening, tightening of other amendment or modification thereof under the Amended Credit Facility or New Credit Facility; *provided* that if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing by reason of the Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or the New Facility Additional Provision(s) at the time any such Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or New Facility Additional Provision(s) is or are to be so excluded, terminated, loosened, tightened, amended or modified under this Section 10.7, the prior written consent thereto of the Required Holders shall be required as a condition to the exclusion, termination, loosening, tightening or other amendment or modification of any such Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or New Facility Additional Provision(s), as the case may be; and *provided, further*, that in any and all events, the financial covenant(s) and related definitions or any event of default constituting any financial covenant and Events of Default contained in this Agreement as in effect on the date of this Agreement shall not in any event be deemed or construed to be excluded, terminated, loosened, relaxed, amended or otherwise modified by operation of the terms of this Section 10.7.

(c) The Company shall from time to time, upon request by the Required Holders, promptly execute and deliver at its expense (including, without limitation, the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of one counsel for the holders of the Notes, taken as a whole) an amendment to this Agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Required Holders evidencing that, pursuant to this Section 10.7, this Agreement then and thereafter includes, excludes, amends or otherwise modifies any Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or New Facility Additional Provision(s), as the case may be; *provided* that the execution and delivery of such amendment shall not be a precondition to the effectiveness of such amendment.

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(d) The Company agrees that it will not, nor will it permit any Subsidiary or Affiliate to, directly or indirectly, pay or cause to be paid any consideration or remuneration, whether by way of supplemental or additional interest, fee or otherwise, to any creditor of the Company, any co-obligor or any Subsidiary as consideration for or as an inducement to the entering into by any such creditor of any amendment, waiver or other modification to any Existing Credit Facility or New Credit Facility, as the case may be, the effect of which amendment, waiver or other modification is to exclude, terminate, loosen, tighten or otherwise amend or modify any Existing Facility Additional Provision(s) or New Facility Additional Provision(s), unless such consideration or remuneration is concurrently paid, on the same terms, ratably to the holders of all of the Notes then outstanding.

Notwithstanding the terms of Section 11, it will not be a Default or an Event of Default if the Company fails to comply with any provision of Section 10 before or after giving effect to the issuance of the Notes on a *pro forma* basis; however, if such a failure occurs, then any of the Purchasers may elect not to purchase the Notes on the date of Closing that is specified in Section 3.

## SECTION 11. EVENTS OF DEFAULT.

An “**Event of Default**” shall exist if any of the following conditions or events shall occur and be continuing:

(a) the Company defaults in the payment of any principal on any Note when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or by declaration or otherwise; or

(b) the Company defaults in the payment of any interest or Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any Note for more than five Business Days after the same becomes due and payable; or

(c) the Company defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained in Section 7.1(d) or Section 10.6(a), (b), (c) or (d); or

(d) the Company defaults in the performance of or compliance with any term contained herein (other than those referred to in Sections 11(a), (b) and (c)) and such default is not remedied within 45 days after the earlier of (i) a Responsible Officer obtaining actual knowledge of such default and (ii) the Company receiving written notice of such default from holders of at least 25% of the outstanding principal amount of the Notes (any such written notice to be identified as a “notice of default” and to refer specifically to this Section 11(d)); or

(e) (i) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of the Company or by any officer of the Company in this Agreement or any writing furnished in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made, or (ii) any representation or warranty made in writing by or on behalf of any Subsidiary Guarantor or by any officer of such Subsidiary Guarantor in any Subsidiary Guaranty or any writing furnished in connection with such Subsidiary Guaranty proves to have been false or incorrect in any material respect on the date as of which made; or

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(f) (i) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is in default (as principal or as guarantor or other surety) in the payment of any principal of or premium or make-whole amount or interest on any Indebtedness that is outstanding in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment) beyond any period of grace provided with respect thereto, or (ii) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary is in default in the performance of or compliance with any term of any evidence of any Indebtedness in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment) or of any mortgage, indenture or other agreement relating thereto or any other condition exists, and as a consequence of such default or condition such Indebtedness has become, or has been declared, due and payable before its stated maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment, or (iii) as a consequence of the occurrence or continuation of any event or condition (other than the passage of time or the right of the holder of Indebtedness to convert such Indebtedness into equity interests), the Company or any Significant Subsidiary has become obligated to purchase or repay Indebtedness before its regular maturity or before its regularly scheduled dates of payment in an aggregate outstanding principal amount of at least \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment); in each case other than a default, event or condition that relates to a Change in Control and with respect thereto Section 8.8 applies; *provided* that this clause (f) shall not apply to (1) secured Indebtedness that becomes due as a result of the voluntary sale or transfer of the property or assets securing such Indebtedness; or (2) convertible debt that becomes due as a result of a conversion or redemption event, other than as a result of an “event of default” (as defined in the documents governing such convertible debt); or

(g) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary (i) is generally not paying, or admits in writing its inability to pay, its debts as they become due, (ii) files, or consents by answer or otherwise to the filing against it of, a petition for relief or reorganization or arrangement or any other petition in bankruptcy, for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar law of any jurisdiction, (iii) makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, (iv) consents to the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, (v) is adjudicated as insolvent or to be liquidated, or (vi) takes corporate action for the purpose of any of the foregoing; or

(h) a court or other Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction enters an order appointing, without consent by the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to it or with respect to any substantial part of its property, or constituting an order for relief or approving a petition for relief or reorganization or any other petition in bankruptcy or for liquidation or to take advantage of any bankruptcy or insolvency law of any jurisdiction, or ordering the dissolution, winding-up or liquidation of the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries, or any such petition shall be filed against the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries and such petition shall not be dismissed within 60 days; or

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(i) any event that occurs with respect to the Company or any Significant Subsidiary which under the laws of any jurisdiction is analogous to any of the events described in Section 11(g) or Section 11(h), provided that the applicable grace period, if any, which shall apply shall be the one applicable to the relevant proceeding which most closely corresponds to the proceeding described in Section 11(g) or Section 11(h); or

(j) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money aggregating in excess of \$25,000,000 (or its equivalent in the relevant currency of payment) (to the extent not covered by independent third party insurance or by an enforceable indemnity), including any such final order enforcing a binding arbitration decision, are rendered against one or more of the Company and its Significant Subsidiaries and which judgments are not, within 60 days after entry thereof, bonded, discharged or stayed pending appeal, or are not discharged within 60 days after the expiration of such stay; or

(k) if (i) any Plan shall fail to satisfy the minimum funding standards of ERISA or the Code for any plan year or part thereof or a waiver of such standards or extension of any amortization period is sought or granted under section 412 of the Code, (ii) a notice of intent to terminate any Plan shall have been or is reasonably expected to be filed with the PBGC or the PBGC shall have instituted proceedings under ERISA section 4042 to terminate or appoint a trustee to administer any Plan or the PBGC shall have notified the Company or any ERISA Affiliate that a Plan may become a subject of any such proceedings, (iii) there is any “amount of unfunded benefit liabilities” (within the meaning of section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA) under one or more Plans, determined in accordance with Title IV of ERISA, (iv) the aggregate present value of accrued benefit liabilities under all funded Non-U.S. Plans exceeds the aggregate current value of the assets of such Non-U.S. Plans allocable to such liabilities, (v) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate shall have incurred or is reasonably expected to incur any liability pursuant to Title I or IV of ERISA or the penalty or excise tax provisions of the Code relating to employee benefit plans, (vi) the Company or any ERISA Affiliate withdraws from any Multiemployer Plan, (vii) the Company or any Subsidiary establishes or amends any employee welfare benefit plan that provides post-employment welfare benefits in a manner that would increase the liability of the Company or any Subsidiary thereunder, (viii) the Company or any Subsidiary fails to administer or maintain a Non-U.S. Plan in compliance with the requirements of any and all applicable laws, statutes, rules, regulations or court orders or any Non-U.S. Plan is involuntarily terminated or wound up, or (ix) the Company or any Subsidiary becomes subject to the imposition of a financial penalty (which for this purpose shall mean any tax, penalty or other liability, whether by way of indemnity or otherwise) with respect to one or more Non-U.S. Plans; and any such event or events described in clauses (i) through (ix) above, either individually or together with any other such event or events, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. As used in this Section 11(k), the terms “**employee benefit plan**” and “**employee welfare benefit plan**” shall have the respective meanings assigned to such terms in section 3 of ERISA; or

(l) any Subsidiary Guaranty shall cease to be in full force and effect in any Material respect, any Subsidiary Guarantor or any Person acting on behalf of any Subsidiary Guarantor shall contest in any manner the validity, binding nature or enforceability of any Subsidiary Guaranty, or the obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor under any Subsidiary Guaranty are not or cease to be legal, valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with the terms of such Subsidiary Guaranty.

(m) the External Manager ceases to be the external manager of the Company.

## SECTION 12. REMEDIES ON DEFAULT, ETC.

**Section 12.1. Acceleration.** (a) If an Event of Default with respect to the Company described in Section 11(g), (h) or (i) (other than an Event of Default described in clause (i) of Section 11(g) or described in clause (vi) of Section 11(g) by virtue of the fact that such clause encompasses clause (i) of Section 11(g)) has occurred, all the Notes then outstanding shall automatically become immediately due and payable.

(b) If any other Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Required Holders may at any time at its or their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare all the Notes then outstanding to be immediately due and payable.

(c) If any Event of Default described in Section 11(a) or (b) has occurred and is continuing, any holder or holders of Notes at the time outstanding affected by such Event of Default may at any time, at its or their option, by notice or notices to the Company, declare all the Notes held by it or them to be immediately due and payable.



Upon any Notes becoming due and payable under this Section 12.1, whether automatically or by declaration, such Notes will forthwith mature and the entire unpaid principal amount of such Notes, plus (x) all accrued and unpaid interest thereon (including interest accrued thereon at the Default Rate) and (y) the Make-Whole Amount determined in respect of such principal amount, shall all be immediately due and payable, in each and every case without presentment, demand, protest or further notice, all of which are hereby waived. The Company acknowledges, and the parties hereto agree, that each holder of a Note has the right to maintain its investment in the Notes free from repayment by the Company (except as herein specifically provided for) and that the provision for payment of a Make-Whole Amount by the Company in the event that the Notes are prepaid or are accelerated as a result of an Event of Default, is intended to provide compensation for the deprivation of such right under such circumstances.

**Section 12.2. Other Remedies.** If any Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, and irrespective of whether any Notes have become or have been declared immediately due and payable under Section 12.1, the holder of any Note at the time outstanding may proceed to protect and enforce the rights of such holder by an action at law, suit in equity or other appropriate proceeding, whether for the specific performance of any agreement contained herein or in any Note or Subsidiary Guaranty, or for an injunction against a violation of any of the terms hereof or thereof, or in aid of the exercise of any power granted hereby or thereby or by law or otherwise.

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**Section 12.3. Rescission.** At any time after any Notes have been declared due and payable pursuant to Section 12.1(b) or (c), the Required Holders, by written notice to the Company, may rescind and annul any such declaration and its consequences if (a) the Company has paid all overdue interest on the Notes, all principal of and Make-Whole Amount, if any, on any Notes that are due and payable and are unpaid other than by reason of such declaration, and all interest on such overdue principal and Make-Whole Amount, if any, and (to the extent permitted by applicable law) any overdue interest in respect of the Notes, at the Default Rate, (b) neither the Company nor any other Person shall have paid any amounts which have become due solely by reason of such declaration, (c) all Events of Default and Defaults, other than non-payment of amounts that have become due solely by reason of such declaration, have been cured or have been waived pursuant to Section 17, and (d) no judgment or decree has been entered for the payment of any monies due pursuant hereto or to the Notes. No rescission and annulment under this Section 12.3 will extend to or affect any subsequent Event of Default or Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

**Section 12.4. No Waivers or Election of Remedies, Expenses, Etc.** No course of dealing and no delay on the part of any holder of any Note in exercising any right, power or remedy shall operate as a waiver thereof or otherwise prejudice such holder's rights, powers or remedies. No right, power or remedy conferred by this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or any Note upon any holder thereof shall be exclusive of any other right, power or remedy referred to herein or therein or now or hereafter available at law, in equity, by statute or otherwise. Without limiting the obligations of the Company under Section 15, the Company will pay to the holder of each Note on demand such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover all costs and expenses of such holder incurred in any enforcement or collection under this Section 12, including reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses and disbursements.

### **SECTION 13. REGISTRATION; EXCHANGE; SUBSTITUTION OF NOTES.**

**Section 13.1. Registration of Notes.** The Company shall keep at its principal executive office a register for the registration and registration of transfers of Notes. The name and address of each holder of one or more Notes, each transfer thereof and the name and address of each transferee of one or more Notes shall be registered in such register. If any holder of one or more Notes is a nominee, then (a) the name and address of the beneficial owner of such Note or Notes shall also be registered in such register as an owner and holder thereof and (b) at any such beneficial owner's option, either such beneficial owner or its nominee may execute any amendment, waiver or consent pursuant to this Agreement. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the Person in whose name any Note shall be registered shall be deemed and treated as the owner and holder thereof for all purposes hereof, and the Company shall not be affected by any notice or knowledge to the contrary. The Company shall give to any holder of a Note that is an Institutional Investor promptly after request therefor, a complete and correct copy of the names and addresses of all registered holders of Notes.

### **Section 13.2. Transfer and Exchange of Notes.**

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(a) Subject to Section 13.2(b), any registered holder of a Note or a Purchaser (an “**Assigning Party**”) may assign to one or more assignees (other than a Competitor) (an “**Assignee**”) all or a portion of its rights and obligations under its Note and/or under this Agreement.

(b) Any such assignment or transfer shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) the Assigning Party shall deliver to the Company a written instrument of transfer duly executed by the Assigning Party or such Assigning Party’s attorney duly authorized in writing and accompanied by the relevant name, address and other information for notices of each transferee of such Note or part thereof; (ii) the Assignee shall have made the representations set forth in Section 6 to the Company as to itself; *provided, however*, that if disclosure is required by the Purchaser under clause (c), (d), (e) or (g) of Section 6.2, no transfer of Notes shall be permitted or effective except with the prior written consent of the Company (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld taking in to account the specifics of the applicable disclosure) that the transfer will not involve any non-exempt prohibited transaction that is described in section 406 of ERISA or sections 4975(c)(1)(A) through (D) of the Code; (iii) an exemption from registration of the Notes under the Securities Act is available; and (iv) if requested by the Company, the Assigning Party shall have delivered to the Company such certifications or other evidence to determine that such assignment or transfer is being made in compliance with the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws, in each case at the sole expense of the Assigning Party.

(c) Upon surrender of any Note to the Company at the address and to the attention of the designated officer (all as specified in Section 18(iii)), for registration of transfer or exchange (and in the case of a surrender for registration of transfer accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed by the registered holder of such Note or such holder’s attorney duly authorized in writing and accompanied by the relevant name, address and other information for notices of each transferee of such Note or part thereof), within 10 Business Days thereafter, the Company shall execute and deliver, at the Company’s expense (except as provided below), one or more new Notes (as requested by the holder thereof) in exchange therefor, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unpaid principal amount of the surrendered Note. Each such new Note shall be payable to such Person as such holder may request and shall be substantially in the form of Schedule 1. Each such new Note shall be dated and bear interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on the surrendered Note or dated the date of the surrendered Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon. The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp tax or governmental charge imposed in respect of any such transfer of Notes. Notes shall not be transferred in denominations of less than \$100,000, *provided* that if necessary to enable the registration of transfer by a holder of its entire holding of Notes, one Note may be in a denomination of less than \$100,000. Any transferee, by its acceptance of a Note registered in its name (or the name of its nominee), shall be deemed to have made the representation set forth in Section 6.2.

**Section 13.3. Replacement of Notes.** Upon receipt by the Company at the address and to the attention of the designated officer (all as specified in Section 18(iii)) of evidence reasonably satisfactory to it of the ownership of and the loss, theft, destruction or mutilation of any Note (which evidence shall be, in the case of an Institutional Investor, notice from such Institutional Investor of such ownership and such loss, theft, destruction or mutilation), and

(a) in the case of loss, theft or destruction, of indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it (provided that if the holder of such Note is, or is a nominee for, an original Purchaser or another holder of a Note with a minimum net worth of at least \$50,000,000 or a Qualified Institutional Buyer, such Person’s own unsecured agreement of indemnity shall be deemed to be satisfactory), or

(b) in the case of mutilation, upon surrender and cancellation thereof,

within 10 Business Days thereafter, the Company at its own expense shall execute and deliver, in lieu thereof, a new Note, dated and bearing interest from the date to which interest shall have been paid on such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note or dated the date of such lost, stolen, destroyed or mutilated Note if no interest shall have been paid thereon.

#### **SECTION 14. PAYMENTS ON NOTES.**

**Section 14.1. Place of Payment.** Subject to Section 14.2, payments of principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, and interest becoming due and payable on the Notes shall be made in New York, New York at the principal office of JPMorgan in such jurisdiction. The Company may at any time, by notice to each holder of a Note, change the place of payment of the Notes so long as such place of payment shall be either the principal office of the Company in such jurisdiction or the principal office of a bank or trust company in such jurisdiction.

**Section 14.2. Payment by Wire Transfer.** So long as any Purchaser or its nominee shall be the holder of any Note, and notwithstanding anything contained in Section 14.1 or in such Note to the contrary, the Company will pay all sums becoming due on such Note for principal, Make-Whole Amount, if any, interest and all other amounts becoming due hereunder by the method and at the address specified for such purpose below such Purchaser's name in the Purchaser Schedule, or by such other method or at such other address as such Purchaser shall have from time to time specified to the Company in writing for such purpose, without the presentation or surrender of such Note or the making of any notation thereon, except that upon written request of the Company made concurrently with or reasonably promptly after payment or prepayment in full of any Note, such Purchaser shall surrender such Note for cancellation, reasonably promptly after any such request, to the Company at its principal executive office or at the place of payment most recently designated by the Company pursuant to Section 14.1. Prior to any sale or other disposition of any Note held by a Purchaser or its nominee, such Purchaser will, at its election, either endorse thereon the amount of principal paid thereon and the last date to which interest has been paid thereon or surrender such Note to the Company in exchange for a new Note or Notes pursuant to Section 13.2. The Company will afford the benefits of this Section 14.2 to any Institutional Investor that is the direct or indirect transferee of any Note purchased by a Purchaser under this Agreement and that has made the same agreement relating to such Note as the Purchasers have made in this Section 14.2.

**Section 14.3. Withholding and Tax Information.** The Company shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from amounts payable with respect to Notes such amounts as the Company may be required to deduct and withhold under the Code or any provision of applicable state, local or foreign tax law. To the extent that amounts are so withheld and paid over to the appropriate authority by the Company on behalf of a Purchaser, such withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes as having been paid to the Purchaser in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made by the Company. By acceptance of any Note, the holder of such Note agrees that such holder will with reasonable promptness duly complete and deliver to the Company, or to such other Person as may be reasonably requested by the Company, an appropriate, properly executed IRS Form W-9, W-8BEN (for individuals), W-8BEN-E (for entities) or other applicable IRS forms and from time to time (a) any forms, documents or certifications as may be reasonably required for the Company to satisfy any information reporting or withholding tax obligations with respect to any payments under this Agreement, (b) in the case of any such holder that is a United States Person, such holder's United States tax identification number or other Forms reasonably requested by the Company necessary to establish such holder's status as a United States Person under FATCA and as may otherwise be necessary for the Company to comply with its obligations under FATCA and (c) in the case of any such holder that is not a United States Person, such documentation prescribed by applicable law (including as prescribed by section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation as may be necessary for the Company to comply with its obligations under FATCA and to determine that such holder has complied with such holder's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount (if any) to deduct and withhold from any such payment made to such holder. Nothing in this Section 14.3 shall require any holder to provide information that is confidential or proprietary to such holder unless the Company is required to obtain such information under FATCA and, in such event, the Company shall treat any such information it receives as confidential. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, the Company agrees that it will not withhold from any applicable payment to be made to a holder of a Note that is not a United States Person any tax so long as such holder shall have delivered to the Company (in such number of copies as shall be reasonably requested) on or about the date on which such holder becomes a holder under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Company), executed copies of IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E, as applicable, as well as the applicable "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate", in both cases correctly completed and executed.

## **SECTION 15. EXPENSES, ETC.**

**Section 15.1. Transaction Expenses.** Whether or not the transactions contemplated hereby are consummated, the Company will pay all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees of a special counsel and, if reasonably required by the Required Holders, local or other counsel) incurred by the Purchasers and each other holder of a Note in connection with such transactions and in connection with any amendments, waivers or consents under or in respect of this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes (whether or not such amendment, waiver or consent becomes effective), including: (a) the costs and expenses incurred in enforcing or defending (or determining whether or how to enforce or defend) any rights under this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes or in responding to any subpoena or other legal process or informal investigative demand issued in connection with this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes, or by reason of being a holder of any Note, (b) the costs and expenses, including financial advisors' fees, incurred in connection with the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Company or any Subsidiary or in connection with any work-out or restructuring of the transactions contemplated hereby and by the Notes and any Subsidiary Guaranty and (c) the costs and expenses incurred in connection with the initial filing of this Agreement and all related documents and financial information with the SVO; *provided*, that such costs and expenses under this clause (c) shall not exceed \$3,500; *provided, further*, that the aggregate amount of attorneys' fees of a special counsel

to the Purchasers and, if reasonably required by the Required Holders, local or other counsel incurred in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Closing of the Notes and to be paid by the Company shall not exceed \$100,000. If required by the NAIC, the Company shall obtain and maintain at its own cost and expense a Legal Entity Identifier (LEI).

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The Company will pay, and will save each Purchaser and each other holder of a Note harmless from, (i) all claims in respect of any fees, costs or expenses, if any, of brokers and finders (other than those, if any, retained by a Purchaser or other holder in connection with its purchase of the Notes), (ii) any and all wire transfer fees that any bank or other financial institution deducts from any payment under such Note to such holder or otherwise charges to a holder of a Note with respect to a payment under such Note and (iii) any judgment, liability, claim, order, decree, fine, penalty, cost, fee, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) or obligation resulting from the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the use of the proceeds of the Notes by the Company.

**Section 15.2. Certain Taxes.** The Company agrees to pay all stamp, documentary or similar taxes or fees which may be payable in respect of the execution and delivery or the enforcement of this Agreement or any Subsidiary Guaranty or the execution and delivery (but not the transfer) or the enforcement of any of the Notes in the United States or any other jurisdiction where the Company or any Subsidiary Guarantor has assets or of any amendment of, or waiver or consent under or with respect to, this Agreement or any Subsidiary Guaranty or of any of the Notes, and to pay any value added tax due and payable in respect of reimbursement of costs and expenses by the Company pursuant to this Section 15, and will save each holder of a Note to the extent permitted by applicable law harmless against any loss or liability resulting from nonpayment or delay in payment of any such tax or fee required to be paid by the Company hereunder.

**Section 15.3. Survival.** The obligations of the Company under this Section 15 will survive the payment or transfer of any Note, the enforcement, amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes, and the termination of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 16. SURVIVAL OF REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES; ENTIRE AGREEMENT.**

All representations and warranties contained herein shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Notes, the purchase or transfer by any Purchaser of any Note or portion thereof or interest therein and the payment of any Note, and may be relied upon by any subsequent holder of a Note, regardless of any investigation made at any time by or on behalf of such Purchaser or any other holder of a Note. All statements contained in any certificate or other instrument delivered by or on behalf of the Company pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed representations and warranties of the Company under this Agreement. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement, the Notes and any Subsidiary Guaranties embody the entire agreement and understanding between each Purchaser and the Company and supersede all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof.

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#### **SECTION 17. AMENDMENT AND WAIVER.**

**Section 17.1. Requirements.** This Agreement and the Notes may be amended, and the observance of any term hereof or of the Notes may be waived (either retroactively or prospectively), only with the written consent of the Company and the Required Holders, except that:

(a) no amendment or waiver of any of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 21 hereof, or any defined term (as it is used therein), will be effective as to any Purchaser unless consented to by such Purchaser in writing; and

(b) no amendment or waiver may, without the written consent of each Purchaser and the holder of each Note at the time outstanding, (i) subject to Section 12 relating to acceleration or rescission, change the amount or time of any prepayment or payment of principal of, or reduce the rate or change the time of payment or method of computation of (x) interest on the Notes or (y) the Make-Whole Amount, (ii) change the percentage of the principal amount of the Notes the holders of which are required to consent to any amendment or waiver or the principal amount of the Notes that the Purchasers are to purchase pursuant to

Section 2 upon the satisfaction of the conditions to Closing that appear in Section 4, or (iii) amend any of Sections 8 (except as set forth in the second sentence of Section 8.2), 11(a), 11(b), 12, 17 or 20.

### **Section 17.2. Solicitation of Holders of Notes.**

(a) *Solicitation.* The Company will provide each Purchaser and each holder of a Note with sufficient information, sufficiently far in advance of the date a decision is required, to enable such Purchaser and such holder to make an informed and considered decision with respect to any proposed amendment, waiver or consent in respect of any of the provisions hereof or of the Notes or any Subsidiary Guaranty. The Company will deliver executed or true and correct copies of each amendment, waiver or consent effected pursuant to this Section 17 or any Subsidiary Guaranty to each Purchaser and each holder of a Note promptly following the date on which it is executed and delivered by, or receives the consent or approval of, the requisite Purchasers and holders of Notes.

(b) *Payment.* The Company will not directly or indirectly pay or cause to be paid any remuneration, whether by way of supplemental or additional interest, fee or otherwise, or grant any security or provide other credit support, to any Purchaser or holder of a Note as consideration for or as an inducement to the entering into by such Purchaser or holder of any waiver or amendment of any of the terms and provisions hereof or of any Subsidiary Guaranty or any Note unless such remuneration is concurrently paid, or security is concurrently granted or other credit support concurrently provided, on the same terms, ratably to each Purchaser and holder of a Note even if such holder did not consent to such waiver or amendment.

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(c) *Consent in Contemplation of Transfer.* Any consent given pursuant to this Section 17 or any Subsidiary Guaranty by a holder of a Note that has transferred or has agreed to transfer its Note to (i) the Company, (ii) any Subsidiary or any other Affiliate or (iii) any other Person in connection with, or in anticipation of, such other Person acquiring, making a tender offer for or merging with the Company and/or any of its Affiliates, in each case in connection with such consent, shall be void and of no force or effect except solely as to such holder, and any amendments effected or waivers granted or to be effected or granted that would not have been or would not be so effected or granted but for such consent (and the consents of all other holders of Notes that were acquired under the same or similar conditions) shall be void and of no force or effect except solely as to such holder.

**Section 17.3. Binding Effect, Etc.** Any amendment or waiver consented to as provided in this Section 17 or any Subsidiary Guaranty applies equally to all Purchasers and holders of Notes and is binding upon them and upon each future holder of any Note and upon the Company without regard to whether such Note has been marked to indicate such amendment or waiver. No such amendment or waiver will extend to or affect any obligation, covenant, agreement, Default or Event of Default not expressly amended or waived or impair any right consequent thereon. No course of dealing between the Company and any Purchaser or holder of a Note and no delay in exercising any rights hereunder or under any Note or Subsidiary Guaranty shall operate as a waiver of any rights of any Purchaser or holder of such Note.

**Section 17.4. Notes Held by Company, Etc.** Solely for the purpose of determining whether the holders of the requisite percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding approved or consented to any amendment, waiver or consent to be given under this Agreement, any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes, or have directed the taking of any action provided herein or in any Subsidiary Guaranty or the Notes to be taken upon the direction of the holders of a specified percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes then outstanding, Notes directly or indirectly owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates shall be deemed not to be outstanding.

### **SECTION 18. NOTICES.**

Except to the extent otherwise provided in Section 7.4, all notices and communications provided for hereunder shall be in writing and sent (a) by telecopy if the sender on the same day sends a confirming copy of such notice by an internationally recognized overnight delivery service (charges prepaid), or (b) by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested (postage prepaid), (c) by an internationally recognized overnight delivery service (charges prepaid) or (d) by e-mail; *provided* that upon request of any holder to receive paper copies of such notices or communications, the Company will promptly deliver such paper copies to such holder). Any such notice must be sent:

(i) if to any Purchaser or its nominee, to such Purchaser or nominee at the address specified for such communications in the Purchaser Schedule, or at such other address as such Purchaser or nominee shall have specified to the Company in writing,



(ii) if to any other holder of any Note, to such holder at such address as such other holder shall have specified to the Company in writing, or

(iii) if to the Company, to the Company at its address set forth at the beginning hereof to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer (Investor Relations), or at such other address as the Company shall have specified to the holder of each Note in writing.

Notices under this Section 18 will be deemed given only when actually received.

#### **SECTION 19. REPRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.**

This Agreement and all documents relating thereto, including (a) consents, waivers and modifications that may hereafter be executed, (b) documents received by any Purchaser at the Closing (except the Notes themselves), and (c) financial statements, certificates and other information previously or hereafter furnished to any Purchaser, may be reproduced by such Purchaser by any photographic, photostatic, electronic, digital, or other similar process and such Purchaser may destroy any original document so reproduced. The Company agrees and stipulates that, to the extent permitted by applicable law, any such reproduction shall be admissible in evidence as the original itself in any judicial or administrative proceeding (whether or not the original is in existence and whether or not such reproduction was made by such Purchaser in the regular course of business) and any enlargement, facsimile or further reproduction of such reproduction shall likewise be admissible in evidence. This Section 19 shall not prohibit the Company or any other holder of Notes from contesting any such reproduction to the same extent that it could contest the original, or from introducing evidence to demonstrate the inaccuracy of any such reproduction.

#### **SECTION 20. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.**

For the purposes of this Section 20, “**Confidential Information**” means information delivered to any Purchaser by or on behalf of the Company or any Subsidiary in connection with the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement that is proprietary in nature and that was clearly marked or labeled or otherwise adequately identified when received by such Purchaser as being confidential information of the Company or such Subsidiary, provided that such term does not include information that (a) was publicly known or otherwise known to such Purchaser prior to the time of such disclosure, (b) subsequently becomes publicly known through no act or omission by such Purchaser or any Person acting on such Purchaser’s behalf, (c) otherwise becomes known to such Purchaser other than through disclosure by the Company or any Subsidiary or (d) constitutes financial statements delivered to such Purchaser under Section 7.1 that are otherwise publicly available. Each Purchaser will maintain the confidentiality of such Confidential Information in accordance with procedures adopted by such Purchaser in good faith to protect confidential information of third parties delivered to such Purchaser and shall not use the Confidential Information for purposes of trading in the common stock of the Company listed on the Nasdaq Global Select Market; *provided* that such Purchaser may deliver or disclose Confidential Information to (i) its directors, officers, employees, agents, attorneys, trustees and affiliates (to the extent such disclosure reasonably relates to the administration of the investment represented by its Notes), (ii) its auditors, financial advisors and other professional advisors who agree to hold confidential the Confidential Information substantially in accordance with this Section 20, (iii) any other holder of any Note, (iv) any Institutional Investor to which it sells or offers to sell such Note or any part thereof or any participation therein (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by this Section 20), (v) any Person from which it offers to purchase any Security of the Company (if such Person has agreed in writing prior to its receipt of such Confidential Information to be bound by this Section 20), (vi) any federal or state regulatory authority having jurisdiction over such Purchaser, (vii) the NAIC or the SVO or, in each case, any similar organization, or any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about such Purchaser’s investment portfolio, or (viii) any other Person to which such delivery or disclosure may be necessary or appropriate (w) to effect compliance with any law, rule, regulation or order applicable to such Purchaser, (x) in response to any subpoena or other legal process, (y) in connection with any litigation to which such Purchaser is a party or (z) if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the extent such Purchaser may reasonably determine such delivery and disclosure to be necessary or appropriate in the enforcement or for the protection of the rights and remedies under such Purchaser’s Notes, this Agreement or any Subsidiary Guaranty. Each holder of a Note, by its acceptance of a Note, will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by and to be entitled to the benefits of this Section 20 as though it were a party to this Agreement. On reasonable request by the Company in connection with the delivery to any holder of a Note of information required to be delivered to such holder under this Agreement or requested by such holder (other than a holder that is a party to this Agreement or its nominee), such holder will enter into an agreement with the Company embodying this Section 20.

In the event that as a condition to receiving access to information relating to the Company or its Subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated by or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, any Purchaser or holder of a Note is required to agree to a confidentiality undertaking (whether through IntraLinks, another secure website, a secure virtual workspace or otherwise) which is different from this Section 20, this Section 20 shall not be amended thereby and, as between such Purchaser or such holder and the Company, this Section 20 shall supersede any such other confidentiality undertaking.

## SECTION 21. SUBSTITUTION OF PURCHASER.

Each Purchaser shall have the right to substitute any one of its Affiliates or another Purchaser or any one of such other Purchaser's Affiliates (a "**Substitute Purchaser**") as the purchaser of the Notes that it has agreed to purchase hereunder, by written notice to the Company, which notice shall be signed by both such Purchaser and such Substitute Purchaser, shall contain such Substitute Purchaser's agreement to be bound by this Agreement and shall contain a confirmation by such Substitute Purchaser of the accuracy with respect to it of the representations set forth in Section 6. Upon receipt of such notice, any reference to such Purchaser in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), shall be deemed to refer to such Substitute Purchaser in lieu of such original Purchaser. In the event that such Substitute Purchaser is so substituted as a Purchaser hereunder and such Substitute Purchaser thereafter transfers to such original Purchaser all of the Notes then held by such Substitute Purchaser, upon receipt by the Company of notice of such transfer, any reference to such Substitute Purchaser as a "Purchaser" in this Agreement (other than in this Section 21), shall no longer be deemed to refer to such Substitute Purchaser, but shall refer to such original Purchaser, and such original Purchaser shall again have all the rights of an original holder of the Notes under this Agreement.

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## SECTION 22. MISCELLANEOUS.

**Section 22.1. Successors and Assigns.** All covenants and other agreements contained in this Agreement by or on behalf of any of the parties hereto bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns (including any subsequent holder of a Note) whether so expressed or not, except that, subject to Section 10.2, the Company may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder or under the Notes without the prior written consent of each holder. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

### Section 22.2. Accounting Terms.

(a) All accounting terms used herein which are not expressly defined in this Agreement have the meanings respectively given to them in accordance with GAAP. Except as otherwise specifically provided herein, (i) all computations made pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in accordance with GAAP, and (ii) all financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP. For purposes of determining compliance with this Agreement (including Section 9, Section 10 and the definition of "Indebtedness"), any election by the Company to measure any financial liability using fair value (as permitted by Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic No. 825-10-25 – *Fair Value Option*, International Accounting Standard 39 – *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* or any similar accounting standard) shall be disregarded and such determination shall be made as if such election had not been made.

(b) If the Company notifies the holders of the Notes that the Company requests an amendment to any provision hereof to eliminate the effect of any change occurring after the date hereof in GAAP or in the application thereof on the operation of such provision, regardless of whether any such notice is given before or after such change in GAAP or in the application thereof then such provision shall be interpreted on the basis of GAAP as in effect and applied immediately before such change shall have become effective until such notice shall have been withdrawn or such provision amended in accordance herewith.

**Section 22.3. Severability.** Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall (to the full extent permitted by law) not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

**Section 22.4. Construction, Etc.** Each covenant contained herein shall be construed (absent express provision to the contrary) as being independent of each other covenant contained herein, so that compliance with any one covenant shall not (absent such an express contrary provision) be deemed to excuse compliance with any other covenant. Where any provision herein refers to action to be taken by any Person, or which such Person is prohibited from taking, such provision shall be applicable whether such action is taken directly or indirectly by such Person.

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Defined terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words “include,” “includes” and “including” shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase “without limitation.” The word “will” shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word “shall.” Unless the context requires otherwise (a) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document herein shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein) and, for purposes of the Notes, shall also include any such notes issued in substitution therefor pursuant to Section 13, (b) subject to Section 22.1, any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person’s successors and assigns, (c) the words “herein,” “hereof” and “hereunder,” and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (d) all references herein to Sections and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Sections of, and Schedules to, this Agreement, and (e) any reference to any law or regulation herein shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time.

**Section 22.5. Counterparts; Electronic Contracting .** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which together shall constitute one instrument. Each counterpart may consist of a number of copies hereof, each signed by less than all, but together signed by all, of the parties hereto. The parties agree to electronic contracting and signatures with respect to this Agreement and the other documents (other than the Notes). Delivery of an electronic signature to, or a signed copy of, this Agreement and such other documents (other than the Notes) by facsimile, email or other electronic transmission shall be fully binding on the parties to the same extent as the delivery of the signed originals and shall be admissible into evidence for all purposes. The words “execution,” “execute,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of like import in or related to any document to be signed in connection with this Agreement and the other documents (other than the Notes) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures, the electronic matching of assignment terms and contract formations on electronic platforms approved by the Company, or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Purchaser shall request manually signed counterpart signatures to any document, the Company hereby agrees to use its reasonable endeavors to provide such manually signed signature pages as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event within 30 days of such request or such longer period as the requesting Purchaser and the Company may mutually agree).

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**Section 22.6. Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the law of the State of New York excluding choice-of-law principles of the law of such State that would permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than such State.

**Section 22.7. Jurisdiction and Process; Waiver of Jury Trial.** (a) The Company and each Purchaser irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any New York State or federal court sitting in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, over any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the Notes. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company and each Purchaser irrevocably waive and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, any claim that it is not subject to the jurisdiction of any such court, any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the laying of the venue of any such



suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court and any claim that any such suit, action or proceeding brought in any such court has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

(b) The Company and each Purchaser agree, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, that a final judgment in any suit, action or proceeding of the nature referred to in Section 22.7(a) brought in any such court shall be conclusive and binding upon it subject to rights of appeal, as the case may be, and may be enforced in the courts of the United States of America or the State of New York (or any other courts to the jurisdiction of which it or any of its assets is or may be subject) by a suit upon such judgment.

(c) The Company and each Purchaser consent to process being served by or on behalf of any holder of Notes in any suit, action or proceeding of the nature referred to in Section 22.7(a) by mailing a copy thereof by registered, certified, priority or express mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, return receipt or delivery confirmation requested, to it at its address specified in Section 18 or at such other address of which such holder shall then have been notified pursuant to said Section. The Company and each Purchaser agree that such service upon receipt (i) shall be deemed in every respect effective service of process upon it in any such suit, action or proceeding and (ii) shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be taken and held to be valid personal service upon and personal delivery to it. Notices hereunder shall be conclusively presumed received as evidenced by a delivery receipt furnished by the United States Postal Service or any reputable commercial delivery service.

(d) Nothing in this Section 22.7 shall affect the right of any holder of a Note to serve process in any manner permitted by law, or limit any right that the holders of any of the Notes may have to bring proceedings against the Company in the courts of any appropriate jurisdiction or to enforce in any lawful manner a judgment obtained in one jurisdiction in any other jurisdiction.

(e) THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT ON OR WITH RESPECT TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE NOTES OR ANY OTHER DOCUMENT EXECUTED IN CONNECTION HERewith OR THEREWITH.

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If you are in agreement with the foregoing, please sign the form of agreement on a counterpart of this Agreement and return it to the Company, whereupon this Agreement shall become a binding agreement between you and the Company.

Very truly yours,

WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.

By: /s/ Joyson C. Thomas

Name: Joyson C. Thomas

Title: Authorized Signatory

[Signature Page to Note Purchase Agreement]

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This Agreement is hereby accepted and agreed to as of the date hereof.

LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY

By: /s/ Brian Kurtz

Name: Brian Kurtz

Title: Authorized Signatory

## DEFINED TERMS

As used herein, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below or set forth in the Section hereof following such term:

“**Adjusted Interest Rate**” is defined in Section 1.2(d).

“**Affiliate**” means, at any time, and with respect to any Person, any other Person that at such time directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries Controls, or is Controlled by, or is under common Control with, such first Person, and, with respect to the Company, shall include any Person beneficially owning or holding, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of any class of voting or equity interests of the Company or any Subsidiary or any Person of which the Company and its Subsidiaries beneficially own or hold, in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of any class of voting or equity interests. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to an “Affiliate” is a reference to an Affiliate of the Company. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the term “Affiliate” shall not include any Person that constitutes a Portfolio Investment.

“**Agreement**” means this Note Purchase Agreement, including all Schedules attached to this Agreement.

“**Amended Credit Facility**” is defined in Section 10.7.

“**Anti-Corruption Laws**” means any law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding bribery or any other corrupt activity, including the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act 2010.

“**Anti-Money Laundering Laws**” means any law or regulation in a U.S. or any non-U.S. jurisdiction regarding money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorist-related activities or other money laundering predicate crimes, including the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970 (otherwise known as the Bank Secrecy Act) and the USA PATRIOT Act.

“**Asset Coverage Ratio**” means the ratio, as in effect from time to time, determined on a consolidated basis for Company and its Subsidiaries, without duplication, (a) the value of total assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities to (b) to the aggregate amount of senior securities representing indebtedness of Company and its Subsidiaries (including this Agreement), in each case as determined pursuant to the Investment Company Act and any orders of the SEC issued to or with respect to Company thereunder.

“**Assignee**” is defined in Section 13.2(a).

“**Assigning Party**” is defined in Section 13.2(a).

“**Below Investment Grade Event**” is defined in Section 1.2(e).

## SCHEDULE A (to Note Purchase Agreement)

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“**Blocked Person**” means (a) a Person whose name appears on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons published by OFAC, (b) a Person, entity, organization, country or regime that is blocked or a target of sanctions that have been imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws or (c) a Person that is an agent, department or instrumentality of, or is otherwise beneficially owned by, controlled by or acting on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any Person, entity, organization, country or regime described in clause (a) or (b).

“**Business Day**” means (a) for the purposes of Section 8.6 only, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banks in New York City are required or authorized to be closed, and (b) for the purposes of any other provision of this Agreement, any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day on which commercial banks in New York, New York or Miami, Florida are required or authorized to be closed.

**“Capital Lease”** means, at any time, a lease with respect to which the lessee is required concurrently to recognize the acquisition of an asset and the incurrence of a liability in accordance with GAAP.

**“Change in Control”** means

(i) the direct or indirect sale, 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 property or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the **“Exchange Act”**)), other than to any Permitted Holders,

(ii) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any “person” or “group” (as those terms are used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) (other than any Permitted Holders) 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 outstanding voting stock of the Company, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; or

(iii) the approval by the Company’s stockholders of any plan or proposal relating to the liquidation or dissolution of the Company;

*provided, however*, that any transfer of the Company’s securities by H.I.G. Capital, L.L.C. or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed a Change in Control under clause (i) or (ii) above, as long as an Affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, L.L.C. remains the Company’s investment adviser until December 6, 2028.

**“Closing”** is defined in Section 3.

**“Code”** means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time.

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**“Company”** is defined in the first paragraph of this Agreement.

**“Competitor”** means (a) any entity that has elected to be regulated as a “business development company” under the Investment Company Act; or (b) any Person who is not an Affiliate of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and who engages, as its primary business, in (i) the same or similar business as a material business of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) the business of providing loans in the middle market or to venture companies and such Person is not a bank or an insurance company; *provided that*:

(i) the provision of investment advisory services by a Person to a Plan which is owned or controlled by a Person which would otherwise be a Competitor shall not in any event cause the Person providing such services to be deemed to be a Competitor, *provided that* such Person providing such services has established and maintains procedures which will prevent Confidential Information supplied to such Person from being transmitted or otherwise made available to such Plan; and

(ii) in no event shall an Institutional Investor be deemed a Competitor if such Institutional Investor is a pension plan sponsored by a Person which would otherwise be a Competitor but which is a regular investor in privately placed Securities and such pension plan has established and maintains procedures which will prevent Confidential Information supplied to such pension plan by the Company from being transmitted or otherwise made available to such plan sponsor.

**“Confidential Information”** is defined in Section 20.

**“Control”** means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; and the terms **“Controlled”** and **“Controlling”** shall have meanings correlative to the foregoing.

**“Control Event”** means the public announcement by the Company of an agreement or letter of intent with respect to a proposed transaction or event or series of transactions or events which, individually or in the aggregate, may reasonably be expected to result in a Change in Control.

**“Controlled Entity”** means (a) any of the Subsidiaries of the Company and any of their or the Company’s respective Controlled Affiliates and (b) if the Company has a parent company, such parent company and its Controlled Affiliates.

**“Debt to Equity Ratio”** means ratio of (a) the aggregate amount of Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries to (b) Shareholders’ Equity at the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter of the Company.

**“Default”** means an event or condition the occurrence or existence of which would, with the lapse of time or the giving of notice or both, become an Event of Default.

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**“Default Rate”** means that rate of interest per annum that is 2% above the rate of interest on the Notes then in effect.

**“Disclosure Documents”** is defined in Section 5.3.

**“EDGAR”** means the SEC’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System or any successor SEC electronic filing system for such purposes.

**“Egan Jones”** means Egan Jones Rating Company or if applicable, its successor.

**“Environmental Laws”** means any and all federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, permits, concessions, grants, franchises, licenses, agreements or governmental restrictions relating to pollution and the protection of the environment or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to Hazardous Materials.

**“Equity Interests”** means shares of capital stock, partnership interests, membership interests in a limited liability company, beneficial interests in a trust or other equity ownership interests or equivalents (however designated, including any instrument treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes) in a Person, and any warrants, options or other rights entitling the holder thereof to purchase or acquire any such equity interest.

**“ERISA”** means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case as amended from time to time.

**“ERISA Affiliate”** means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) that is treated as a single employer together with the Company under section 414 of the Code.

**“Existing Credit Facility”** is defined in Section 10.7.

**“Existing Facility Additional Provisions”** is defined in Section 10.7.

**“External Manager”** means H.I.G. WhiteHorse Advisers, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (or any Affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, L.L.C. that may be so designated as the investment adviser of the Company from time to time).

**“Event of Default”** is defined in Section 11.

**“Family Member”** means, with respect to any individual, any other individual having a relationship of blood (to the second degree of consanguinity), marriage or adoption to such individual.

**“Family Trust”** means, with respect to any individual, trusts or other estate planning vehicles established for the primary benefit of such individual or Family Member or such individual and in respect of which such individual or a bona fide third party serves as trustee or in a similar capacity.

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“**FATCA**” means (a) sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), together with any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof, (b) any treaty, law or regulation of any other jurisdiction, or relating to an intergovernmental agreement between the United States of America and any other jurisdiction, which (in either case) facilitates the implementation of the foregoing clause (a), and (c) any agreements entered into pursuant to section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

“**Form 10-K**” is defined in Section 7.1(b).

“**Form 10-Q**” is defined in Section 7.1(a).

“**GAAP**” means (a) generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States of America and (b) for purposes of Section 9.6, with respect to any Subsidiary, generally accepted accounting principles (including International Financial Reporting Standards, as applicable) as in effect from time to time in the jurisdiction of organization of such Subsidiary.

“**Governmental Authority**” means

(a) the government of

(i) the United States of America or any state or other political subdivision thereof, or

(ii) any other jurisdiction in which the Company or any Subsidiary conducts all or any part of its business, or which asserts jurisdiction over any properties of the Company or any Subsidiary, or

(b) any entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative functions of, or pertaining to, any such government.

“**Governmental Official**” means any governmental official or employee, employee of any government-owned or government-controlled entity, political party, any official of a political party, candidate for political office, official of any public international organization or anyone else acting in an official capacity.

“**Guaranty**” means, with respect to any Person, any obligation (except the endorsement in the ordinary course of business of negotiable instruments for deposit or collection) of such Person guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any indebtedness, dividend or other obligation of any other Person in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including obligations incurred through an agreement, contingent or otherwise, by such Person:

(a) to purchase such indebtedness or obligation or any property constituting security therefor;

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(b) to advance or supply funds (i) for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation, or (ii) to maintain any working capital or other balance sheet condition or any income statement condition of any other Person or otherwise to advance or make available funds for the purchase or payment of such indebtedness or obligation;

(c) to lease properties or to purchase properties or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of such indebtedness or obligation of the ability of any other Person to make payment of the indebtedness or obligation; or

(d) otherwise to assure the owner of such indebtedness or obligation against loss in respect thereof.

*provided* that the term “Guaranty” shall not include (i) endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business or (ii) customary indemnification agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business, provided that such indemnification obligations are unsecured, such Person has determined that any liability thereunder is remote and such indemnification obligations are not the functional equivalent of the guaranty of a payment obligations of a primary obligor. In any computation of the indebtedness or other liabilities of the obligor under any Guaranty, the indebtedness or other obligations that are the subject of such Guaranty shall be assumed to be direct obligations of such obligor.

**“Hazardous Materials”** means any and all pollutants, toxic or hazardous wastes or other substances that might pose a hazard to health and safety, the removal of which may be required or the generation, manufacture, refining, production, processing, treatment, storage, handling, transportation, transfer, use, disposal, release, discharge, spillage, seepage or filtration of which is or shall be restricted, prohibited or penalized by any applicable law, including asbestos, urea formaldehyde foam insulation, polychlorinated biphenyls, petroleum, petroleum products, lead based paint, radon gas or similar restricted, prohibited or penalized substances.

**“holder”** means, with respect to any Note, the Person in whose name such Note is registered in the register maintained by the Company pursuant to Section 13.1, *provided, however*, that if such Person is a nominee, then for the purposes of Sections 7, 12, 17.2 and 18 and any related definitions in this Schedule A, “holder” shall mean the beneficial owner of such Note whose name and address appears in such register.

**“Indebtedness”** with respect to any Person means, at any time, without duplication,

(a) its liabilities for borrowed money;

(b) its redemption obligations in respect of mandatorily redeemable Preferred Stock;

(c) its liabilities for the deferred purchase price of property acquired by such Person (excluding accounts payable arising in the ordinary course of business but including all liabilities created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to any such property);

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(d) (i) all liabilities appearing on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Capital Leases and (ii) all liabilities which would appear on its balance sheet in accordance with GAAP in respect of Synthetic Leases assuming such Synthetic Leases were accounted for as Capital Leases;

(e) all liabilities for borrowed money secured by any Lien with respect to any property owned by such Person (whether or not it has assumed or otherwise become liable for such liabilities);

(f) all its liabilities in respect of letters of credit or instruments serving a similar function issued or accepted for its account by banks and other financial institutions (whether or not representing obligations for borrowed money);

(g) the aggregate Swap Termination Value of all Swap Contracts of such Person; and

(h) any Guaranty of such Person with respect to liabilities of a type described in any of clauses (a) through (g) hereof.

Indebtedness of any Person shall include all obligations of such Person of the character described in clauses (a) through (h) to the extent such Person remains legally liable in respect thereof notwithstanding that any such obligation is deemed to be extinguished under GAAP.

**“INHAM Exemption”** is defined in Section 6.2(e).

**“Institutional Investor”** means (a) any Purchaser of a Note, (b) any holder of a Note holding (together with one or more of its affiliates) more than 5% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding, (c) any bank, trust company, savings and loan association or other financial institution, any pension plan, any investment company, any insurance company, any broker or dealer, or any other similar financial institution or entity, regardless of legal form, and (d) any Related Fund of any holder of any Note.

**“Investment Company Act”** means the Investment Company Act of 1940, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder and all exemptive relief, if any, obtained by the Company thereunder, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**“Investment Company Act Asset Coverage”** means the minimum asset coverage required to be held by the Company to comply with the Investment Company Act.

**“Investment Grade”** means a rating of at least “BBB-” or higher by Egan Jones or its equivalent by any other NRSRO.



“**JPMorgan**” means JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association.

“**Lien**” means, with respect to any Person, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest or other encumbrance, or any interest or title of any vendor, lessor, lender or other secured

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party to or of such Person under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement or Capital Lease, upon or with respect to any property or asset of such Person (including in the case of stock, stockholder agreements, voting trust agreements and all similar arrangements).

“**Make-Whole Amount**” is defined in Section 8.6.

“**Material**” means material in relation to the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets, properties, or prospects of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole.

“**Material Adverse Effect**” means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement and the Notes, (c) the ability of any Subsidiary Guarantor to perform its obligations under its Subsidiary Guaranty, or (d) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement, the Notes or any Subsidiary Guaranty; *provided, however*, that no change to such business, operations, affairs, financial condition, assets or properties of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, resulting from, arising out of or relating to any epidemic, pandemic, disease outbreak (including the COVID-19 disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (including any continuation, worsening, evolution, mutation or variation thereof)) and/or other health crisis and/or public health event, and/or the worsening of any of the foregoing, shall be deemed to constitute, or shall be taken into account in determining whether, a Material Adverse Effect has occurred or could or would reasonably be expected to occur.

“**Material Credit Facility**” means, as to the Company and its Subsidiaries,

(a) the Secured Credit Facility, including any renewals, extensions, amendments, supplements, restatements, replacements or refinancing thereof;

(b) the Note Purchase Agreement dated July 13, 2018 among the Company and the purchasers named therein, including any renewals, extensions, amendments, supplements, restatements, replacements or refinancing thereof;

(c) the Note Purchase Agreement dated October 20, 2020 among the Company and the purchasers named therein, including any renewals, extensions, amendments, supplements, restatements, replacements or refinancing thereof;

(d) the Note Purchase Agreement dated December 4, 2020 among the Company and the purchasers named therein, including any renewals, extensions, amendments, supplements, restatements, replacements or refinancing thereof;

(e) the Indenture dated November 13, 2018 between the Company and American Stock & Transfer Trust Company, LLC, as supplemented by (i) the First Supplemental Indenture dated November 13, 2018 and (ii) the Second Supplemental Indenture dated November 24, 2021; and

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(f) any other agreement(s) creating or evidencing indebtedness for borrowed money entered into on or after the date of Closing by the Company or any Subsidiary, or in respect of which the Company or any Subsidiary is an obligor or otherwise provides a guarantee or other credit support (“**Credit Facility**”), in a principal amount outstanding or available for borrowing equal to or greater than \$25,000,000 (or the equivalent of such amount in the relevant currency of payment, determined as of the date of the closing of such facility based on the exchange rate of such other currency); and if no Credit Facility or Credit Facilities equal or exceed such amounts, then the largest Credit Facility shall be deemed to be a Material Credit Facility.

“**Maturity Date**” is defined in the first paragraph of each Note.

“**MFL Provision**” means any covenant (whether constituting a covenant or an event of default) that requires the Company or any Subsidiary to (i) maintain any level of financial performance (including without limitation, any specified level of net worth, total assets, cash flows or net income, however expressed), (ii) maintain any relationship of any component of its capital structure to any other component thereof (including, without limitation, the relationship of indebtedness, senior indebtedness or subordinated indebtedness to total capitalization or to net worth, however expressed), (iii) maintain any measure of its ability to service its indebtedness (including, without limitation, exceeding any specified ratio of revenues, cash flow or income to interest expense, rental expense, capital expenditures and/or scheduled payments of indebtedness, however expressed) or (iv) not to exceed any maximum level of indebtedness, however expressed.

“**Multiemployer Plan**” means any Plan that is a “multiemployer plan” (as such term is defined in section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA).

“**NAIC**” means the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

“**New Credit Facility**” is defined in Section 10.7.

“**New Facility Additional Provisions**” is defined in Section 10.7.

“**Non-U.S. Plan**” means any plan, fund or other similar program that (a) is established or maintained outside the United States of America by the Company or any Subsidiary primarily for the benefit of employees of the Company or one or more Subsidiaries residing outside the United States of America, which plan, fund or other similar program provides, or results in, retirement income, a deferral of income in contemplation of retirement or payments to be made upon termination of employment, and (b) is not subject to ERISA or the Code.

“**Notes**” is defined in Section 1.

“**NRSRO**” means a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization so designated by the SEC whose ratings for senior unsecured indebtedness of business development companies are authorized for use with, and recognized by, the SVO.

“**OFAC**” means the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury.

“**OFAC Sanctions Program**” means any economic or trade sanction that OFAC is responsible for administering and enforcing. A list of OFAC Sanctions Programs may be found at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>.

“**Officer’s Certificate**” means a certificate of a Senior Financial Officer or of any other officer of the Company whose responsibilities extend to the subject matter of such certificate.

“**PBGC**” means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation referred to and defined in ERISA.

“**Permitted Holders**” means H.I.G. Capital, L.L.C. (or any Affiliate thereof), senior management and employees of H.I.G. Capital, L.L.C. and its subsidiaries (in each case, as of the date hereof) and their Family Members and Family Trusts.

“**Person**” means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization, business entity or Governmental Authority.

“**Plan**” means an “employee benefit plan” (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA) subject to Title I of ERISA that is or, within the preceding five years, has been established or maintained, or to which contributions are or, within the preceding five years, have been made or required to be made, by the Company or any ERISA Affiliate or with respect to which the Company or any ERISA Affiliate may have any liability.

**“Portfolio Investment”** means (i) any investment held by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries in their asset portfolio and (ii) any investment held by the Company or one of its Subsidiaries that is listed on the Company’s consolidated Schedule of Investments included in any filing with the SEC (or, for investments made during a given quarter and before a consolidated Schedule of Investments is filed with respect to the end of such quarter, will be listed on the Company’s consolidated Schedule of Investments to be filed with the SEC with respect to the end of such quarter during which the Investment is made), including, without limitation, any such Schedule of Investments filed (or to be filed) with any of the Company’s annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, registration statements or prospectuses.

**“Preferred Stock”** means any class of capital stock of a Person that is preferred over any other class of capital stock (or similar equity interests) of such Person as to the payment of dividends or the payment of any amount upon liquidation or dissolution of such Person.

**“property”** or **“properties”** means, unless otherwise specifically limited, real or personal property of any kind, tangible or intangible, choate or inchoate.

**“PTE”** is defined in Section 6.2(a).

**“Purchaser”** or **“Purchasers”** means each of the purchasers that has executed and delivered this Agreement to the Company and such Purchaser’s successors and assigns (so long as any such assignment complies with Section 13.2), *provided, however*, that any Purchaser of a Note that ceases to be the registered holder or a beneficial owner (through a nominee) of such Note as the result of a transfer thereof pursuant to Section 13.2 shall cease to be included within the meaning of “Purchaser” of such Note for the purposes of this Agreement upon such transfer.

**“Purchaser Schedule”** means the Purchaser Schedule to this Agreement listing the Purchasers of the Notes and including their notice and payment information.

**“QPAM Exemption”** is defined in Section 6.2(d).

**“Qualified Institutional Buyer”** means any Person who is a “qualified institutional buyer” within the meaning of such term as set forth in Rule 144A(a)(1) under the Securities Act.

**“Rating”** means a rating of the Notes, which rating shall (a) specifically describe the Notes, including their interest rate, maturity and Private Placement Number, issued by a NRSRO and (b) in the event such Rating is a “private letter rating” (i) address the likelihood of payment of both the principal and interest of such Notes (which requirement shall be deemed satisfied if the rating is silent as to the likelihood of payment of both principal and interest and does not otherwise include any indication to the contrary), (ii) not include any prohibition against sharing such evidence with the SVO or any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the holders of the Notes, and (iii) include such other information describing the relevant terms of the Notes as may be required from time to time by the SVO or any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the holders of the Notes.

**“Related Fund”** means, with respect to any holder of any Note, any fund or entity that (a) invests in Securities or bank loans, and (b) is advised or managed by such holder, the same investment advisor as such holder or by an affiliate of such holder or such investment advisor.

**“Replacement Facilities”** means at any time on or after all or any portion of the Secured Credit Facility is expired or terminated, one or more senior secured credit facilities or similar secured loan agreements to which the Company or the borrower under the Secured Credit Facility (or any other special purpose vehicle formed by the Company) is a party as borrower and pursuant to which substantially all of the Company’s assets are pledged, including any guarantees granted thereunder by the Company or such borrower.

**“Required Holders”** means (i) prior to the Closing, the Purchasers and (ii) at any time on or after the Closing, the holders of more than 50% in principal amount of the Notes at the time outstanding (exclusive of Notes then owned by the Company or any of its Affiliates).

**“Responsible Officer”** means any Senior Financial Officer, the chief executive officer, the chief operating officer, the chief compliance officer, and any other officer of the Company with responsibility for the administration of the relevant portion of this Agreement.

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**“RIC”** means a person qualifying for treatment as a “regulated investment company” under the Code.

**“SBA”** means the United States Small Business Administration or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any or all of the functions thereof.

**“SBIC Subsidiary”** means any subsidiary of the Company (or such subsidiary’s general partner or manager entity) that is (a) either (i) a “small business investment company” licensed by the SBA (or that has applied for such a license and is actively pursuing the granting thereof by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted) under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, or (ii) any wholly-owned, direct or indirect, subsidiary of an entity referred to in clause (a)(i) of this definition, and (b) designated in writing by the Company as an SBIC Subsidiary.

**“SEC”** means the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States of America.

**“Secured Credit Facility”** means that certain fifth amended and restated loan agreement dated as of April 28, 2021, as the same may be amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, by and among WhiteHorse Finance Credit 1, LLC, as borrower, JPMorgan Bank, as administrative agent and lender, and the lenders from time to time party thereto.

**“Secured Debt”** means Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries that are consolidated with the Company for purposes of GAAP (excluding any Indebtedness of any of the Company’s Subsidiaries which are SBIC Subsidiaries) outstanding at any time that is secured in any manner by any Lien on assets of the Company or any such Subsidiaries.

**“Secured Debt Ratio”** means the ratio of (a) Secured Debt to (b) the aggregate amount of Indebtedness of the Company and its Subsidiaries that are consolidated with the Company for purposes of GAAP (including Indebtedness under the Notes and excluding any Indebtedness of any of the Company’s Subsidiaries which are SBIC Subsidiaries).

**“Securities”** or **“Security”** shall have the meaning specified in section 2(1) of the Securities Act.

**“Securities Act”** means the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

**“Senior Financial Officer”** means the chief financial officer, principal accounting officer, treasurer or comptroller of the Company.

**“Shareholders’ Equity”** means, at any date, the amount determined on a consolidated basis, without duplication, in accordance with GAAP, of shareholders equity for the Company and its Subsidiaries at such date.

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**“Significant Subsidiary”** means any Subsidiary which is a “significant subsidiary” (within the meaning specified in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X, promulgated under the Securities Act) of the Company, excluding any Subsidiary of the Company which is (a) a nonrecourse or limited recourse subsidiary, (b) a bankruptcy remote special purpose vehicle or (c) not consolidated with the Company for the purposes of GAAP.

**“Source”** is defined in Section 6.2.

**“State Sanctions List”** means a list that is adopted by any state Governmental Authority within the United States of America pertaining to Persons that engage in investment or other commercial activities in Iran or any other country that is a target of economic sanctions imposed under U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws.

**“Subsidiary”** means, as to any Person, any other Person in which such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries owns sufficient equity or voting interests to enable it or them (as a group) ordinarily, in the absence of contingencies, to elect a majority of the directors (or Persons performing similar functions) of such second Person, and any partnership or joint venture if more than a 50% interest in the profits or capital thereof is owned by such first Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries or such first Person and one or more of its Subsidiaries (unless such partnership or joint venture can and does ordinarily take major business actions without the prior approval of such Person or one or more of its Subsidiaries); provided, however, that notwithstanding such definition of Subsidiary or the definition of subsidiary under GAAP, a Person shall not be deemed a Subsidiary for purposes of this Agreement if (a) such Person is a joint venture between the Company and a third party, (b) the Company owns equity securities of such Person representing 50% of the voting power of all outstanding equity securities of such Person and (c) pursuant to SEC guidance, the Indebtedness of such Person is not consolidated on the consolidated financial statements of the Company. Unless the context otherwise clearly requires, any reference to a “Subsidiary” is a reference to a Subsidiary of the Company. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the term “Subsidiary” shall not include any SBIC Subsidiary.

**“Subsidiary Guarantor”** means each Subsidiary that has executed and delivered a Subsidiary Guaranty.

**“Subsidiary Guaranty”** is defined in Section 9.7(a).

**“Substitute Purchaser”** is defined in Section 21.

**“SVO”** means the Securities Valuation Office of the NAIC.

**“Swap Contract”** means (a) any and all interest rate swap transactions, basis swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, currency options, spot contracts or any other similar transactions or any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), and (b) any and

all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. or any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement.

**“Swap Termination Value”** means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts.

**“Synthetic Lease”** means, at any time, any lease (including leases that may be terminated by the lessee at any time) of any property (a) that is accounted for as an operating lease under GAAP and (b) in respect of which the lessee retains or obtains ownership of the property so leased for U.S. federal income tax purposes, other than any such lease under which such Person is the lessor.

**“United States Person”** has the meaning set forth in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

**“Unsecured Debt”** means Indebtedness of the Company with a final maturity greater than one year from the date of determination outstanding at any time that is not secured in any manner by any Lien on assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

**“USA PATRIOT Act”** means United States Public Law 107-56, Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder from time to time in effect.

“**U.S. Economic Sanctions Laws**” means those laws, executive orders, enabling legislation or regulations administered and enforced by the United States pursuant to which economic sanctions have been imposed on any Person, entity, organization, country or regime, including the Trading with the Enemy Act, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, the Iran Sanctions Act, the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act and any other OFAC Sanctions Program.

“**Wholly-Owned Subsidiary**” means, at any time, any Subsidiary all of the equity interests (except directors’ qualifying shares) and voting interests of which are owned by any one or more of the Company and the Company’s other Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries at such time.

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**[FORM OF NOTE]**

THIS NOTE HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT, FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 1272, 1273, AND 1275 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED. UPON REQUEST OF THE HOLDER OF THIS NOTE, THE COMPANY WILL PROMPTLY MAKE AVAILABLE TO SUCH HOLDER, (i) THE ISSUE PRICE OF THE NOTE, (ii) THE AMOUNT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT IN RESPECT THEREOF, (iii) THE ISSUE DATE OF THE NOTE, (iv) THE COMPARABLE YIELD OF THE NOTE, AND (v) THE PROJECTED PAYMENT SCHEDULE OF THE NOTE, IN EACH CASE AS DETERMINED UNDER THE ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT RULES OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. PLEASE CONTACT WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC., 1450 BRICKELL AVENUE, 31ST FLOOR. MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131, ATTENTION: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (INVESTOR RELATIONS).

**WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.**

**4.25% SENIOR NOTE DUE DECEMBER 6, 2028**

No. [\_\_\_\_\_]   
 \$[\_\_\_\_\_]

[Date]   
 PPN 96524V B@4

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned, WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC. (herein called the “**Company**”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby promises to pay to [\_\_\_\_\_] , or registered assigns, the principal sum of [\_\_\_\_\_] DOLLARS (or so much thereof as shall not have been prepaid) on December 6, 2028 (the “**Maturity Date**”), with interest (computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months) (a) on the unpaid balance hereof at the rate of 4.25% per annum from the date hereof, payable semiannually, on the 6th day of June and December; as may be adjusted in accordance with Section 1.2 of the Note Purchase Agreement (as hereinafter defined), in each year, commencing with the June or December next succeeding the date hereof, and on the Maturity Date, until the principal hereof shall have become due and payable, and (b) to the extent permitted by law, (x) on any overdue payment of interest and (y) during the continuance of an Event of Default, on such unpaid balance and on any overdue payment of any Make-Whole Amount, at a rate per annum from time to time equal to the Default Rate (as defined in the hereinafter defined Note Purchase Agreement), payable semiannually as aforesaid (or, at the option of the registered holder hereof, on demand).

Payments of principal of, interest on and any Make-Whole Amount with respect to this Note are to be made in lawful money of the United States of America at JPMorgan in New York, New York or at such other place as the Company shall have designated by written notice to the holder of this Note as provided in the Note Purchase Agreement referred to below.

This Note is one of a series of Senior Notes (herein called the “**Notes**”) issued pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated December 6, 2021 (as from time to time amended, the “**Note Purchase Agreement**”), between the Company and the Purchaser named therein and is entitled to the benefits thereof. Each holder of this Note will be deemed, by its acceptance hereof, to have

SCHEDULE I   
 (to Note Purchase Agreement)

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(i) agreed to the confidentiality provisions set forth in Section 20 of the Note Purchase Agreement and (ii) made the representations set forth in Section 6.1 through 6.4 of the Note Purchase Agreement. Unless otherwise indicated, capitalized terms used in this Note shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in the Note Purchase Agreement.

This Note is a registered note and, as provided in the Note Purchase Agreement, upon surrender of this Note for registration of transfer accompanied by a written instrument of transfer duly executed, by the registered holder hereof or such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, a new Note for a like principal amount will be issued to, and registered in the name of, the transferee. Prior to due presentment for registration of transfer, the Company may treat the Person in whose name this Note is registered as the owner hereof for the purpose of receiving payment and for all other purposes, and the Company will not be affected by any notice to the contrary.

This Note is subject to optional prepayment, in whole or from time to time in part, at the times and on the terms specified in the Note Purchase Agreement, but not otherwise.

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the principal of this Note may be declared or otherwise become due and payable in the manner, at the price (including any applicable Make-Whole Amount) and with the effect provided in the Note Purchase Agreement.

This Note shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the Company and the holder of this Note shall be governed by, the law of the State of New York excluding choice-of-law principles of the law of such State that would permit the application of the laws of a jurisdiction other than such State.

WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Title]

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**FORM OF OPINION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL  
FOR THE COMPANY**

[OPINION TO BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.]

SCHEDULE 4.4(a)  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

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**FORM OF OPINION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL  
FOR THE PURCHASERS**

[TO BE PROVIDED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS]

SCHEDULE 4.4(b)  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

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**DISCLOSURE MATERIALS**

1. Private Rating Report of WhiteHorse Finance, Inc., dated December 1, 2021.

SCHEDULE 5.3  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

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**SUBSIDIARIES OF THE COMPANY AND  
OWNERSHIP OF SUBSIDIARY STOCK**

(i) Subsidiaries:

Name	Jurisdiction	% of Shares	Subsidiary Guarantor (Yes/No)
WhiteHorse Finance Credit I, LLC (“ <u>WhiteHorse Finance Credit I</u> ”)	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse Finance (CA), LLC	Delaware	100% owned by WhiteHorse Finance Credit I	No
WhiteHorse Crews of California Holding, Inc.	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse Nicholas & Associates Holding, Inc.	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse Pinnacle Management Holding, Inc.	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse Finance Warehouse, LLC	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WHF PMA Holdco Blocker, LLC	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse Finance Holdings, LLC	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No
WhiteHorse RCKC Holdings, LLC	Delaware	100% owned by the Company	No

(ii) Affiliates:

1. H.I.G. Bayside Debt & LBO Fund II, L.P.
2. H.I.G. Bayside Loan Opportunity Fund II, L.P.
3. Sami Mnaymneh<sup>(1)</sup>
4. Anthony Tamer<sup>(1)</sup>
5. H.I.G. WhiteHorse Administration, LLC
6. Bayside Capital, Inc.
7. WHF STRS Ohio Senior Loan Fund LLC

SCHEDULE 5.4  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

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- (1) Messrs. Mnaymneh and Tamer are control persons of H.I.G.-GP II, Inc., which is the manager of the general partner of each of H.I.G. Bayside Debt & LBO Fund II, L.P. and H.I.G. Bayside Loan Opportunity Fund II, L.P.

(iii) External Manager and its Affiliates:

1. External Manager: H.I.G. WhiteHorse Advisers, LLC
2. Affiliates of the External Manager:
  - a. H.I.G. WhiteHorse Administration, LLC
  - b. H.I.G. Capital, LLC
  - c. H.I.G. Capital Partners, LP
  - d. H.I.G.-GP Global, LLC

(iv) Company's Directors and Senior Officers:

**Directors**

Stuart Aronson  
 John Bolduc  
 Kevin F. Burke  
 Jay Carvell  
 Rick P. Frier  
 Rick D. Puckett  
 G. Stacy Smith

**Senior Officers**

Stuart Aronson, Chief Executive Officer  
 Joyson C. Thomas, Chief Financial Officer  
 Marco Collazos, Chief Compliance Officer

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

1. The unaudited financial statements of the Company set forth on pages 3 – 56 of the Quarterly Report on 10-Q for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2021 filed with the SEC on November 9, 2021.
2. The unaudited financial statements of the Company set forth on pages 3 – 48 of the Quarterly Report on 10-Q for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2021 filed with the SEC on August 9, 2021.
3. The unaudited financial statements of the Company set forth on pages 3 – 49 of the Quarterly Report on 10-Q for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2021 filed with the SEC on May 10, 2021.
4. The audited financial statements of the Company set forth on pages 94 – 148 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 filed with the SEC on March 8, 2021.

SCHEDULE 5.5  
 (to Note Purchase Agreement)

**EXISTING INDEBTEDNESS OF THE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES**

OBLIGOR(S)	ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT / TRUSTEE	CUSIP, PPN OR ISIN (IF APPLICABLE)	DESCRIPTION OF INDEBTEDNESS	INTEREST RATE(S)	COLLATERAL	FINAL MATURITY	OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT <sup>1</sup>
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WhiteHorse Finance Credit I, LLC	JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	—	Revolving credit facility	L+2.50%	All assets of WhiteHorse Credit	November 22, 2024	\$259,620,000 (\$25,380,000 undrawn)
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc. <sup>2</sup>	American Stock & Transfer Trust Company, LLC	96524V 304	6.50% Senior Notes due 2025	6.50%	—	November 30, 2025	\$35,000,000
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.	N/A	96524V A*7	6.00% Senior Notes due 2023	6.00%	—	August 7, 2023	\$30,000,000
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.	N/A	96524V A@5	5.375% Senior Notes due 2025	5.375%	—	October 20, 2025	\$40,000,000
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.	N/A	96524V A# 3	5.375% Senior Notes, Series A due 2026	5.375%	—	December 4, 2026	\$10,000,000
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.	N/A	96524V B* 6	5.625% Senior Notes, Series B due 2027	5.625%	—	December 4, 2027	\$10,000,000
WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.	American Stock & Transfer Trust Company, LLC	96524V AB2	4.00% Senior Notes due 2026	4.00%	—	December 15, 2026	\$75,000,000

1. Amounts as of September 30, 2021.
2. On November 17, 2021, WhiteHorse Finance, Inc. notified American Stock & Transfer Trust Company, LLC that it will redeem all the 6.50% Senior Notes due 2025 on December 17, 2021.

SCHEDULE 5.15  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

**TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES**

1. Trademark License Agreement, dated December 4, 2012, by and between Bayside Capital, Inc. and the Company.
2. Administration Agreement, dated as of December 4, 2012, by and between the Company and H.I.G. WhiteHorse Administration, LLC.

SCHEDULE 10.1  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

**WHITEHORSE FINANCE, INC.**

**INFORMATION RELATING TO PURCHASER**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASER

**LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY**

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOTES  
TO BE PURCHASED

\$25,000,000

NOTE TO BE ISSUED TO THE FOLLOWING LEGAL ENTITY: LINCOLN BENEFIT LIFE COMPANY

- (1) All payments by wire transfer of immediately available funds to:

Bank: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

ABA: 021000021

AC Number: 9009000127

AC Name: Pension Trust

FFC: A/C Number: G 28898

FFC: A/C Name: LBL - (KIS)

Reference: Security reference details with sufficient information to identify the source and application of such funds, including the issuer name, the PPN of the issue, interest rate, payment due date, maturity date, interest amount, principal amount and premium amount.

- (2) All notices of payments and written confirmations of such wire transfers:

Kuvare US Holdings, Inc.

5600 N. River Road, Columbia Centre I, Suite 300

Rosemont, IL 60018

Attention: Investment Accounting

Email: [investmentaccounting@lbl.com](mailto:investmentaccounting@lbl.com); [kuvare@clearwateranalytics.com](mailto:kuvare@clearwateranalytics.com)

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PURCHASE SCHEDULE  
(to Note Purchase Agreement)

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- (4) All other communications:

Kuvare Insurance Services LP

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Rosemont, IL 60018

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- (5) Address for physical delivery of notes:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

4 Chase Metrotech Center, 3rd Floor

City, State Brooklyn, NY 11245-0001

Attention: Physical Receive Department

A/C Number: G 28898

A/C Name: LBL - (KIS)

- (6) U.S. Tax Identification Number: 47-0221457





## WhiteHorse Finance, Inc. Announces Closing of Offering of \$25.0 Million Notes Due 2028

**NEW YORK, NY, December 6, 2021 – WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.** (“WhiteHorse Finance” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: WHF) today announced that it has sold in a private offering, \$25.0 million aggregate principal amount of its 4.25% Notes due 2028 (the “2028 Notes”). The 2028 Notes were offered only to a qualified institutional buyer (as defined in the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”)) in reliance on Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act. The Company intends to use the net proceeds from this offering to refinance and/or redeem existing debt and/or for general corporate purposes.

The 2028 Notes are unsecured and bear interest at a rate of 4.25% per year, payable semiannually. This interest rate is subject to increase (up to 5.25%) in the event that, subject to certain exceptions, the 2028 Notes cease to have an investment grade rating. The 2028 Notes will mature on December 6, 2028, unless redeemed, purchased or prepaid prior to such date by the Company or its affiliates in accordance with their terms.

The 2028 Notes have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and the 2028 Notes may not be offered or sold absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

### About WhiteHorse Finance, Inc.

WhiteHorse Finance is a business development company that originates and invests in loans to privately held, lower middle market companies across a broad range of industries. The Company’s investment activities are managed by H.I.G. WhiteHorse Advisers, LLC, an affiliate of H.I.G. Capital, LLC, (“H.I.G. Capital”). H.I.G. Capital is a leading global alternative asset manager with over \$45 billion of capital under management\* across a number of funds focused on the small and mid-cap markets. For more information about H.I.G. Capital, please visit <http://www.higcapital.com>. For more information about the Company, please visit <http://www.whitehorsefinance.com>.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements other than statements of historical facts included in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements and are not guarantees of future performance or results and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of factors, including those described from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no duty to update any forward-looking statement made herein. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release.

\* Based on total capital commitments managed by H.I.G. Capital and affiliates.

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